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Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment

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Good afternoon committee members,

I write to lodge objection to the application by Woolworths for Direct Sale of the Springvale Drive carpark and other public land at Hawker shops.

The size of the current Woolworths Supermarket is more than adequate for a suburban precinct, in Canberra.

This is not Sydney, that has 10 times the population of Canberra.

If people want to shop at a larger store, they only have to visit Jamison, Kippax or Belconnen Mall, that are all within a 10 minute commute.

The current Hawker Precinct is favoured by many out-of-area shoppers, that visit because it provides a flat area to park and walk safely to the shops without the need to climb stairs, ride an elevator or travelator.

In addition to a Basement or Undercroft carpark, the new proposal will require an increase to the current single loading dock facility, apparently 4 loading bays are proposed.

This would then require an increase in large vehicle traffic for additional deliveries, in an already busy residential setting.

I also understand that part of the proposal is to access part of Hawker Place at the rear of the complex. This part of the new development would block foot traffic from the Hawker Place apartments as well as people walking from Scullin and Page via the existing access footpaths. This would then require shoppers to "take the long way round" to get around the new wall to visit the shops.

As a long term resident of [REDACTED] Weetangera, directly across the road from the shops, for more than 40 years, I am already woken up/disturbed by the 4.30am deliveries to Woolworths. The incessant noise for the forklift unloading goods in the early hours will only increase with the additional goods vehicle deliveries.

The previous supermarket operators (IGA) used to get deliveries during normal business hours, but since Woolworths took over, deliveries are now early morning, with no thought given to the welfare of the immediate local residents and Hotel guests.

Regards
David Wynn