

# PETITION

To the Legislative Assembly of Victoria:

This petition of residents of Victoria draws to the attention of the House **the proposal to change the Independence test for Youth Allowance by the Federal Government.**

The **petitioners register their opposition to the changes on the basis that the Youth Allowance changes proposed in the Federal Budget place another barrier to university participation for students in regional areas; unfairly discriminates against students currently undertaking a 'gap' year; and contradict other efforts to increase university participation by students from rural and regional Australia.**

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of Victoria **reject the proposal and calls on the State Government to vigorously lobby the Federal Government to ensure that a tertiary education is accessible to regional students.**

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**This petition is to be presented by Bill Sykes, Member for Benalla**

Please post the original petition to 2/55 Carrier Street, Benalla. VIC. 3672 - (as soon as possible).

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