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Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment

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I write in support of the sale of the carpark area that Woolworths at Hawker ACT wish to purchase. The Hawker shopping precinct has steadily deteriorated over recent years. The small shops have difficulty attracting tenants with the takeaway food shop sitting empty for many years and then a recent owner selling as he could not make a satisfactory return on his investment. Two recent tenants sell illegal tobacco as is the recent trend in many suburbs in the ACT. To attract more people and make the small business area of the precinct attractive and viable then a larger Woolworths footprint may be sufficient to improve foot traffic and achieve this goal. The older population demographic in the Hawker area remember years gone past where small businesses prospered and the area had a small community vibe. The area will never return to this and the ACT government should look to the future and not to the past.

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