

I believe the CDP (Community Development Programme) is discriminate by requiring people to work for the dole for 25 hours per week, spread over five days per week, for 52 weeks of a year, but does not require that all their welfare-receiving unemployed fellow citizens in the near vicinity or adjoining postcodes to be required to. How can you segregate and disadvantage people by where they live? But require all welfare receiving people to attend their appointments, WFTD requirements in the same locality/ town?

The Minister is essentially proposing some people be forced to work for the dole, 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, and 52 weeks of the year for around \$250 dollars of Newstart Allowance per week. That's about \$10 per hour. The National Minimum Wage is \$640.90 per week.

The government has basically devised a program for sweat shop labour, forcing people at their most vulnerable and disadvantaged into compulsory labour. What has happened to the Australian way of fair wage for a fair day's work?

How did the minister decide what locality is regional or remote when they adjoin each other. How can the minister victimise people by the location of their home? But command them to travel to the non CDP locality to participate in the CDP?

I personally see participates being exploited as it is now mandatory for them to Work for the Dole 52 weeks a year. People in employment get four weeks of annual, superannuation and sick leave, work cover. Compulsory requiring people to work 52 weeks a year for under minimum wage is unrealistic and harmful. I believe it will lead many people to feel like they have no hope or free will and may do more damage.

What happens when the person has an unwell family or elderly family obligations do they put them first or WFTD so they can try and put food on the table?

The proposal for all 18-49 year olds to do 25 hours over 5 days every week of Work for the Dole is not sustainable for most individuals. What happens when participants are so fatigued that an injury occurs? How will they be able to afford treatment? Who will guarantee providers will not victimise people? It is a 'one size fits all' approach. Why are job seekers no longer able to improve their employability with educations assistance?

I have personally experienced not being given a choice on my compulsory WFTD work like activity by a provider. My individual needs were never considered I feel I was just put into a group activity so they could tick a box, collect their fee and be done with me. I cannot comprehend what skills I will obtain by keeping the greens of golf courses pristine and installing irrigation. What possible abilities will this give me to become more employable?

The providers (job employment agencies) of the CDP collect a fee on par to what a person on Newstart receives. This scheme is just another waste of billions of dollars. The Social Research Centre has compiled a report that shows a 2% increase in the number of participants securing full-time employment on WFTD.

I believe that people should contribute to their community while on assistance but this programme has catastrophe written all over it. I believe the CDP will do more destruction than good.

I implore the government to reconsider the CDP for I believe you are taking away basic human rights of people who do not need the gap to be widened. We may just be statistics to you but we are human beings who deserve a far go. Stop spending billions of dollars on programs that demoralise a person worth. Consult communities and people you are supposed to represent to find meaningful ways to engage people and create employment.