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Dear Chris,

Thank you for coming to see me today and showing me the Freedom Housing model of care for people with disabilities. I acknowledge that traditional nursing home or communal care has some shortcomings particularly for young people with disabilities. There is a loss of freedom and contact with family for them in nursing home care and this can deprive them of the 'normal' experiences that we all take for granted when we live with family

The Freedom Housing model seems to address the need for people, who have high dependency needs, to remain with their families and gives them the opportunity to live a life like anyone else, not stigmatised by the 'special' label.

We have much to learn about how this model would operate, however, I was most impressed with way the structure of the accommodation facilitated family life side by side with the provision intensive care and support when required. For these reasons this model does appear to be most worthy of a trial. As a small town would be a suitable trial site, Apollo Bay may be the place to establish the trial program

I do wish you well in your endeavours to establish this model of care in Australia as I do believe the in principle Freedom Housing has the capacity to create significant improvements in the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families.

Yours sincerely,

Linda West  
Chief Executive Officer  
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