

To the Senate

I would like you to reconsider the decision to change the youth allowance to the original criterion.

My family live in Bunbury, not considered isolated rural but were living and still have our business in Bridgetown 100 ks further away from Perth, considered the same as the original youth allowance criteria.

Our older son qualified with the monetary amount although in the top 100% of academic achievement and receiving two scholarships to a prestigious Grammart School found it extremely hard to obtain work to qualify in the 18ths.

Our second son is looking at the trying to find 30 hours per week when employers only want casual workers on a needs be basis which often doesn't add up to 30 hours even though we live in Bunbury.

On the other hand in Bridgetown 100 ks away the community and employers are more considerate to the needs of their locals and employ accordingly.

The possibility of our second son having to wait an extra year to go to Perth to study(the courses are not offered here) has caused distress and cries from all of it is not fair.

Also with the universities changing courses in the year 2013 it would add yet another year to their study, effectively making an additional 3 years.

Whilst being grateful for all help from the government this situation does seem unfair to our family of hard workers.

Thankyou for your consideration