



Pierces Creek residents to have say on redevelopment options for settlement

Residents from the Pierces Creek settlement - one of three rural settlements in the ACT which were devastated by the January 2003 bushfires - are to appear before Federal Parliament's National Capital Committee tomorrow to present their views on redevelopment options being considered for the settlement.

This is the second and final public hearing of the Committee's inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority in determining the extent of redevelopment of the settlement.

The ACT Government has indicated its plans to re-establish the former settlement with an increase from 13 houses to 50 after a sustainability study found that it would not be feasible economically to merely restore the settlement as it was.

The National Capital Authority will also appear at tomorrow's hearing to clarify its position in regards to the extent to which redevelopment should occur.

HEARING PROGRAM

9.30am	Residents / former residents of Pierces Creek Ms Ruth Burgess (Others to be advised)
10.30am	Mr Tony Powell
11.00am	ACT Rural Lessees Association Mr Harold Adams, President; Dr Tony Griffin, Vice-President.
11.30am	National Capital Authority Ms Annabelle Pegrum, Chief Executive; Mr David Wright, Director, National Capital Plan; Mr Graham Scott-Bohanna, Managing Director Design.

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