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Our names are Cheryl Gregory, Cody Kennedy, and Keira Kennedy. We lived at RMB 113 Stromlo Depot house 4 until it was destroyed in the 2003 fires.

I moved there with my husband in 1987, 2 weeks later Cody was born. Craig, my husband died there 10 years ago.

All those years ago, up until the fires, we managed and cared for the Federal land that was across the road from us (approx. 2 acres). We mowed, pruned and removed dangerous trees, planted trees, mulched because of erosion, welded up play equipment, and finally we put in a community vegie garden and orchard.

This garden was to teach some of the disadvantaged kids how to grow veges. (We had several families that were somewhat disadvantaged till they moved to the settlement) In fact most families in the settlement looked after and fed each other's children at different times. The men would take the boys out pig hunting, wood chopping, rabbit ting, fixing cars, making things and all that 'boy stuff' that most kids miss out on these days. Boys need men and the settlements provided that. Most of the mums stayed at home to raise their children, maybe this is old fashioned to some of you reading this, but it works.

I only have one **big** issue with the variation. I just don't understand why you can't give back all the housing blocks? We don't need any more than what we had in the first place. In fact there are 5 blocks only, and they are in a straight line. The ones you have left out are the oldest in the settlement and I lived in one of them. There would be no harm in giving them back. The road is there already, all services are in tact, Dolly's park and Toddy's place would be included as 2 of the 5 blocks.

I was a great tenant and cared for my environment and surroundings and as I stated before I looked after the federal land. Please, please, please give this consideration, as we really need to go home again to the area I once knew so well.

Most tenants did care for their surroundings and the larger yards never seemed quite big enough. Some people say these

yards are larger but really they are standard quarter acre blocks. I look forward to help maintaining 'Dolly's Park" which will once again bring the community together. This garden will evolve over time and will one day support the wild life that once lived there. You name the bird and the settlement had it. (Except the white rump finch). It really was a special place. I have lived in all the settlements from the age of 19 and it has only really been obvious, since the fires, that the community spirit in the rural areas is sooooo different than the suburbs. I won't go into it but it really is a case of 'you have to live there' to see and feel it.

We love the concept that is being discussed in the variation 244. E.g. the type of house, tanks, large yards etc. I will feel proud to live there.

Referring to the design concept-

- ☐ I would like to see **corrugated** colourbond fencing on the outsides of the blocks, not the suburban colourbond, and it would have to be in dark gray to fit in with a rural setting.
- ☐ Enclosed gutters have always been a big problem in Kambah Housing Trust Houses as they do fill up with rubbish and flow back into the roof cavity
- ☐ Modern houses don't seem to have eves these days. I have just experienced living in one. On a hot summers night a well wished for storm comes along and you cant even open the windows cos the rain gets in. You can't go to bed with the windows open just in case it does rain.
- ☐ Toilets, bathrooms and kitchens need windows.

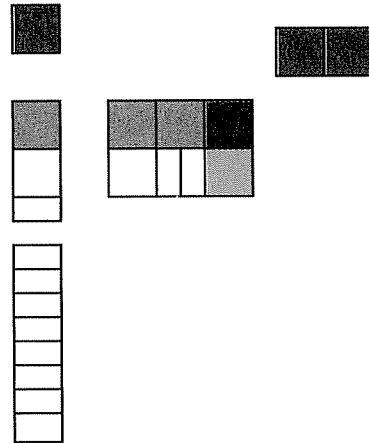
Thank you for your time

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Original blocks still required by tenants



Todkills House (still existing)



Dollys Park



Housing blocks required



Blocks not required, as tenants don't mind moving elsewhere