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Re: Independent Youth Allowance.

Dear Senators,

I am writing to you in regards to independent youth allowance.

I live in Young a small rural town in the south west slopes of NSW. I am currently undertaking a gap year and working to save money for university. Next year I am going to study Engineering at UNSW in Sydney. UNSW is 5 hours drive from home and the closest university that offers the course I want to take. This means I will have to leave home and live in a college, which is very expensive.

Due to the recent change in eligibility for Independent Youth Allowance I will no longer qualify, as I am classified as living in an inner regional area. As I have to live 5 hours away from home to study at university I think the zoning is grossly unfair. Furthermore I think it is very shortsighted of the government not to help rural kids in their studies, especially as we are very short of skilled people in the country but more particularly in rural areas.

I would greatly appreciate you consider my and many others situations when you debate/consider this issue.

Yours Sincerely,

Jack McRae