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To Whom It May Concern

I write in relation to the Senate inquiry into Rural Access to Secondary and Tertiary Education Opportunities.

It is my understanding that the Government is assessing measures to provide access to tertiary education to students from rural communities attending metropolitan institutions.

My daughter is currently in year 10 and is hoping to attend University in Melbourne to study to become a pharmacist in 2012. The current system would enable my daughter to achieve this, as with younger children to support we are not in a financial position to pay the costs of her residing in Melbourne.

It is her ambition to return to the country once qualified and provide a service back to a local community that has a severe shortage of qualified pharmacists.

We fail to see the advantage of changing the current system to one that is only going to prolong the outcome.

How can any government justify disadvantaging young people who are willing to move away from home to study for the good of all concerned and the future of Country Australia,

Yours sincerely,

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