## **Hearing this Monday on perinatal services**

On Monday 5 February, the Family and Community Development Committee will hold the next public hearing for its inquiry into perinatal services.

The public hearing will be from 9:00 am to 12 noon at 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne.

The Committee will hear from perinatal specialists, psychologists and representatives of a pregnancy support centre.

The Committee is examining the health, care and wellbeing of mothers and babies in Victoria during the perinatal period.

As part of the inquiry, the Committee will be considering the adequacy of services for dealing with high risk and premature births.

It is also examining access to and provision of an appropriately qualified workforce, as well as the disparity in outcomes between rural, regional and metropolitan locations.

The inquiry also has a particular focus on the mental health of women in the perinatal period.

The hearing schedule and more details about the inquiry are available from the Committee's website.

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