

# TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House the **deep concern students, parents and families have, throughout Australia, regarding the Labor Federal Government's changes to Youth Allowance**, in particular the exclusion of students residing in the Inner Regional zone of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area (ASGC-RA) map from Subsection 10E (a) of the *Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2010*.

The exclusion of the Inner Regional zone has and will continue to disadvantage Australian students within this classification, and deter many students from obtaining a higher education. The lack of financial assistance available for students who must relocate to study is hindering the opportunities of all young people.

We therefore ask the Government and the House to act on Nola Marino's Motion which was passed 28 October 2010 to include Inner Regional students in Subsection 10E (a) of the *Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2010*.