

To the Senate,

I would like to express my opposition towards the proposed changes for the youth allowance.

I think it is unfair as most rural students need to move away from their homes to gain a further education. Many families also have more than one child they need to support while at uni. This can cause a great stress on the family both financially and emotionally.

Universities don't have the option to defer for more than one year and this means that many students may have to work full time while gaining a degree. This is very unrealistic and unfair. This means that students cannot fully devote their time to their studies, and therefore puts them at a disadvantage compared to the students living with parents while studying.

The cost of a student living away from home easily exceeds \$ 15,000 a year meaning that this cost is now going to become a financial burden on those parents who may be planning on retirement, without accounting for this huge new cost.

Yours sincerely,  
Michelle

