



Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia

Working together for equity of access to education for all students who live in rural & remote Australia

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Isolated Children's Parents' Association social media has gone into melt down after the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs in response to the *Social Services Legislation Amendment (More Generous Means Testing for Youth Payments) Bill 2015* was passed.

Federal President, Mrs Wendy Hick said, "Parents are jumping for joy and many are overcome with emotion as they pass on the news to their year 12 graduates, that their dreams of a tertiary education will now come true!"

After many, many years of lobbying by ICPA Australia the Family Assets Test for Youth Allowance has been lifted!! This monumental development will benefit many rural and remote ambitious students who are currently sitting their final year 12 exams. We anticipate many more of these students, who are underrepresented at university will now fulfil their ambitions, knowing they do not have to overcome the complex parental means tests for Youth Allowance when they are applying for financial support.

Simplifying the parental means tests for these payments will provide additional assistance for working families to support their children to make the transition from school to further study.

<https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/corporate-publications/budget-and-additional-estimates-statements/2015-16-budget/means-testing-arrangements-for-youth-payments>

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