

Good morning,

We write for a last minute to plea to all those members in Parliament that can assist reverse the current Independent Youth Allowance legislation.

Our family live in Mount Gambier SA. We have one son at University in Adelaide, having had to travel 450km to do his course. He is currently receiving Youth Allowance which is of enormous assistance. Quite frankly, we would not be able to send him away if it was not for this financial help. Our daughter who also wants to study at University in Adelaide next year, is unfortunately subjected to this new legislation which could jeopardize her opportunity to further herself.

Why would the Government want to introduce such a barrier, when it is the Regional students we want to study, in order for them to be attracted back to their Regional homes, where they are happy to live & provide a service. We have all seen how hard it is to convince City people to move to Regional Centres after becoming qualified. The Government could **save money** by not having to pay extra incentives to make people that don't want to move there go there.

Please reconsider the ramifications of these zones. Why on earth should Inner Regional be different to outer Regional, when it could be as little as a few kilometers outside an imaginary zone. It is the distance away from home that should count. Where you are so obviously disadvantaged by needing to uplift & travel to study, there should be financial incentive through Youth Allowance to do so in a reasonable time frame. We object to the current proposal to have students defer for two years. Will that not increase the number of students **not** returning to study? The longer one is away from studying, the harder it is to return.

Please support Senator Nash in her attempt to require all four zones subject to the same eligibility criteria.

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