

To whom it may concern

I am very disappointed by the Labor Government's change to the Independent Youth Allowance. I think this seriously disadvantages rural students. I live in the Southwest, in Bunbury, and have one child already at University and three more to come. As a professional, I feel that my children are being jeopardised by the change in this allowance. I feel strongly that I have made a huge commitment to the rural community of Western Australia and why should my children now be disadvantaged.

I am the only specialist Radiologist working at SKG Radiology in Bunbury and give a wonderful service to this community. I know it would be very hard to replace me if I was to relocate to Perth, as whenever I take leave it is very difficult to get a replacement.

I would be very happy to relocate to Perth and would easily get a job as a radiologist as there is a country-wide shortage of radiologists, if this would help my children when they go to University. The university graduates are the ones that long term pay the most taxes, and I think that they should not be disadvantaged.

As a professional myself, I am not going to let this happen to my children and my children come before the community that I serve. This is still rural South West and should be viewed as such.

I do hope that this will soon be rectified

Yours sincerely

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