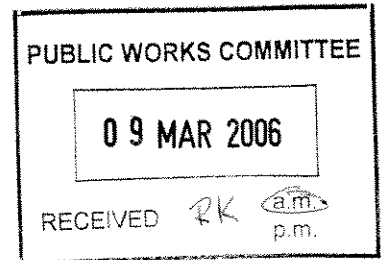




**Ambulance Service
of New South Wales**



3 March 2006

Our Re: Mr. S Mitchell

Ms Vivienne Courto
The Secretariat
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

SUBMISSION 2

Dear Ms Courto

Re: Villawood Immigration Detention Centre Redevelopment, Sydney

I refer to your letter dated 21 February 2006 seeking submissions from interested parties.

The Ambulance Service of New South Wales requests that the area designated for ambulance patient collection or delivery be designed in accordance with ambulance service guidelines, copies of which are attached.

Yours sincerely


Greg Rochford
Chief Executive Officer



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Ambulance Vehicle and Equipment Access Requirements

Ambulance access to buildings and hospitals should provide ample space at entrances and on driveways to set down and pick up patients.

Design criteria

The following factors must be given prime consideration in the design of an ambulance entry.

- Ambulance driveways should be exclusive to ambulance vehicles.
- Entrance to driveways should be indicated with a clear directory sign, which may read, "AMBULANCE ENTRY" or "AMBULANCE ONLY". In some locations the sign may need to be illuminated.
- Surfaces to driveways should be smooth but non slip and be without uncovered drainage gutters or speed humps.

Turning circles

Turning circles and clearances to kerbs, existing buildings or other obstructions are for the current largest size of ambulance vehicle which requires a minimum turning circle of 15 metres.

Entrance canopies

The canopy over the entrance is to be large enough to provide ample cover for two officers to unload the patient from the rear of the vehicle.

The surface beneath the canopy should be level and non-slip and ideally at the same level as the entrance to the building. Canopies must be clear of the vehicle turning circles and the stretcher handling area.

Height of Canopy

The height of the canopy from finished paved area to the underside should be 3.5 metres (3.2 metres to the underside of any beam).

These dimensions are required to accommodate roof mounted radio aerials.

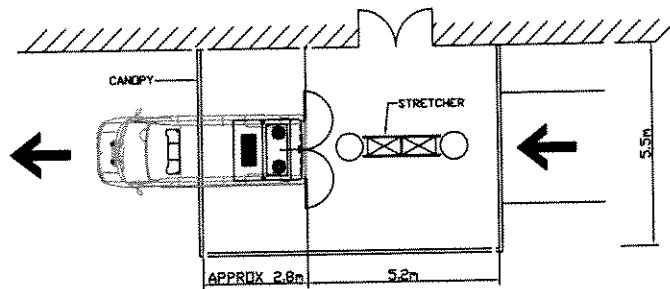
Detailed drawings specifying access to hospital ambulance entry.

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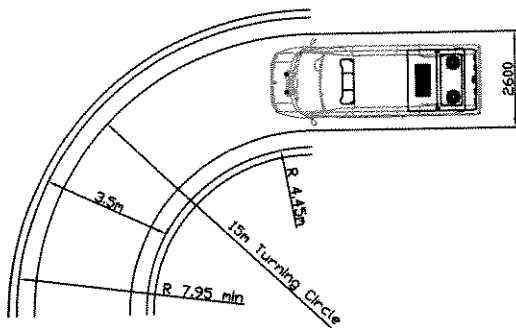
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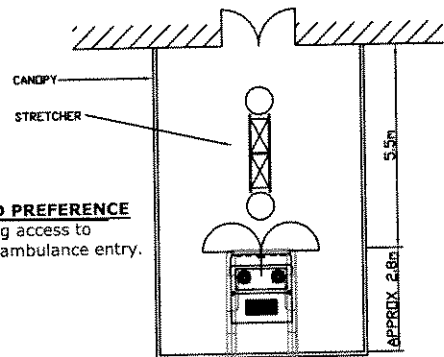
ASNSW AMBULANCE ACCESS



FIRST PREFERENCE
 Drive through "Porte Cochere"
 access to hospital ambulance entry.



TURNING CIRCLES
 Key dimensions for access by
 largest patient vehicle currently used.
 ie. 15m turning circle.



SECOND PREFERENCE
 Reversing access to
 hospital ambulance entry.

