

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my support for the National Party bill regarding youth allowance for regional students. The cost of accommodation for students from country areas ranges from \$10,000 – 15,000 pa. The recent changes to Youth Allowance mean that unless a student is prepared to delay commencement of their university course for 18 months, families will need to pay this accommodation cost themselves. Where is the parity in this idea? It implies that regional students are not considered important to the “Educational Revolution” and the need to upskill young Australians.

Please recognize the necessity to amend the legislation to make it fair for all young Australians.