

Dear Sir I wish to express my concern about the proposed changes to the Youth Allowance Scheme. My daughter Karina Hanrahan was Dux at her school last year and has taken a gap year so she can earn money required to be independent and obtain youth allowance so she can fund her way through University. She will easily earn the required amount of income under the old system. Now she is in a dilemma as she does not know if she will be able to go to University at all as she is worried how she will be able to afford it. She has been accepted to UWA to do Communications & Law and with the study work load would not be able to work as well as studying.

We live in Manjimup 3 and 1/2 hours south of Perth. I feel these new changes should not apply to rural students as they have to pay rent and live away from home and their living expenses are far greater than Perth students who can remain at home.

We are extremely disappointed in the Governments decision to change Youth Allowance criteria and ask that they rethink this decision.

Yours sincerely

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