

## APPENDIX T – AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND PERINATAL MORTALITY DEFINITIONS

Terms of Reference					
	Stillbirth		Fetal Death	Neonatal Death	Perinatal Death
	<i>Births, Deaths and Marriages Act</i>	<i>State Perinatal Mortality Council</i>			
<b>NZ<sup>(1, 2)</sup></b>	<p>A dead foetus that;</p> <p>(a) weighed 400 grams or more when it issued from its mother; or</p> <p>(b) issued from its mother after the 20th week of pregnancy</p> <p>Death is indicated by the fact that, after such separation, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles</p>	<p>Not defined however the PMMRC <b>does not</b> include terminations of pregnancy in this definition</p>	<p>Fetal death is the death of a fetus at 20 weeks gestation or beyond (<math>\geq 20</math> weeks) or weighing at least 400g if gestation is unknown.</p> <p>Fetal death includes stillbirth and termination of pregnancy.</p>	<p>Death of any baby showing signs of life at 20 weeks gestation or beyond or weighing at least 400 g if gestation is unknown. <b>Early neonatal death</b> is a death that occurs up until midnight of the sixth day of life. <b>Late neonatal death</b> is a death that occurs between the seventh day and midnight of the 27<sup>th</sup> day of life</p>	<p>Perinatal death is fetal and early neonatal death from 20 weeks gestation (or weighting at least 400g if gestation is unknown) until less than 7 days of age.</p> <p><b>Perinatal related mortality</b> is fetal deaths and neonatal deaths (up to 28 days) at 20 weeks or beyond, or weighing at least 400g if gestation was unknown.</p>
<b>Australia<sup>(3)</sup></b>	n/a	<p>Death, before the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother, of a product of conception of 20 or more completed weeks of gestation or of 400 grams or more birthweight.</p> <p>Death is indicated by the fact that, after such separation, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles</p>	See Stillbirth	<p>Death of a live born baby within 28 days of birth. <b>Early neonatal death</b> is death of a live born baby within 7 days of birth. <b>Late neonatal death</b> is death of a live born baby after 7 is completed days and before 28 completed days.</p>	<p>A fetal or neonatal death of at least 20 weeks gestation or at least 400 grams birthweight.</p>

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<p><b>QLD<sup>(4, 5)</sup></b></p>	<p>A child who has shown no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, after completely leaving the child's mother; and who;</p> <p>(a) has been gestated for 20 weeks or more; or</p> <p>(b) weighs 400g or more.</p>	<p>Defined by the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act as a child who has shown no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, after completely leaving the child's mother; and</p> <p>a) who has be gestated for 20 weeks or more; or</p> <p>b) weights 400g or more</p>	<p>See Stillbirth</p>	<p>Neonatal deaths are those occurring in live births within the first 28 days of life.</p>	<p>A fetal or neonatal death of at least 20 weeks gestation or at least 400 grams birthweight.</p> <p>QLD legislation also includes live born babies where the birthweight is less than 400 grams and/or the gestation is less than 20 weeks, and deaths of liveborn babies when the birthweight and gestational age are unknown</p>
<p><b>SA<sup>(6, 7)</sup></b></p>	<p>A child of</p> <p>(a) at least 20 weeks' gestation, or</p> <p>(b) if it cannot be reliably established whether the period of gestation is more or less than 20 weeks, with a body mass of at least 400 grams at birth, that exhibits no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, after birth but</p> <p>c) does not include the product of a procedure for the termination of pregnancy</p>	<p>The birth of a fetus</p> <p>a) at or after 20 weeks gestation and/or with a birthweight of</p> <p>b) 400g or more, with no signs of life at birth</p>	<p>Not specified</p>	<p>The death of a liveborn infant within 28 days of birth</p>	<p>Includes stillbirth and neonatal death.</p>
<p><b>NT<sup>(8, 9)</sup></b></p>	<p>A child of;</p> <p>(a) at least 20 weeks' gestation or</p> <p>(b) with a body mass of at least 400 grams at birth that exhibits no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, after birth</p>	<p>A child of;</p> <p>(a) at least 20 weeks' gestation or</p> <p>(b) with a body mass of at least 400 grams at birth that exhibits no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, after birth</p>	<p>See Stillbirth</p>	<p>The death of a live born baby within 28 days of birth</p>	<p>A fetal or neonatal death.</p>

