

I am writing to voice my concern over the changes to the youth allowance. I am at a loss as to why our children are to be discriminated against due to the fact they live in an inner rural community. How does living in a larger rural community make it any easier for these children? They all still have to move away from home to complete their desired courses.

What happens to the students who cannot find 30 hours work a week? Most of my daughters peers found this a very difficult, if not impossible task in a town with a population of 25000 and a higher than average unemployment rate. It is also not realistic to expect that they will finish school and become employed in a 30 hour a week position immediately. This really means that UNI is on hold for a minimum of 2 years. I fear that many will not return to study after this length of time. This would mean a whole lot of talented people will not pursue careers in areas that need them.

Kind regards