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Dear Christos

Thank you for your telephone call and email dated March 26, 2014 regarding the request you have received from the Australian couple currently living in Malaysia with their son who requires supported accommodation in Gippsland once he turns 18 years of age.

I was interested to read about your accommodation model and congratulate you on being awarded the Australian Human Rights Commission Business Award.

I note that in order for you to move to the construction stage in Gippsland, a number of elements need to come together. The first issue is care funding packages for Gippslanders with disabilities would need to be secured and as you note in your correspondence, Barwon has been earmarked for the first launch of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) packages.

Consequently, it is necessary for me to make representations to the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Kevin Andrews, MP, regarding the possibility of NDIS packages for Gippsland ahead of the planned roll out of the NDIS.

I will contact you again as soon as I receive his reply.

Kind regards



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