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Minister for Education

I am writing to express how unfair the Government's decision to change the rules for youth allowance. I have two daughters currently attending university in Melbourne and a third in a few years. It is very difficult for my kids to support themselves and attend university. The expense of rent and food outweighs the income of casual jobs while studying.

Rural students have a disadvantage attending university. Firstly coping with leaving home and finding somewhere to live comfortably and secondly the financial stress with extra costs of living expenses and thirdly travelling costs to visit home regularly.

I urge you to give country kids extra benefits as it is twice as difficult for them to complete further studies as their city counterparts.

Thank you
Yours Sincerely
Les Stoeckel