



Senate Rural & Regional Affairs,
P.O. Box 6100, Parliament House,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600.

ATTENTION:

Chairperson of the Senate Committee - Senator Fiona Nash.

My granddaughter - Brianna Hattiswell of Roxton - a farming area out of WARRAGUL Vic. - Over 100 kms from Melbourne, received excellent results from her VCE of 2008 and obtained a position to be trained as a RURAL DOCTOR.

She will train 2 years at Monash University, then 3 years at Bendigo University.

Her parents and 3 sisters live on a rural farm and the parents have to both work to survive. Their income is over the rate to be eligible for any assistance with her training at all, but they still struggle to meet expenses etc.

Brianna deferred for 2009 and has been working 7 days a week in quite menial & low paid work - waitressing etc. with the intention of earning the required amount which was needed to become independent. The proposed changes will be devastating for her as her parents would not be able to finance her studies in Melbourne & Bendigo, so, ^{she} probably, ^{will} be unable to commence training next year & so training to be a Doctor - which was her dream & also as they are badly needed in the Country, will not happen. Could you please help to change the Government's proposed changes.

Thank you
— R. J. Mackenzie