

Submission.

“In relation to disability support workers - Travellers Aid in Victoria is a unique not-for-profit organisation that provides low cost luggage storage (not at City Village), as well as travel related emergency relief and services to residents, visitors, international students, workers and commuters.

Services provided by Travellers Aid enable people with disability who travel into and around Melbourne, to gain access to personal attendant care support staff to maximize their participation in employment, education and volunteering, and participation in cultural and community events.

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Governments around Australia make a major contribution to support for people with a disability but I recognize there remains a significant level of unmet demand for disability services, which impacts upon the lives of people with disability, their families and carers.”

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Quote from a reply by Bill Shorten, MP, to a letter by me.

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

We need a V.A.C. (Visitors Access Centre) in every town and suburb, run like the Traveller's Access Service from Traveller's Aid, throughout Australia. This may go some way into meeting the unmet need – mentioned in the quote above – experience by people with disabilities and their families every day.

It would also provide work for those support workers who would prefer to work in one place for an extended period of time (instead of working two hr. shifts in various suburbs). The jobs created by the V.A.C.'s could be given to the support workers who are best at advocating for the human rights and social inclusion for people with disabilities (and chosen by people with disabilities, of course!)

Apropos of the above we also could do with other services run on the lines of “Night Life” which: -

“aims to create a flexible night time service for people with disabilities living in their own homes in the Southern region of Melbourne. Nightlife aims to not only be an emergency over night service but a service that liberates and makes an “ordinary” life possible for people with disabilities. It will enable people to live as independently as possible in their own homes and enjoy an inclusive lifestyle. The type of support people receive from Nightlife will vary and is uniquely tailored to each person's needs.” [<http://nightlife.org.au/>]

and can therefore keep young people out of nursing homes and give us the choice of flexible bedtimes which is a human right that non disabled take for granted.