



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **IMPACT OF AMBULANCE RAMPING AND ACCESS BLOCK ON THE OPERATION OF HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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A parliamentary committee has launched an inquiry into the impact of ambulance ramping and access block on the operation of hospital emergency departments in New South Wales.

The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC, Chair of the Committee said: “This inquiry will examine the causes of ambulance ramping, access block and emergency department delays. It will also consider the effects these issues have on patients, paramedics, emergency department and other hospital staff.”

The committee will examine the impact that access to GPs, primary health services, aged care and disability services has on emergency department presentations and delays. Mr Donnelly stated: “Additionally, the inquiry will look at the effectiveness of current NSW Health measures to address ambulance ramping, access block and emergency department delays and consider how other Australian and overseas jurisdictions manage these issues.”

Stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the inquiry by Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

More information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, can be found on the committee’s website: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ambulancerampingandaccessblock](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ambulancerampingandaccessblock).

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