

We feel that St John Ambulance should remain the WA State provider for ambulance services for the following reasons:

- SJA provides extensive, reliable and responsive cover of the whole state including remote areas and has done for many many years
- Volunteers are needed by regional and remote communities to provide the service on a financially viable basis and are unlikely to provide the same service for either a government or profit-based service
- we do not feel that the provision of service would be any better as the major issue is NOT with the ambulance service but with the handing over of patients into the Health Department
- St John has worked to remedy the ramping issue by forming Urgent Care clinics to take patients deemed not in need of an Emergency Department
- St John has an excellent reputation in the community, for both ambulance services and first aid training provision
- regional and remote areas rely on their highly skilled local volunteers to provide the services, we do not feel that this would be achieved at the same level with a profit-based organisation or government
- St John 000 protocols are constantly being reviewed for best practice for improved patient outcome
- we feel that providing paid replacement staff for the close to 6000 volunteers in the organisation would be difficult to achieve
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