

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

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ED patients are mostly non critical. There is a lack of education among the general public about what constitutes an emergency visit as opposed to an appointment with the GP. Doctors need to speed up the discharge process (within reason), patients wait hours and hours for blood test results, discharge meds and follow up. At westmead, the wards in the new building have less beds than in the old!!! This means that beds fill up quicker causing a backlog in the ED where patients needing admission can be there for days! With the population of Western Sydney increasing dramatically, this makes no sense.