

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF AMBULANCE RAMPING AND  
ACCESS BLOCK ON THE OPERATION OF HOSPITAL  
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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As a RN in a major public hospital emergency department, I am physically, emotionally, mentally and overall completely destroyed and burnt out. We have a health care system that ultimately doesn't care, there is no where near enough staff or time to enable us to care for our patients.

Unsafe staffing. Unsafe workplaces. Unsafe ratios of patients to staff. No beds in the hospital meaning patients aren't moved from the department to a ward causing access block meaning critically unwell patients are left in our waiting rooms for far longer than what is acceptable.

I am almost ashamed to be a nurse.

No longer are we viewed as incredibly highly skilled, influential, prominent community people, but rather the slaves of the state working in slum like conditions being paid in peanuts and told to be thankful for it.

We need change!

We need ratios of 1:3 in ED and 1:4 in the wards.

We need SAFE work environments.

We need adequate staff and beds for our patients!!!