



Freedom Housing

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The Hon Bruce Billson MP
Chair, Senate Committee, NDIS
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Billson,

The Freedom Housing model provides an excellent long term NDIS-friendly solution to the emerging accommodation crisis. It has the capacity to meet most of the diverse demand for accommodation without drawing from the NDIS fund.

The construction of Freedom Housing is privately funded by the owner-occupiers, or by property investors: not by the NDIS. It can be rolled out quickly, in high volume, and in every mode of accommodation: houses; apartments; villa units, and high-rise.

Freedom Housing comprises the conjoining of four private abodes through internal space, to allow home carers to move from one abode to another easily, whilst respecting the privacy of the other members (persons without disability) of the household. There is a physiotherapy room, and therapy pool, in the common area (Freedom Key).

The following is the concept drawing (not the final building design) for our Sale (VIC) development. Each of the houses is being uniquely designed to meet the needs of the particular household: the fabric; number of rooms; single or two levels etc.



FREEDOM HOUSING CONCEPT PLAN
 GLENHAVEN PARK - STAGE 2 PRINCES HIGHWAY SALE
 AT LOTS 59 & 60 MORGAN STREET AND LOTS 46 & 47 SURKITT BOULEVARD.

CLIENT	PROJECT	DRAWING	DRAWING NO	DATE	SCALE	ARCHITECT
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Freedom Housing facilitates every phase of life (cradle to grave) with 24/7 high care, for persons with disabilities, who prefer to live in private accommodation with family members, friends, or housemates: that is, persons of their choice.

This model is also able to provide 24/7 high care to any other member of the household, including frail elderly residents: it can provide the best aged-care. Freedom Housing has been described as 'the iPhone of care and accommodation'.

Ageing parents, who require care themselves, and who wish to continue to live together with a child with disabilities, will find this model particularly attractive. Freedom Housing is arguably the ultimate non-institutional model, and certainly the most affordable (both for the family, and the tax payer) person-centred one.

When Freedom Housing is rolled out across the continent, it will allow persons with disabilities and members of her family, to move from State to State (from one Freedom Housing abode to another), to take up opportunities they would all otherwise not have been able to.

Freedom Housing is the recipient of the Australian Human Rights Commission Business Award. The model fully complies with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and all of the Objects and Principles of the NDIS Act. Traditional models, which are currently in use today, do not fully comply with either instrument.

We hope to build the first set of houses this year (2016) in Sale (VIC) in cooperation with the George Gray Centre (NGO). The land has been purchased, and the architects have been commissioned to produce the drawings. This is an ideal pilot project for the Senate Committee to recommend for support. The optimisation of the physical design and the inclusions, and the optimisation of the operational protocols (management, advocacy, and governance) may be undertaken during this pilot. Details of the Sale project will be provided to the Senate Committee upon request.

Freedom Housing will increase the happiness of many thousands of Australians who have a disability, and also the happiness of those close to them. It will increase economic engagement by freeing up members of the family to return to work, and it has the capacity to radically reduce government expenditure. We believe it merits support.

Please also accept the contents of the Freedom Housing website as part of this submission: <http://freedomhousing.com.au>

We thank you for this opportunity to make a submission. We look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Christos Iliopoulos CEO (inventor & designer)