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RAISE YOUR VOICE: 10 DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR SUBMISSION INTO THE STILLBIRTH SENATE INQUIRY

With only 10 days left to make a submission to the Senate’s Select Committee Inquiry into stillbirth, Stillbirth Foundation Australia is encouraging the community to raise its voice.

The Committee, which is inquiring on the future of stillbirth research and education in Australia, is accepting submissions from individuals and organisations until 29 June.

Stillbirth Foundation Australia CEO, Victoria Bowring said it was vitally important that those who feel comfortable discussing their experience don’t miss this opportunity to make a submission.

“Everyone who has experienced stillbirth or has been impacted by stillbirth should raise their voice and make a submission to the Inquiry if they feel comfortable doing so,” Bowring said.

“This is our best opportunity to get our political leaders at a Federal level to take notice and act to help save more lives.

“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.

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

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

“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 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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