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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? :	1. Bring sunshine into the square - people gather where the weather is pleasant (difficult to retrofit, I know) 2. The Arts - a theatre or gallery space with quality shows
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	1. Regular, inviting social events (Google current activities in Union Square, San Francisco. Salsa in the Square on Fridays includes a lesson and is packed with locals having fun and connecting socially. Also hula hoops, ball games, crafts. 2. The Arts
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	Not sure. Rents have lowered in the area due to the flood of new apartments in Woden so I think we have enough of those. More could be built along the light rail route, but take care it doesn't increase congestion and impact on lifestyle.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	It's at capacity. No more tower blocks please - they limit sunlight.

Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	Some creative and original endeavours that feed the creativity of Woden residents, not just the usual chain stores. More of what is seen in the inner north.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Build an Arts Centre nearby and include quality cafe/restaurant options.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	Mostly okay but it's too hard to get in to see a doctor and the cost can be prohibitive. The new CIT is welcome.
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	A theatre, a gallery, a garden centre and a dog park. Compare facilities in the inner north - give us some of what inner north residents have on their doorstep.
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	Add more vegetation, colour and light.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Theatre Art gallery Olympic pool
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	Build the light rail asap.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	Don't always take the easiest or cheapest option with architecture/ infrastructure. Don't assume southside residents are less intelligent, worthy or cool than those who live in the inner north. We pay our taxes and deserve the same range and quality of local infrastructure as Northside residents. And that includes creative ventures. Build it and they will come! Thank you for asking for our thoughts
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee	No

about your experience at a
public hearing?: