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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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I had my twin boys in 2021, in the thick of the COVID crisis. My twins had a rare condition known as TTTS (twin to twin transmission syndrome) and were born 14 weeks early due to complications from this syndrome.

I was made to have an emergency c section in _____ Hospital while my husband was 4hrs away in _____, because COVID restrictions meant he couldn't be with me. I went into emergency surgery in a hospital and town where I knew no-one, my boys went straight into intensive care and I didn't see them or my husband for hours after they were born.

I have no issues with my pre natal care at _____, other than the fact that in a situation where myself and my kids could have died, my husband had to be 4hrs away and cross police roadblocks to be able to get to us. We moved from Queensland only 2 months before and knew nobody, and got treated like criminals every time we needed to enter the hospital to take our critically ill children breastmilk, or just to see them. I couldn't see a GP for a post birth check-up because I was in a town that I didn't have a regular doctor and no-one would see me...turns out I had retained product in my uterus and had to have another operation, this was only dealt with after I mentioned my constant bleeding to the NICU nurses, which was not their job to deal with. I couldn't get fast tracked for a COVID vaccine even though I had twins in intensive care.