

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to make a submission regarding the Senate Bill for Income Support of Regional Students.

My daughter finished Year 12 in 2009 and deferred her university studies until 2010. The changing of the eligibility to qualify as an independent under the new rules will disadvantage her and possibility mean that she cannot complete her degree as an internal student.

As we live in a Regional area my daughter does not qualify under the new system but a student who lives approximately 40 km from our home does qualify as that area is deemed Rural.

Students who live in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Rockhampton and Townsville where they can go to University would not require assistance but because my daughter lives approximately 50 km from a university campus that only offers limit/part time course she is disadvantaged.

I request that you change the boundaries and allow regional students who are 200 km away from a full university to qualify as independent students under the Social Security bill.