

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

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Partially Confidential

Dear Director,

I am currently serving the NSW Ambulance Service as a Paramedic and have been employed by the Service since

First let me state for the record that I am in no way suggesting the NSW Ambulance Service is responsible for any of these events. However, I feel that their seriousness is concerning and warrants some attention.

Last week, an active and serving Paramedic was allegedly responsible for a murder – suicide in Sydney's northwest suburbs. Earlier this year, an active and serving Paramedic allegedly attempted suicide. These are just the recent cases I am aware of and I am not privy to information regarding other similar incidents in recent history. There are certainly other Officers who have suffered similar fates in the past.

These events are tragic and I have concerns. For example,

- What, if any, role did the work environment's stress and frustration play in propagating these tragic events?
- If work environment did play a part, what is being done to alleviate the stress and frustration?
- How long had these Officers suffered under the stress? What active support was given to them? Or how were they overlooked?
- How many other Officers are there among us experiencing similar stress?

I trust that these events are afforded some time and effort to ensure that what can be a stressful work environment does not have any larger impact than necessary on my life nor the lives of my fellow Paramedics.

Yours sincerely,