



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
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# **Regional hearings begin on perinatal services**

On Wednesday 11 October, the Family and Community Development Committee will hold a public hearing and community forum in Warrnambool for its inquiry into perinatal services.

It is the first in a series of hearings and community forums the Committee will be conducting in regional Victoria as it examines the health care needs of mothers and babies during the perinatal period.

The public hearing and community forum will be held from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Civic Centre, 25 Liebig St, Warrnambool.

As well as hearing from local health care providers and the Warrnambool City Council, the Committee wants to hear from community members during an open forum between 12:15 pm and 1:30 pm. It will be an opportunity for people with information to share on the care of mothers and babies to speak with the Committee.

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 during the perinatal period.

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

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