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Mr TED O'BRIEN (Fairfax) (13:42): For anybody who believes that those on the Sunshine Coast, as a lifestyle capital, are immune to the housing crisis afflicting this nation, be very aware that we are hurting. Over the last 12 months alone, rental prices have increased by 27 per cent. Is it any wonder that we have some residents of the Sunshine Coast on full-time incomes sleeping in their cars?

We have couples, both of whom are earning full-time incomes and are presenting themselves to charities and low-cost food outlets because they simply cannot afford to put food on the table. According to IFYS, 1,000 residents of the Sunshine Coast are now homeless. Every single night, they are sleeping homeless.

For two years, this government has overseen a housing crisis that has worsened, and it has a human impact. There's no new money, no new homes and no initiatives for renters. Show some leadership.