

Students who live in regional NSW are disadvantaged in many ways in terms of education.

Throughout their schooling they have to travel to major cities to gain access to extra curricula activities that will help them achieve equity in their education with their city counterparts. This comes at a considerable cost to parents as well as a time cost to students when studying for their Higher School Certificate.

The changes in Youth Allowance are another blow to students in regional NSW. To travel and live away from home to achieve higher education becomes/seems to become prohibitive to regional students. City students can still live at home.

It needs to change so that the whole region is classified under the one banner. For example in the Tamworth area it can depend upon which side of the road you live on as to whether you are eligible for the allowance.

Please accept this submission for all regional students to be given the opportunity to receive Youth Allowance.