

I support Senator Nash's Bill of amendment.

The lines /boundaries drawn determining Inner and outer regional areas are not based on remoteness or need and will create inequities which will disadvantage a large proportion of our rural youth's opportunities.

The long term consequences will be a lowering of tertiary education uptake in rural communities that need an educated younger generation. Surely not a healthy outcome when governments really want sustainable, well educated communities.

The policy as is seems at odds with other government incentives to encourage people to the bush.