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PARAMEDICS WIN RIGHT TO CHOOSE

Health Minister Jillian Skinner has welcomed today's NSW Industrial Relations Commission decision to allow the Emergency Medical Services Protection Association (EMSPA) to register as a union representing paramedics.

EMSPA launched its bid for registration in the IRC after many paramedics expressed a desire for an alternative to the Health Services Union.

"It was the Coalition that introduced the legislation which enabled paramedics and junior doctors the right to choose the organisation that represents them," Mrs Skinner said.

"I have worked with the paramedics who founded EMSPA since the early days and I congratulate them on their achievement.

"These paramedics fought for the right to be able to choose and I am pleased for them that this day has come."

The Ambulance Service of NSW said once the process of registration as a union was finalised, EMSPA would be afforded the same access as other unions.