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Abstract: My local government area, the City of South Perth, is again skirmishing in the long running war over residential density zonings, "R-codes" in our State. In my newspaper clippings file, I found a headline, 'Student ghetto' warning (Southern Gazette, 2010). A Councillor from a ward adjoining Curtin University was concerned

that "... if there was an increase in residential zoning there could be a situation where big units are being built for student accommodation ... could turn into a student ghetto". That five year old, "town versus gown" clipping reminded me that many students face rising costs for accommodation. Whilst my own local government is tending towards negative rather than facilitative responses! So the clipping diverted me to a less parochial topic: the overall cost of student living. Whilst academia's influence upon this topic is small, one component is controlled by academic influences. This is the cost of textbooks. Academics prescribe textbooks, students buy as instructed. The textbook prescription may be quite expensive, or may be for a free and online textbook.

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