

**Submission
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OPTIONS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKER HOUSING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Outback towns in NSW there is very little to no housing available to "Joe Public" let alone any essential workers. Police and Teachers seem to have no issues with accessing housing through their scheme, even paying little rent or a small percentage of their salary.

NSW Paramedics on the other hand have NO access to housing, they have to find their own rental, pay huge rent, share their housing with other paramedics who cant secure their own rental and if they do find a house, get a small amount of rent allowance. If a Paramedic purchases a house, due to not being able to find a rental they get no rebate or financial gain like the paramedics that rent. Paramedics should have the same access to teacher and police housing. NSW Ambulance service is happy to send new Paramedics to these towns with very little regard to living situations, happy to let their staff live in a roof top tent or van whilst they wait for a rental.

They are happy to let Paramedics stay in relief quarters that are supposed to be for short stay paramedics.