

My name is Sarah Moore, I have an 18 year old son who is in his gap year. He is commencing studies at Curtin Uni next year and has full time work this year, so he would qualify for youth allowance, as he will need assistance when he goes to Uni. I was horrified (like so many others) to hear of the changes that the government is proposing. Once again children in country areas are affected and will mean there will be much uncertainty to what lies ahead. It appears we are going backwards, not forwards... educating young Australians should be a priority as this will enable Australia to remain ahead in this rapidly advancing world. My son will need assistance as he will have to support himself while studying in Perth, as we live in Margaret River. When he left school end of last year, he went all out to find a full time job so he would qualify for youth allowance and has already secured his place at Curtin, these changes would affect this. Surely the government cannot bring this in now as it will affect those starting next year... what are they thinking? I would rather not have the surplus that the government has handed out as I feel we are now being penalised for the governments short fall. I would appreciate you voicing my concerns in parliament. Thanks Nola.

Regards,

Sarah Moore (a concerned parent)

