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The Honourable Darren Chester MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Via Email minister@dva.gov.au

Dear Minister Chester,

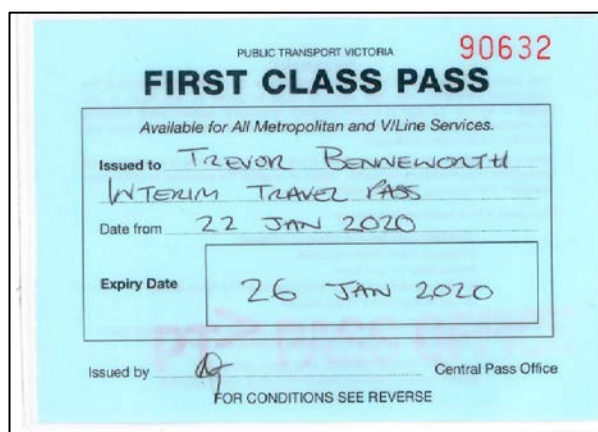
Re: TPI Travel Pass.

My name is Trevor Benneworth and I proudly served with the RAAF as a Radio Technician from July 1965 to July 1971. I had a tour in Vietnam during 1969-1970 and I am now a TPI.

I live in Brisbane and as a TPI, I receive complimentary free travel on approved public transport throughout Queensland. I greatly appreciate this as it allows me to get around without the worrying and anxiety of having to drive the car.

Recently I had to travel to Melbourne and it was suggested to me that I should ask the Victorian Government if I was entitled to similar complimentary travel in that State. I was surprised to learn that all I had to do was ask and a complimentary travel pass would be sent to me (right).

I have since made enquiries and it seems that all States offer the same complimentary travel to TPI/EDAs on



request, which I might add, is a fabulous benefit and is greatly appreciated.

My question to you is though, if the complementary travel pass is so readily available, why is there not a Federal travel pass. The new Veterans Card, endorsed with TPI/EDA could substitute for all State travel passes which would reduce the workload on States having to issue and their own cards and TPI/EDAs would not need to request temporary passes from neighbouring States.

Would your office look into this proposal, although I would think most TPI/EDAs would not travel interstate all that often, when they did, having the pass without having to request a temporary one would be greatly appreciated.

If possible, I would like the opportunity of discussing this with the Minister.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Benneworth', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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