## Medical professionals at next hearing on perinatal services

On Monday 16 October, a range of medical professionals will present evidence at the next public hearing for the parliamentary inquiry into perinatal services.

The public hearing by the Family and Community Development Committee will be held from 9:15 am to 2:00 pm at 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne.

Among those presenting to the Committee will be representatives from the Royal Women's Hospital Centre for Women's Mental Health, Monash Medical Centre and the Mercy Hospital for Women.

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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