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Feedback on Ambulance Inquiry

I refer to the WALGA Local Government News Issue 26 dated 9 July 2021 seeking submissions from local governments into the delivery of ambulance services in Western Australia.

The Shire of Lake Grace, on behalf of the Lake Grace St John's Ambulance volunteers, would like to submit the following to the Standing Committee on Public Administration's inquiry:

- Should the government take over providing an ambulance service, were does this leave the volunteers? This is not the first time that this has been proposed as it seems to come up when the contract with St John and the Government is about to be renewed, but this could be a lot more serious as the government has been getting a lot of criticism about ambulance ramping in hospitals which is not the fault of St John Ambulance.
- Ramping was a big issue with the previous government, it did improve a little but statistics are saying that it is now at an all-time high.
- The other concern was, should this go ahead, would the government push the country service back onto Local Governments like the Bushfire? As if local governments don't have enough to deal with.
- There will be a lot of other issues that will come with this if it goes ahead, but these are the main concerns at the moment. St John has been operating for 130 years and though sometimes not perfect provides a very good service."

Should you require any further information, please contact the undersigned on 08 9890 2500.

Yours faithfully,


CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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