

I refer to the proposed changes to the current 'Youth allowance". It is very unfair that our son made a decision to take the gap year when a rule was in place that stated that he needed to earn a certain amount of salary that would allow him to gain a youth allowance. Our son is working two jobs to ensure he reaches this financial goal that will allow him some independence when he moves from the country to the city for a university degree. For a government to change this rule midyear is unjust and could mean that a tertiary education in his chosen field will now only be a pipedream. Our family made certain decisions due to the rules that the government had in place at the time. Our decisions could have been significantly different if these proposed rule changes are allowed to be implemented midyear.

Regards

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