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SUBMISSIONS OPEN: STILLBIRTH FOUNDATION ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY TO SHARE THEIR STORIES, SUGGESTIONS AND SOLUTIONS WITH POLITICAL LEADERS

Stillbirth Foundation Australia is calling on everyone touched by stillbirth to raise their voice and make a submission to the Senate's Select Committee Inquiry into stillbirth.

The Committee, which will inquire and report on the future of stillbirth research and education in Australia, is now calling for submissions from individuals and organisations.

Stillbirth Foundation Australia CEO, Victoria Bowring said it was vitally important that those who feel comfortable discussing their experience make a submission to the Inquiry.

"For too long, families have suffered stillbirth in silence, and this Inquiry presents the first real opportunity for those families to have their voices heard," Bowring said.

"With six babies stillborn in Australia each day, it is long overdue for our political leaders to hear the impact it has on families.

"This, right now, is our best chance to see the Federal Government take action to properly fund research and education campaigns.

"There is nothing more powerful than simply telling your story and communicating the pain that is caused through stillbirth.

"I encourage all who feel comfortable talking about their experience to go onto the Committee's website and tell their story and offer their suggestions.

"We can only hope that at the end of this process, real funding will be available for research that can save more babies and campaigns that will let parents know what they can do to reduce the chance of stillbirth affecting their child."

The closing date for submissions is 29 June 2018. The committee is to report on or before the second Senate sitting Thursday of 2019.

To find out more about the Inquiry and how to make a submission visit:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Stillbirth_Research_and_Education/Stillbirth

To find out more about Stillbirth Foundation Australia visit: www.stillbirthfoundation.org.au

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