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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 activity out of hours. Woden town square used to be full of bars and music. Bring it back.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Ice skating, basketball and swimming. Bring back the facilities that have been removed.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	No. Woden is being crammed full of expensive tower units. Social housing is being redeveloped out of the town centre. Pushing social housing away from the town centre makes accessing social services harder.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	More social housing.

Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	Less with blank walls to pedestrian spaces. Mandate street interaction and police compliance.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Expanding across the creek into eastern parts of wtc
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	Mitigate the wind tunnel effect and maximize solar penetration
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Ice skating. Swimming and basketball
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	Plan access to car parks better. The Corrina street gridlock needs to be fixed. The access to the new multiple story car park north of Grand Central Towers has to be better than the tender documents.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	We need better connectivity across the centre. Travel routes need to have activity and amenity. Pavements need to be high quality and maintained. Connections across to Eddison Park need to be established and be a focus for enhancement of the areas on the eastern side of the Town Centre. Rewild the Yarralumla Creek and make it integral to the centre.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee	No

about your experience at a public hearing?:

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