



Legislative Council
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

**GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 2
ANNOUNCES ITS INQUIRY INTO THE
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE NSW
AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Ms Robyn Parker MLC, Chair of the Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2, today announced the commencement of an inquiry into the management and operations of the NSW Ambulance Service.

According to Ms Parker, the inquiry stems from concerns raised by ambulance officers about the operation of the Ambulance Service, including staff recruitment and occupational health and safety issues.

'Ambulance officers play a vital role in the health system in this state', said Ms Parker. 'While several inquiries into the Ambulance Service have been conducted over the past few years, serious problems remain. The public need to be confident that this front-line health service is functioning at its very best. The committee's inquiry will allow us to examine these problems in detail'.

The terms of reference for the Inquiry are:

That General Purpose Standing Committee No.2 inquire into and report on the management and operations of the NSW Ambulance Service, and in particular:

- a. Management structure and staff responsibilities
- b. Staff recruitment, training and retention
- c. Staff occupational health and safety issues
- d. Operational health and safety issues
- e. Any other related matter.

Members of the public and interested organisations are invited to make a submission. The closing date for written submissions is Wednesday 25 June 2008.

Submissions can be submitted via email to gpscno2@parliament.nsw.gov.au, faxed to (02) 9230 3416 or mailed to:

The Director, General Purpose Standing Committee No 2,
Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

For further comment please contact the Hon Robyn Parker MLC, Committee Chair, on 9230 2433 or 0427 015 049

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Information about making a submission can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on telephone (02) 9230 3311 or via the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2.

For further comment please contact the Hon Robyn Parker MLC, Committee Chair, on 9230 2433 or 0427 015 049