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Hello, my name is Benjamin Fleming, a paramedic intern with NSW Ambulance. I was posted to Brewarrina, NSW. I have a young family and life set up in Sydney when being told your moving if you would like to keep the job you love. No problem was my answer, i travel out to "Bre" and was welcomed with open arms but no where to live. Zero rental properties and no way i can buy and set up my family in a whole new setting with limited access to education especially for my child whom falls on the ASD spectrum. As my date to start nears i went with the mentality of living out of my ute and swag in 44+ degree days until a female work colleague allowed me to share a space with her at her dwelling that she by chance was allowed to share with a past colleague. This shows me that staff turn over is big. I had then allowed someone in the same boat as me the option of staying in my place and then again for another colleague. 3 work colleagues living together, not because we want to, because we HAVE to. Something needs to be done, its not fair that us as paramedics at put in this predicament where our colleagues being other first response services and nurses Etc are housed for a fraction of the cost. More needs to be done for us all.