



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Family and Community Development Committee

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

---

# **Nurses and midwives to discuss care of mothers and babies**

This Monday 18 September, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation will be the next organisation to present their views to the parliamentary inquiry into perinatal services.

The Family and Community Development Committee's public hearing will be held from 9:15 am to 2:15 pm in the Legislative Council Committee Room at Parliament House.

Other organisations presenting at the hearing include the City of Melbourne, the Victorian Branch of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, and Tweddle Child and Family Health Service.

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 will also have a particular focus on the mental health of women in the perinatal period.

Monday's hearing will be followed by public hearings and community forums in regional Victoria.

For the hearing schedule and more information on the inquiry, visit the Committee's [website](#).

*Issued: 13 September 2017*