

I am writing this e-mail because I wish to voice my opinion on a concerning matter. Changes to Youth Allowance, in particular the eligibility for an independent. I am writing and sending this e-mail to;

The Senate
The Education Minister
My local members of Parliament
All Ministers
The media

Do Not change the youth allowance criteria for independent eligibility.
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Many students and potential students will be disadvantaged by the proposed changes to the point in which they may not be able to afford any more education. The 30 hours over 18 months required to achieve independence under the changes does not correspond with the 12 month course defer maximum of institutes. Gifted and highly academic students will be denied government assisted education due to parents income.

Under the previous criteria any Australian student had the possibility to become independent and achieve their dreams starting with education. Now there will be tens of thousands denied these opportunities no matter how hard they work. All Australians should be entitled to the same basic opportunities.

This will have a particularly damaging effect on :

rural families of Australia where distances from institutes will make living at home impossible;

lower middle income families;

larger families with more than two children.

This will negatively affect the National economy and many hard working peoples standard of living.