

To the Senate committee:

I am a parent of three people who have now completed their under-graduate degrees. The third one completed an excellent degree in our town Wagga, but the preferred courses of the first two were offered in Sydney. We have therefore experienced the different experiences. The first walked and cycled to a job at night after lectures in order to eventually earn enough to qualify for the youth allowance. Most students are working and studying hard and regional university students deserve every opportunity to give them an equal chance to study for tertiary degrees. Please don't extend the time for qualification of this allowance.

Yours sincerely  
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