



**Inquiry into the impact of ambulance ramping and access block on the operation of hospital emergency departments in New South Wales**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. That Portfolio Committee No. 2 - Health inquire into and report on the impact that ambulance ramping and access block is having on the operation of hospital emergency departments in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) the causes of ambulance ramping, access block and emergency department delays;
  - (b) the effects that ambulance ramping and access block has on the ability and capacity of emergency departments to perform their function;
  - (c) the impact that access to GPs and primary health care services has on emergency department presentations and delays;
  - (d) the impact that availability and access to aged care and disability services has on emergency department presentations and delays;
  - (e) how ambulance ramping and access block impacts on patients, paramedics, emergency department and other hospital staff;
  - (f) the effectiveness of current measures being undertaken by NSW Health to address ambulance ramping, access block and emergency department delays;
  - (g) drawing on other Australian and overseas jurisdictions, possible strategies, initiatives and actions that NSW Health should consider to address the impact of ambulance ramping, access block and emergency department delays; and
  - (h) any other related matters.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were self-referred by the committee on 26 July 2022.

**Committee membership**

<b>Hon Greg Donnelley MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>Hon Emma Hurst MLC</b>	Animal Justice Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
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