

~~From Mrs Jessie~~

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Submission to 5-12-2010
Senate inquiry into Social Security Amendment
(Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010
by the Education, Employment and Workplace
Relations (EEWR) committee
Submission from Mrs Jessie Legge

As a Grandmother who educated her family in
1990's I write
I believe that rural youth should have the
opportunities as their City

Same educational -
Count parts.

My Passion for the right of Rural youth
has previously demonstrated by my submission to
the Senate Rural + Regional Affairs + Transport
Reference Committee Impact + ~~asse~~ of ASSETS
TEST on farming families access to social
Security + Austudy, 1995

② Also see HARVARD Tuesday 10th NOV 1992
Page 3071. Mr McGauran (our local MP when we
then lived in Victoria.) used us as an example

of many farming families. ③ Mrs Simon Crean +
Senator John Woodley also were aware it unfairness.

Thank Sully the issue of Austudy has is
largely how much fairer But I have feel it
is relevant to the ~~cur~~ present debate in so far
as it had no flexibility, as pointed out by the
Student Assistance Review Tribunal.

I would urge you to introduce some
flexibility, possibly using these grants
as a means of addressing skill shortages, by
being more favourable to students undertaking
Degrees where graduates are urgently needed
ie Ag Science etc.

RECOMMENDATION

Submission to EWR committee (cont)

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2NEW ADDED COMMENT.

The fact that we have Regional Universities at Dubbo
ORANGE Bathurst + Wagga Wagga, does not mean
that they cater for all rural students.

Our family is a case in point.
When we moved to Cudal in the Central West of
New South Wales of consideration was that
ORANGE + Bathurst had Universities.

Daughter ^{Ruth} had gained entry to Melbourne
University + Residential College (but denied Australia
because of ASSET test) opted to work full time on
our farm undertook external study with UNE Armidale
Teaching Degree.

Margaret Business Degree ORANGE CAMPUS
Sydney University, by supporting herself
by working as a waitress, living at home $\frac{3}{4}$ had
was not an option.

Isabele studied Sports Science in Canberra.
Possibly achieving a lesser Degree because of
need to work.

Melinda Ag Science at Sydney Uni.
Majoring in Animal Production. a very
demanding Degree that gave little time
for work.

I wish you well as you review this bill
tabled by Senator Nash and trust you
can come up with recommendations that
are fair and equitable to all rural students.

P.S. I have friends at Molong please
note where the line is drawn on the
map!!!