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

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

Dear Sir/Madam

Thankyou for the opportunity to raise a number of concerns of mine relating to management and operations of the NSW Ambulance Service.

I would have thought there would have been some sort of point system to encourage Ambulance Officers to work in the bush and after having spent time in the isolated posts, be rewarded, or placed higher up a preference list when requesting transfers.

I would have thought that people/patients that live in country NSW should have the same access to pain relief as those people in the city. The transfers between hospitals are longer and the distances travelled in ambulances are greater. Having FENTANYL inhaled up your nose every 5 minutes appears to be a totally inadequate form of pain relief, however, because there are not many L5 qualified Paramedics in the bush, nothing stronger can be administered. With cardiac arrests the Ambulance Officers can't intubate or administer potentially life saving drugs because they are not qualified to do so.

There is one other issue, that probably relates to occupational health and safety, that I would like to raise. There does not appear to be any advanced driving courses that our NSW Ambulance Officers have to attend. NSW/Federal Police Officers have to before they are permitted to drive at speed with lights and sirens. NSW Ambulance Officers would use those options almost on a daily bases, you think they would be instructed in advance breaking techniques and how to handle their vehicles at speed rather than being thrown in at the deep end and learning on the job.....that is the way people of my generation were taught, maybe its time for the NSW Ambulance Service progressed.

these wonderful people.

we should be looking after

Kind Regards,