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Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace relations
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Dear Dr Batge

Inquiry into the Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010

The University of Western Australia supports the Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010.

The University considers the amendments passed by the Parliament on 18 March 2010 that reduced the set of qualification criteria available to inner regional students to qualify for Independent Youth Allowance are inequitable.

In a continuing demonstration of its support for the student income support reforms advocated by the Bradley Review of Higher Education and in recognition of the Government's ambition that by 2020, 20 per cent of higher education enrolments at the undergraduate level will be people from a low socioeconomic status background, the University recommends that the same eligibility criteria for Independent Youth Allowance apply to students from all four Australian Standard Geographical Classification - Remoteness Area zones.

Yours sincerely

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