

Dear Committee Secretary,

I wish to express my concern at the new criteria for youth allowance.

Please review the legislation to make it easier for our youth to be able to afford to attend university.

To have to work 30 hours per week for 18 months is not a sensible option. It means they have to defer uni for two years and get work locally for that period of time. There may not be the jobs in the area for this and also, after two years they may decide not to attend uni as they adjust to earning money rather than studying.

Kind Regards

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