

I was surprised to hear about this inquiry, because what I have heard from anyone who has needed an ambulance in WA, their experiences were nothing other than life-changing and exceptional.

I live in the Pilbara, where services are few and far between. It's incredibly hard to get permanent medical professionals to live up here as it is. St John has many volunteers who already live in Pilbara communities which means they can respond to local emergencies faster. This helps address the ongoing problem of scarcity of healthcare workers.

Until government can address the ongoing health service issues in regional areas, changing the ambulance service is not going to "fix" any problems. It will most likely make the situation worse and this is a real concern.