

## INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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As a midwife I have witnessed many times obstetricians leave their fingers in a woman's vagina after the woman has said stop. The consent has ended, and therefore it is sexual assault. Often the doctors response is "I just need to finish", "I'm nearly done take some deep breaths" I have even seen doctors push down women's legs when they try to close them to get away from the vaginal examination.

The state of our current maternity services in Australia are fucking appalling. WE ARE FAILING WOMEN!!! this is a human rights issue and it needs to be addressed. All health care providers need to be accountable for their actions and change needs to occur to protect women from this abuse.