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<p><b>WA<sup>(10, 11)</sup></b></p>	<p>Still born child means a child;</p> <p>a) of at least 20 weeks' gestation, or</p> <p>b) if it cannot be reliably established whether the child's period of gestation is more or less than 20 weeks, with a body mass of at least 400 grams at birth,</p> <p>that exhibits no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, immediately after birth.</p>	<p>The complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of an infant weighing</p> <p>a) at least 400 grams birthweight or</p> <p>b) at least 20 weeks gestation,</p> <p>which shows no sign of life from the time of birth.</p>	<p>See Stillbirth</p>	<p>The death of a liveborn infant within 28 days of birth</p>	<p>A stillbirth (fetal death) or neonatal death.</p>
<p><b>ACT<sup>(12)</sup></b></p>	<p>A child of;</p> <p>a) at least 20 weeks gestation, or</p> <p>(b) if it cannot be established reliably whether the period of gestation is more or less than 20 weeks—a child with a body mass of at least 400g at birth, who shows no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, immediately after birth.</p>	<p>Refers to death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception</p> <p>a) of 20 or more completed weeks of gestation or</p> <p>b) of 400g or more of birthweight; the death is indicated by the fact that after separation the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as the beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles</p>	<p>See Stillbirth</p>	<p>The death of an infant within 28 days of birth</p>	<p>A fetal death or a neonatal death</p>
<p><b>TAS<sup>(13-15)</sup></b></p>	<p>A child of</p> <p>(a) at least 20 weeks' gestation or,</p> <p>(b) if it cannot be reliably established whether the period of gestation is more or less than 20 weeks, with a body mass of at least 400 grams at birth, that</p>	<p>A foetal death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception of</p> <p>a) 20 or more completed weeks of gestation or</p>	<p>See Stillbirth</p>	<p>A death occurring within 28 days of birth in an infant whose birthweight was at least 400 grams, or if the weight was not known, an infant born after at least 20 weeks of gestation</p>	<p>Perinatal deaths means;</p> <p>(a) the death of a viable foetus at any time up to the moment of its complete expulsion or extraction from its mother; and</p>

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	exhibits no sign of respiration or heartbeat or other sign of life after birth.	b) 400 grams or more birthweight; the death is indicated by the fact that after such separation the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles			(b) the death of a child born alive where the death occurs before the twenty-ninth day after the date of the birth;
<b>NSW<sup>(16-18)</sup></b>	A child that exhibits no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, after birth and that:  (a) is of at least 20 weeks' gestation, or  (b) if it cannot be reliably established whether the period of gestation is more or less than 20 weeks, has a body mass of at least 400 grams at birth.	The complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception of  a) at least 20 weeks gestation or  b) 400 grams birth weight who did not, at any time after birth, breathe, or show any evidence of life such as a heartbeat	Not specified	Not specified	Perinatal death comprises all deaths of liveborn babies within 28 days of birth, regardless of gestational age at birth, and stillbirths of at least 20 weeks gestation or 400 grams birth weight.
<b>VIC<sup>(19, 20)</sup></b>	A child of;  a) at least 20 weeks' gestation or;  b) if it cannot be reliably established whether the period of gestation is more or less than 20 weeks, with a body mass of at least 400 grams at birth, that exhibits no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, after birth	A stillbirth is defined as the birth of an infant of  a) at least 20 weeks gestation or, if gestation is unknown,  b) weighing at least 400g, who shows no signs of life at birth	See Stillbirth	Defined as a subcategory of <b>infant death</b> . Neonatal death refers to the death of a live-born infant less than 28 days after birth, of at least 20 weeks gestation or, if gestation is unknown, weighing at least 400g	Perinatal death included stillbirth and neonatal deaths within 28 days of birth of infants of gestation $\geq 20$ weeks or if gestation is unknown of birth weight $\geq 400g$

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