

I would like to voice my opinion on the proposed changes to youth allowance. There are certain people here in the Lower South East that thinks that the changes to the current system will make it easier for rural students to go to university. They are so wrong as it will make it even harder for them to go to uni. Personally, I am affected because i am starting to think about what course I want to do, and living in a rural town, there is no other option than to go to a university up in Adelaide or in Melbourne. With the proposed changes, it will make it damn near impossible for me to do that. And in terms of the gap year changes, most universities hold places for prospective students for one year only and the change to the gap year will mean that any student that has deferred will lose their place and have to start all over again.