

My name is Angelie Cheshire, I am a former resident of Pierce's Creek Forestry Settlement. I would like to see the Settlement rebuilt, not only for us, but because it is an important and historical part of the National Capital. This Settlement has been there for the most part of a century, a long time before us, and the fire that nearly destroyed it. It is a special place. It is ~~is~~ beautiful, peaceful & unique, it is rich with history and holds the memories of all the people who were born & raised there, who worked, lived and died there.

It is a major part of the A.C.T.'s Forestry's heritage, and deserves the same consideration and respect as any other important historical site lost in the fire.

I would like to see it rebuilt as close as possible to its former self, to retain its unique character, and I know that changes, including some expansion, have to be made to see it exist in the future. But I don't want to see it overdeveloped and turned into something else, something it was never meant to be, that would be just as unforgivable as not doing anything and letting it disappear from the face of the P.C.T. To be forgotten & neglected to the point that there would hardly be a trace this Settlement even existed, would be a terrible loss & a shameful mistake.

We the residents, the people who still call it home, may be few, but the love for and the bond we feel for this place runs deep.

The residents were the caretakers before the fire and we want to see it survive after it.

The future for us is the future of the Settlement lies lost between the A.C.T Government's stance and the stance of the N.C.A. We now hope that Justice will prevail and both parties will be willing to take enough steps in the right direction, to find that future for us!

Angie Cheshire.

