

- > Submission against Proposed changes to
- > Youth Allowance
- > I wish to lodge a great objection to Labor's proposed changes in the
- > independent Youth
- > Allowance.
- > We are a regional family who have an income of just over \$105 000 so our
- > children will not
- > be eligible for any assistance. We cannot afford to send our son, (who
- > is having a gap year
- > this year to earn money to be classified as independent) and in two
- > years time, our daughter
- > to uni. Our son achieved 89.7 and we expect our daughter to achieve a
- > similar mark, so these
- > two bright children, and many regional students like them are now the
- > new disadvantaged. How can
- > ordinary middle class families cope with the expense of a mortgage and
- > the other normal
- > expenses as well as having to pay for rent and food for each of their
- > children away from
- > home? They even discussed the possibility of working for two years but
- > they still would not be eligible because full time jobs in regional
- > areas are very hard to come by and also you can only defer your uni
- > placement for one year, not two. It is such a shame that our country is
- > going to lose some of its brightest stars because of these changes.
- > This is such a prejudicial decision against regional students who can't
- > live at home
- > for tertiary study. We urge you to oppose these changes.
- > Lyn and Patrick Kelly