

I wish to register my concern as to the proposed changes to the youth allowance. As a rural family with a son about to complete year 12 and hoping to attend university in Adelaide we are extremely concerned as to how we are going to finance our son through 4 years of living away. The government obviously has no understanding of the sacrifices rural families make to send their children away to university, and the impact of having no financial help to achieve this. We don't have the luxury of a university just down the road and for an 18 year old to move to the city without any financial support from anyone but there parents places great stress on rural parents and there children, we don't understand why the government is choosing to further disadvantage country people. Most rural students choose to have a gap year, not just to lie around, but to work their guts out trying to raise enough money to attend university. As a parent who has watched my son work his but off this year trying to achieve good grades so he can try to better himself I am very proud, but along with every rural family in this position are deeply concerned as to how anyone from rural areas can afford to send their children away. Please works out a solution, we don't ask for a handout, just give us a fair go.

Yours Sincerely

The Pople family