



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Family and Community Development Committee

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# **Hearings begin on inquiry into perinatal services**

The health, care and wellbeing of mothers and babies in Victoria during the perinatal period is being examined by the Family and Community Development Committee, which will begin public hearings this Monday 4 September.

The first hearing will be from 9:15 am to 2:00 pm in the Legislative Council Committee Room at Parliament House.

Medical professionals, including midwives, health care associations and researchers will be the first to present their views to the Committee.

A further public hearing will be held in Melbourne on 18 September, followed by hearings and community forums in regional Victoria.

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.

Seventy-eight submissions have been received for the inquiry.

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

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