

I am writing in support of Senator Nash's bill requesting fairness to ALL students with regards to YOUTH ALLOWANCE. At present the rules/legislation for youth allowance depends on parental income-----to which there are large discrepancies to the fairness of the said rules. With 3 university students---one living away from home, we have had to face financial difficulties in covering the costs incurred for our daughter to study for a degree in Brisbane. She has worked on her holidays to fund living expenses ---we pay for her accommodation fees. She has NO support financially from youth allowance.

We would like to see all students living away from home treated the same and classed with independence when applying for youth allowance or monetary support for wanting to gain professional employment from university study.

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