

WHY ARE OUR STUDENTS NOT GIVEN THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS METROPOLITAN STUDENTS?

Hervey Bay is classed as an **Inner Regional** location in the seat of Hinkler, hence students who completed their year 12 studies in 2009 will be forced to have a 2 years 'gap' or forced to take out loans and/or funded by parents as the local university does not offer all courses.

For them to do their desired course they have to go to Brisbane or other major metropolitan locations.

The inequity with the current arbitrary lines that delineate inner regional and rural places is extremely inequitable for non Metropolitan students. Metropolitan students are greatly advantaged. Even those high income families are also advantaged over middle income families in Wide Bay/ Hinkler. These families are already disadvantaged with food and transport costs. This is in addition to the well documented Educational Disadvantage.

Non metropolitan students who need to leave their home town to complete their desired course, should not be penalised!

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