

I would like to make a short submission to the senate enquiry on youth allowance. My family live in Mount Gambier South Australia, the regional city has been classified as "inner regional" as defined by the absurd and unfair lines on a map as insisted on by the Gillard government. My son intends to attend university in Adelaide in 2011, as he needs to move 450 kilometres away he currently has had a gap year in an attempt to raise enough money to support himself during his time in Adelaide. The injustice with the current system is that it discriminates against him because he lives in an inner regional area, if he lived 400 metres away, he would be classified as outer regional and qualify for youth allowance. The current system discriminates against inner regional kids as it makes no allowance for the costs in relocating away from home and actually being able to live away. Please address this discrimination and bring fairness back into the equation, my son and many like him need recognition of the major costs associated with moving away to attend university, they are no less important than their city cousins.