

To Whom It May Concern

The members of the Manjimup Chamber Of Commerce strongly oppose the proposed changes to the Youth Allowance eligibility.

Students from our region who wish to participate in higher education have no alternative and have to move away from home to live in Bunbury or Perth and therefore rely on Youth Allowance to finance themselves.

Most of the students take a gap year and are then able to support themselves with their earnings in that year and then supplement this with Youth Allowance the following year.

With the proposed changes to working 30 hours a week over two years we feel this will discourage many students in pursuing a tertiary career.

We ask the Federal Government to not make changes to the current scheme for rural students as it is difficult enough for students to live away from home and cope financially.

We trust you will take this into consideration as we feel this is a critical issue to our students and families.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Rose Moyle

Secretary

Manjimup Chamber Of Commerce