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**THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE NSW  
AMBULANCE SERVICE**

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The Hon Robyn Parker MLC  
Chair of the Legislative Council's Standing Committee No 2  
Inquiry into the Management & Operations of the NSW  
Ambulance Service  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Parker

Last week I lost a dear, close friend of thirty-five years. Monica Speering was murdered by her son, Trent Speering before himself committing suicide. Needless to say, all her friends are in complete shock at the sudden end to two lives in such devastating circumstances.

What I need to come to terms with is why no warning was given by the managers of Trent's unit to appropriate authorities about his state of mind after he had been suspended from duties sometime in August last year. I have just recently learned about a number of suicides in this service, so one can only ask, 'Where was the help for these people under Occupational Health & Safety guidelines?' 'Where was the counselling or medical assistance?' The situation in Trent's case was even more urgent as he was a member of a gun club. 'Why did no one act?' I would like some answers.

I am grateful there is to be an enquiry into the NSW Ambulance Service to get to the bottom of what appears in this case to be a series of events that have led to two avoidable deaths.

Should you wish to discuss with me further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely