



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Family and Community Development Committee

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Geelong hearing on care of mothers and babies

The parliamentary inquiry into perinatal services will hold its next public hearing and community forum in Geelong on Tuesday 21 November.

The hearing and forum will be from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm in the Wurdi Youang North Room, Geelong Library and Heritage Centre, 51 Little Malop Street, Geelong.

The Family and Community Development Committee will hear from health care professionals, local government representatives and community groups, including the local Aboriginal cooperative.

At 3:00 pm members of the community will get the opportunity to share their views and ideas with the Committee during a community forum.

As part of its inquiry the Committee is 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 as well as the provision of perinatal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in the regions.

The Geelong hearing schedule and more details on the inquiry are available from the Committee's [website](#).

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