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Senator NASH (New South Wales) (3.46 pm)—I, and also on behalf of Senator Hanson-Young, move:

That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 August 2009:

An assessment of the adequacy of Government measures to provide equitable access to secondary and post-secondary education opportunities to students from rural and regional communities attending metropolitan institutions, and metropolitan students attending regional universities or technical and further education (TAFE) colleges, with particular reference to:

- (a) the financial impact on rural and regional students who are attending metropolitan secondary schools, universities or TAFE;
- (b) the education alternatives for rural and regional students wanting to study in regional areas;
- (c) the implications of current and proposed government measures on prospective students living in rural and regional areas;
- (d) the short- and long-term impact of current and proposed government policies on regional university and TAFE college enrolments;
- (e) the adequacy of government measures to provide for students who are required to leave home for secondary or post-secondary study;
- (f) the educational needs of rural and regional students;
- (g) the impact of government measures and proposals on rural and regional communities; and
- (h) other related matters.