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Social Connectivity - What would make Woden Town Centre a more welcoming place to meet and socialise with friends and family? :	I already find it a very welcoming place to meet and socialise with friends and family. There are many cafes, restaurants and bars, a cinema and arcade, a shopping centre and green/open spaces like Eddison Park and Woden Square.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	I'm struggling to think of anything more Woden requires... I know the markets at Canberra College are popular. Maybe something like that in Woden Square occasionally?
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	I would always encourage more social and public housing. I feel like there are people in the community who actively fight against housing of all types being built, including social and public housing. All of Canberra needs more housing, including Woden.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for	Let's build more of it. The more people live in Woden the better and more vibrant Woden Town Centre will be. We know there is a housing crisis, so lets have Woden as a well-resourced and well connected town centre have more of it.

housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	Woden already has a lot of great businesses and services available. The bar, restaurant and café scenes have improved markedly over the last 10 years. I think the natural area for improvement isn't Woden Town Centre, which is already great, but Phillip (south of Hindmarsh Drive). There is potential for that to be much more like Braddon - more housing, more restaurants and bars there please.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Woden Town Centre already has lots of these. The offerings have improved significantly over the last 10 years, Bradley Street is a great example. The combination of Grand Central Towers and the new CIT building has also started to activate that part of the town centre as well.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	Yes. Woden is well serviced for these things. It is the closest Town Centre to the main hospital. There are plenty of schools nearby. The new CIT has opened. It is a town centre well connected to other parts of the city, so anything not already there is easy to get to.
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	I honestly can't think of anything really missing. I guess as the community ages maybe more aged care facilities in the surrounding suburbs could be useful? I would expect this to occur naturally anyway as the market demands it.
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	I feel like they are inviting and safe for everyone now. I've not felt unsafe in Woden for a long time.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	I don't feel like there is much missing. If there is demand for extra entertainment options they will happen through market demand. Anything Woden Town Centre itself doesn't have can be easily accessed nearby.
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	It's pretty good now. Obviously it will be better once the new interchange is built and light rail Stage 2B is completed. But I caught a bus to Woden just the other day and it was easy. Catching a bus from Woden Town Centre to other town centres is also easy. I have never struggled to find car parking in the Town Centre either.

<p>Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>I think the work of renewing Woden Town Centre should be allowed to continue. It's come a long way in the last 10 years and I think it has a bright future.</p>
<p>Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:</p>	<p>No</p>