

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my opinion relating to the changes to youth allowance. Whilst I can see some reasoning for its implementation I deeply believe it disadvantages those who weren't roughting the system far more greatly than the ones who were doing the right thing from the start. I believe it will create an elitist society whereby only the rich will have the opportunity to further their education beyond high school because they will be the only ones able to support themselves whilst doing so. Do we really want to go back to those days? Amongst those who would particularly be disadvantaged are young people from regional areas who have to move away from the family and what ever support they are able to provide in order to study as universities are few and far between in country areas.

I also find issue with the 18 months that is required. Are universities going to come on board and start allowing students to defer for two years in the hope of making youth allowance even a possibility to those who do meet the ridiculous criteria?

It all seems like a step back in time to me. Surely there is a better way to fix the problem that initially brought these changes about.

Yours Sincerely,

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