

The Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

I was writing to you in regards to the proposed changes to the youth allowance. I thought i would write to you letting you know my personal circumstances. I am currently living in Bunbury and having a gap year and are going to ECU Joondalup in 2010 to study aviation. The challenge to send me is enough but there is also an extra \$60,000 dollars that we have to come up with for the flying component over 3 years. This is yet to be substidised by the help or hex scheme in Western Australia. i was going to study in Melbourne but chose to stay here and study which is now being made more difficult and unfair that they get the funding for the flying component in the eastern states and not here. If these proposed changes go through then i will be ineligible for youth allowance and my parents can't afford to support me.

thank you
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