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## **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? :	A community centre & display centre (for arts & crafts). More meeting/eating areas not attached to individual businesses Easier access (as a Curtin resident - missing Callum St entry to other side of centre) More shops & greater variety (eg gift, card, stationary, Aldi, Kmart, daiso) Access to post office & full Access Canberra office inside centre Bigger library Better click & collect parks
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Art & craft shows/displays:markets Community events/ promos of services /information Carers hub - colocated services Come & try events - More sports facilities needed (bowling, basketball, ice skating, tennis) indoor pool - learn to swim, swimming, water polo, water aerobics, hydrotherapy, carnivals, fun splash area Kids party venue. Keep senior, squash & athletic centres Build new park
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	There will be once the three projects in Phillip and Curtin are completed. Services need to be set up for these. It would be great if vulnerable people and young families could access services they need along the tram line (walk in health centre (medical and nurse), community centre, sports facilities, modern library, parks and recreational areas.

<p>Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>Plan for amenities large developments need and for the future of the shopping centre. More people need more services and recreational options. Woden is a long established town centre but is losing a lot of amenities but growing larger. Other town centres seem to get all new government funding. A fairer method would be to agree the minimum type of government facilities each town centre should have</p>
<p>Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>A bigger shopping centre with more variety to cater for increased population. Currently no gift or stationary stores, no hardware store, no place for people to meet and socialise in a nice setting. Access Canberra shopfront does not offer full services. Library is very small.</p>
<p>Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:</p>	<p>More sporting facilities.</p>
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:</p>	<p>No walk in nurses centre which disadvantages people without private transport Few medical centres Access Canberra office does not have a full offering of services.</p>
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:</p>	<p>Walk in nurses centre Area to promote services/provide information Carers and vulnerable persons hub with colocated services Community centre Arts precinct</p>
<p>Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:</p>	<p>Better lighting. Wind mitigation Colocation with busy hubs More bins for rubbish Plenty of greenery, seating and tables</p>
<p>Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>A community centre &amp; display centre (for arts &amp; crafts). Access to post office &amp; full Access Canberra office inside shopping centre Bigger library Art &amp; craft shows/displays/markets Community events/ promos of services /information Carers hub - colocated services bowling, basketball, ice skating, tennis indoor pool - learn to swim, swimming, water polo, water aerobics, hydrotherapy, carnivals,</p>
<p>Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and</p>	<p>Past (Callum St) &amp; future decisions in road planning (access to Yamba Drive) disadvantages curtin residents. Traffic studies are conducted without knowledge of long standing issues that have resulted</p>

around the Woden Town Centre? :	in 'ratruns' through suburbs now misinforming modelling. Access to Woden shopping centre is fraught. The loss of Callum St access has caused traffic flow & parking issues that will only worsen.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	Higher density means more demand for services/recreation. Woden is a long est. but loses amenities as it grows. Other town centres seem to get new gov't funding. Fairer method - agree minimum type of gov't facilities each town centre gets. Plan & set aside land. Make tenders towncentre specific to achieve public goals. Stop approving pools in developments & build public indoor pool.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	Yes