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Dear Ms Robinson

I refer to a letter from the Office of the Minister for Disability Services regarding the Physical Disability Council's report 'The impact of ageing on the needs of people with physical disability' 2011.

I understand the report outlines the results of surveys undertaken in 2011 concerning people with a disability in NSW. The broad goal of the surveys was to investigate the impact of ageing on people with a disability. The Department notes the findings of this report and supports the Council undertaking these surveys in the interests of protecting and supporting the welfare of people with a disability in NSW.

As you are aware, the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors and People with a Disability) 2004* (SEPP) encourages an increase in the range of housing types and a general increase in the supply of housing to meet the needs of seniors or people with a disability.

The Department has commenced a preliminary review of the SEPP and is in the process of conducting meetings with relevant stakeholders to identify issues that need consideration. I understand that you attended a meeting on 22 October 2012 with the Department to discuss issues relating to the SEPP review. Providing appropriate access to housing for people with a disability is an important issue and your participation and feedback in the SEPP review would be most welcome.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr David Birds, A/Director Policy Coordination of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. Mr Birds can be contacted on telephone number (02) 9228 6290.

Yours sincerely

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**Director General**

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