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Dear Mr Tune *David*

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 August 2022 regarding the 'Towards an Aged Care Pricing Framework Consultation Paper' (Consultation Paper).

I am pleased to see the progress the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) has made in relation to its expanded role in relation to aged care costing and pricing matters. Independent advice on pricing is a critical element of the AN-ACC funding model for residential aged care, and the IHACPA will play an important role in delivering pricing advice to the Australian Government to inform decisions around aged care funding.

Thank you for circulating the Consultation Paper. This is an important first step and I look forward to receiving the Pricing Framework for Australian Aged Care Services 2023-24.

Yours sincerely

Mark Butler

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