

I am writing as a concerned parent of teenagers.

We are dry land farmers in an area that is not consistent in its rainfall but have managed to get a crop every year, sometimes not very big ones.

We find it very unfair that we have to find money for our children to survive when they are attending university in Adelaide because we happen to have a decent year on the farm or I happen to find a bit of work to help with household bills.

Our assets and income cut off limits should be a lot higher than our city counterparts as our children are not wanting to work and attend uni at the same time just so they can survive. We do not make much money but we do deal in large sums, most of this goes back into the land to keep afloat and go on for another year. It is a luxury for our children to attend university and this shouldn't be so.

Please consider the fairness and equality of this for the rural kids they deserve a better go.

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