

Dear Sir/Madam,

In relations to the recent changes to your allowance Tasmanian State Council of ICAP is glad to have the opportunity to voice our points to:-

A) The financial impact is huge if unable to access college accommodation even though that is expensive. Find house/rent/bond/distance from educational institution/furnish house/find house mates/student reputation make it hard to rent/set up pantry/transport/fuel/new area.

C)

- Unrealistic expectation of 18 year old getting a 30 hour per week job in rural regional Australia. Some parents cannot find that much work.
- No thought about students already in gap year.
- Will they have to leave home to source work to access youth allowance and all the cost associated both physical and mental.
- Who defers for two years – no courses will allow this. Means the stress of reapplying.
- Student may not wish to return to study after two years.

D) Less rural regional children going onto further education.

E) Very hard to access college accommodation for rural and regional students even with first round offers. Impossible with second round offers. Other types of accommodation also unavailable. Should keep college places for rural regional students through to last offer. Make sure rural regional students accommodation is dealt with prior to metro. Emotionally stressful for whole family especially student with relocation and some departments can be less than helpful through the interview process.

F)

- Committed teachers who want to live and work in our rural towns and be a part of the community is such an important part
- Flexible with programme funding and supplies as each town has its own individual needs.
- Increase CAP's funding.
- Adequate transport.

G) Long term impact will be less skilled rural and regional towns, as we know that it is the country children on the whole who return to the bush!