

I would like to submit my thoughts on the above.

We live in Bunbury and I have 2 daughters 19 & 17 and a boy 14. My eldest daughter finished school in 2008 , she had a gap year (2009) to save money (in which she had 2 jobs), as we thought she could get some assistance from the Government, after the 18 month gap. When she got to commence her studying after this time, she was informed by Centrelink she was not able to claim any assistance.

She is a full time student lives & studies in Mandurah for the week, and this is a one hour drive from home. So Centrelink informed us you need to be at least 90 minutes away from your resident address before claiming. Unfortunately she cannot live at home as this course is not offered in Bunbury.

I feel my daughter and many others in this region are been hard done by. Here is an example of my child who wants to study a profession, and is not getting any assistance from the Government , where as if you look at the unemployed who are not seeking a job or trying further their education are getting money from the Government.

My child isn't getting any assistance even though she is trying to study a profession and further herself which will benefit Australia in the long run.

Could you please re consider this and look after the Regional Students.