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# Submission Cover Sheet

## **Inquiry into the Role and Future of the Woden Town Centre in the context of a compact city**

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Dear Environment and Planning Committee Members,

As an owner-occupier in the Woden Town centre, I welcome the opportunity to present my views to the committee regarding the future of my “home turf”.

In the five years that I have lived in Phillip, I have seen many positive changes. This contrasts sharply with the regular handwringing about the loss of “community venues” heard in the press, and predictions of “death via density”.

I commend the progress made towards the town centre becoming less car-centric:

- The addition of a separated bike lane on Corinna Street has made it feel much safer.
- The transformation of large surface car parks into homes close to shops, transit and jobs is welcome. I live in such a home, and I enjoy the freedom of stopping by ColesWorth on my short walk back from the bus interchange and the ability to go to a bar without having to catch a taxi.

Over the next five years, I look forward to further positive changes:

- The construction of additional well-located homes, including some affordable housing, on the derelict former pitch and putt site.
- The construction of a new and improved aquatic centre, open all-year round and with much improved facilities for a wide range of users. My partner, who resides

in an adjacent tower, is a keen swimmer, and she looks forward to being able to go swimming in winter.

- The repurposing of the [REDACTED] carpark into a mixed-use precinct befitting the investment made by the ACT government in the new CIT and interchange.

My vision in the medium term (10-15 years' time) is for the Town Centre to be a lively place both day and night, where the natural choice is to get around by active transport.

To that end, I support the following actions:

- The sale of all remaining ACT government owned surface car parks for redevelopment.
- The conversion of the Melrose/Yamba/Adelaide Ave roundabout into a new residential precinct, which is accessible by light rail from day one.
- Naturalisation of the town centre sections of Yarralumla creek to create a linear park.
- Consolidation of the existing active travel path as proposed in the Stage 2b Light Rail to Woden draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I am unable to attend any committee hearings to discuss my submission; nevertheless, I hope that my views will be taken into consideration regarding this inquiry.

Kind Regards,

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