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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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My name is _____ and I now live in _____ NSW but when I suffered the birth trauma I lived in _____ NSW. At the birth of my second child in 1979, the doctor was aware that I had already had a traumatic birth with my first child (Long labour and forceps delivery). I was only able to have the GP at the birth of my son and as a result of her inexperience I suffered a long labour and multiple birth injuries.. I was later told I should have had a specialist deliver him and had a caesarean section. It was a forceps delivery and was cut to make way for his birth. I had many stitches but what made the delivery even more traumatic was I discovered when I used my bowels that I had a fistula (tear or cut) into my bowel from my vagina, which has caused me huge problems as I have aged. My son also suffered 'brain irritation' after the birth and later developed epilepsy which may have been attributed to his birth.