

To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing to register our opposition to the proposed changes to the student Youth Allowance beginning in 2010. Our daughter is currently undertaking a GAP year in 2009 after completing VCE in 2008. The changing of the "Goal Posts" after action has been taken in good faith to meet present criteria by the Federal Government has unfairly disadvantaged her in being able to afford to pursue her Law/Arts degree in 2010. This is not equitable.

Being from regional Victoria she would have to leave home to take up full time study. If any changes are made to current arrangements, students who are not able to live rent free must be given significant extra assistance, otherwise to be fair to all parties involved, students and parents, we feel the current arrangements should remain for 2010 at least.

Sincerely,

Bryan & Leanne Mahney.