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NSW Ambulance continues to attack paramedic safety and standards

Paramedics fought long and hard to have two officer crewing. They did this for two main reasons:

1. To improve the safety of paramedics and reduce injuries.
2. To improve patient safety with increased clinical capabilities.

The two officer crewing arrangements were part of the continuum of the development of modern paramedicine towards registration. We cannot stand by and allow the profession to go backwards on our watch.

NSW Ambulance has been continually trying to erode two officer crewing in a desperate bid to improve efficiency but knowingly compromises patient safety and the safety of paramedics.

The ADHSU Council views the latest IRC recommendation ([found at this link](#)) as an attempt by the Service to validate its attack on two officer crewing.

Our members' position has always been that Paramedics are trained to work as a team.

Members have reported being single on 228 occasions since May. Please continue sending them in to **0428 138 234**.

We are calling a full-delegates teleconference next week where we will discuss the texts and how we should respond to ensure paramedic and patient safety is achieved.

In unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Hayes', written over a white background.

Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD