

29-11-10

Committee Secretary of the Senate
Standing Committee on Education.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Independent Youth Allowance

As a Grandparent I am greatly distressed at the change to the youth allowance making it nearly impossible for the students from Dubbo to access the allowance. Most of the subjects they wish to study are not available in Dubbo.

Our Grandson will be finishing year 12 in 2011 & needs to go to Wagga university. His parents cannot afford to support him through this course & we are pensioners. He is a bright young lad & deserves every opportunity. It will cost a lot of money for him to go to Wagga university & for all his books, his living away from home & for his travel.

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Julia Gillard is all talk about a good education & every opportunity for all, but I'm afraid the students of Dubles are not included in her thinking.

Could you please recommend that changes be made to the youth allowance to include Dubles.