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Your submission for this review:

Im writing as a former OOHC carer turned adoptive parent who was fortunate enough to adopt in the window where care allowances were continued after adoption orders. My children had significant needs prior to adoption and these needs are amplified now that they are teenagers with no end in sight to the amount of support they will require throughout their life span. Having the allowance has allowed me to work casually and be available for the kids appointments and their emotional needs. I pity the children whose carers cannot afford such a luxury and who cannot dare to adopt and allow such permanency and future assurance because of the financial considerations. Our ability to invest in our children will pay itself forward and should be considered where possible for all carers wanting to adopt.