



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Family and Community Development Committee

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# **New inquiry focuses on care of mothers and babies**

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 is inviting community input to its inquiry.

“Our new public inquiry will be a detailed investigation of the services that are available and needed to ensure Victorian mothers and babies receive appropriate care and attention in this important period of their lives,” said Committee Chair Maree Edwards.

“We are keen to hear from people across Victoria so that we get a complete understanding of the availability, quality and safety of health services being delivered to mothers and babies.”

Under its terms of reference, the Committee will be considering the adequacy of services for dealing with high risk and premature births.

It will also be examining access to and provision of an appropriately qualified workforce.

“One of the important issues we will be looking at is the disparity in outcomes between rural, regional and metropolitan locations,” Ms Edwards said.

“That’s why we’re encouraging people from across Victoria’s diverse communities to contribute their views by making a submission to our inquiry.”

Community submissions are welcome until Friday, 14 July 2017.

The Committee will then hold public hearings.

For the terms of reference and more information visit the Committee’s [website](#).

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