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RE: DA2021/0212 - 5 Skyline Place FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

To Northern Beaches Council

Project Independence (PI) is an innovative social housing provider for people with an Intellectual Disability (ID). It represents a new and unique model of homeownership, not only in Australia but also internationally. This new social housing model is based on ten residents living in separate homes built on a single block of land, with additional accommodation for a live-in coordinator to support the residents (also within the same precinct). Residents are generally aged between 18 and 60 and may live at PI for several years while building equity and independent living skills or may choose to live at PI for their lifetime.

Planning Support

We strongly endorse the proposal and support the planning application. Provision of such housing is essential for those with an Intellectual disability and strongly supported by the Board of PI. This particular project will create new opportunities for Sydney residents to access this form of housing, including the support and partnership offered to the families of those with ID.

The collaboration with Platino Properties offers an opportunity that may otherwise not be possible. Platino have worked hard to understand the PI model for inclusion within an integrated development.

They have prepared a design solution that captures the successful elements of other PI Homes and will be a compatible facility within the development and local community.

It is our expectation, as have been proven in other jurisdictions that the demand for this facility will exceed the available accommodation and highlight the need to pursue other similar opportunities across Sydney.

We welcome any direct contact for further information if required.

Yours faithfully,
Glenn Keys AO
Chair Project Independence