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NATIONAL STILLBIRTH ROUNDTABLE TO CHART COURSE ON FUTURE OF STILLBIRTH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Medical professionals, researchers, advocates, the health bureaucracy and political leaders will come together in Canberra today for the first ever national stillbirth roundtable.

The roundtable will map out the future of research and education on an issue which currently sees six children stillborn every day in Australia and a stillbirth rate that has not changed in decades.

Stillbirth Foundation Australia CEO, Kate Lynch said the roundtable will for the first time bring national political leaders, the bureaucracy and the broader sector together.

The roundtable, which will be convened by the Health Minister Greg Hunt, comes after the release of a ground-breaking Senate Committee [report](#) into the future of stillbirth research and education.

“For the first time, our Federal political leaders, the health bureaucracy and the sector will come together to map out the future of stillbirth research and education in Australia,” Ms Lynch said.

“The Foundation looks forward to working with all stakeholders at today’s roundtable to save more lives and ensure more parents take their baby home.

“The roundtable will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to start working on a new plan and new approach to drive down the stillbirth toll, which far exceeds the road toll.

“We can ensure more healthy births. We can provide better information to parents on how to reduce the chances of stillbirth. We can better support families touched by stillbirth.

“For too long stillbirth has lacked national leadership, but with commitments from both major political parties in Canberra to address stillbirth, this is finally changing.

“The Senate report provides the blueprint for a national response to stillbirth and this roundtable can help put that blueprint into action.

“Central to this is the development of a Stillbirth National Action Plan, with funding for research and education campaigns. That’s some of the detail we need to discuss further today.”

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

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