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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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Social Connectivity - What would make Woden Town Centre a more welcoming place to meet and socialise with friends and family? :	More open green spaces with seating (like the square near the Woden post office). Cafes or coffee carts at or next to the green spaces. Currently as a 30 something female, there are very few options to meet a friend for a catchup during the day time. The centre is too busy and outdoor areas are dingy and feel unsafe (eg the square in a weekend, the stormwater drain).
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Bring the Southside farmers market closer into town centre. Outdoor concerts and bands. Food truck events. A huge injection of floriade in the city style flowerbeds and colour. Charity fundraising events. Fun runs/walks
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	I'm not aware of how much is currently available
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for	I am concerned that the infrastructure (roads, sewerage, parking) will not keep pace with the high density apartment

housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	construction. I would like to see these upgraded accordingly and more greenery established (trees, gardens, flowerbeds).
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	More cafes, a wine bar, a coworking space. Definitely a garden centre or nursery to address the gap left by magnet mart some years ago, there is no facilities at all for people with gardens in Woden or Weston now
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	More options for non-chain cafes with adequate sitting room and green spaces. The alby and 3 Mills are great models of success but they are dead zones on a weekend.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	There is a quasi health hub on Bowes st, this could be rebranded with improved signage and information. There are many services in Woden but they feel disconnected, hard to navigate and hard to know about.
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	A walk in centre staffed by nurses or GPs.
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	More greenery, frequent cleaning of seating and tables, ensuring there is traffic to the area not only Monday to Friday by having good cafes/bars colocated or holding events. Mapped walking paths to connect different zones might help too (eg a blue path to get from Woden Westfield to the ice skating rink, a green path to get to the youth centre)
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Fun activities for people in their 20s and 30s - an escape room; painting classes, game rooms, wine and sip, trivia, those sorts of things
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	Parking has become so limited it feels scary to drive. The unsignalled intersection at Kicking Inn is bad. More public parking is needed, even if short term less than 2 hours
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	The future of Woden town centre should be deliberate in considering Phillip. It offers spillover for parking and has many businesses, a strategic approach to connecting the two zones with paths, bridges and business placement would be smart

Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:

No