

Proposed Youth Allowance amendments

Who makes these decisions?

Beaurocrats that live in the city - high incomers who can afford to send their kids anywhere to study at any cost! It is obvious that it is not real everyday RURAL Australians that want to ensure that the future is armed with educated, responsible adults who can give back to the community. It is DISCRIMINATION

Would it not make more sense to have two parts to Youth Allowance.

Part 1 REGIONAL STUDENTS accomodation allowance

This would be payable to Uni students who's family reside in a Regional Centre that doesn't run the course

they have been accepted into, requiring the student to move to the city and rent, not Board.

This should be capped at the full time duration of ONE course. This will eliminate multiple course swapping and professional students recieving allowances in lieu of sourcing work in there field post completion of their Undergraduate degree

Part 2 YOUTH ALLOWANCE INCIDENTALS

This could be the one that you have to earn the money to be eligible for, regardless of your Residential address.

This would then at least move toward being somewhat fair to Country kids. Telling them that they are insignificant and do not have the same rights as there city counterparts to attend University directly from Year 12, purely because their parents are not wealthy is wrong and it is discriminatory.

You will see long term effects from the system that you currently have and the proposed one just escalates the negative outflows that will eventuate.

Country kids whose families do not have to move to the City to higher educate them, will bring their expertise/professional skills back to the country. How many schemes do you have to encourage Teachers, Doctors etc to work in Rural areas. Why not encourage the born and bred to return home.

Maybe the stimulation package would be better utilised by the government to stimulate the access for Regional kids to get assistance to attend Uni in the city as opposed to people wasting the money on nothing!

Maybe if we let our RURAL kids go to Uni, we would not have to source high levels of overseas SKILLED MIGRATION and we may not experience the shortage of Professionals.

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