

I would like to add my support for Inner Regional students to be able to access ongoing financial assistance (Youth Allowance) to support them in being able to access University in major cities. I have many examples of Port Macquarie students who have been disadvantaged academically as they are FORCED to work many additional hours than the city students who are able to live at home to survive. This directly puts their academic achievements at risk and creates another barrier for them in accessing the University of their choice and achieving the opportunities for higher qualifications and the employment benefits that follow.

The other area is identifying dependency for the allowance; I think the value of the family home should be included in this assessment for all students.

Regards  
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