

**INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE  
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE AMBULANCE  
SERVICE OF NSW**

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Maryse Leon

The Director General Purpose Standing Committee

Dear Sir or Madam:

It has now been four and half years after the loss of our Daughter Christine Marie Louise HODDER. Nothing has changed in the Ambulance Service of NSW, as I have been told by a member of the Ambulance Service, it would seem that the situation is the same, with no improvement. There needs to be a change in the management of the Ambulance Service, for the good of all the members of the Ambulance Service and the communities of NSW. It would seem that no one is willing to seriously rectify the problems or the damage already done, with no real concern about their employees.

The management and the NSW Government does not take into consideration the work of Officers that do their job correctly and considering the possible tragedy if an Ambulance officer isn't professional at their jobs this should be a high priority for management ( how can we trust them with our very lives when they behave like juveniles ) Christine had said on more than one occasion "One day they will kill someone", another major concern is how Christine's file had been destroyed

A few years back the Premier Morris Iemma, promised on Nation Nine News, an Enquiry into Christine and what happened at Cowra Ambulance Service, I believe the premiere of NSW should continue what was promised from the NSW labour Party.

To date we are not satisfied that any investigation has been carried out to the full extent or in any professional manner what so ever. Many people who knew about Christine's problems have not been interviewed by Police (something is wrong). We have lost our daughter and since Christine's death, we are aware that a number of officers at Cowra have left because of similar problems,

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because of

the mentality of the pack at Cowra station.

The Coroners letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2006 states

"From the brief tendered to me, I am satisfied that Christine felt bullied, intimidated, Harassed, and victimised by some of the officers within her work place of employment at the Cowra Ambulance Station. It appears that Christine felt that her prior complaint of Bullying and Harassment was not appropriately dealt with. As a result she had some time of work and was receiving some psychological assistance. Her return to work programme was initiated and after a period of time working within Cowra Hospital she had returned to work at the Cowra Ambulance Station. It appears that although she loved her work the problems at the Cowra Station did not take long to return. As a result Christine became depressed and found it difficult to deal with fellow Officers, and indeed to go to work some days. It was shortly after this that Christine took her own life.

I am satisfied that Christine took her own life whilst in a state of depression. I am satisfied that no other person was directly involved in Christine death."

See attached

Even with the evidence of the obvious problems with Christine and Ambulance service of Cowra, No one has been held accountable; indeed they have been given promotions and positions of their choosing, for the bullying and harassment that my daughter had to endure which alternatively led to the depressed state and subsequent suicide.

I find it beyond belief, that a service like the Ambulance service of NSW would employ people that would behave so badly as to bully and harass a young lady like Christine in the first place, but for those same employees to be protected by the very procedures and management that should have been there to protect my daughter is incomprehensible

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Leon'.

Maryse Charlotte Leon

Mother