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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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**Subject:** Inquiry submission - Role and Future of the Woden Town Centre

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I understand that I cannot share my submission until the Committee publishes it.:	Yes
Consent for Publication - please select one:	I request that my name not be published with my submission.
If you want your name removed, or your submission to remain confidential, please tell us why:	Am a member of a community group but in another area of Canberra
Social Connectivity - What would make Woden Town Centre a more welcoming place to meet and socialise with friends and family? :	more green space, less tall buildings for housing as the town is starting to look like a ghetto, a planned aquatic centre with sporting and arts facilities - like other town centres have.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Community sports and arts centre
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	yes, plenty. There is too much residential going up and taking up green space. And we're losing Phillip pool, yet another pool going from Canberra
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	more medium sized homes or families, not tiny units in large complexes
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	None I can think of, we have plenty of choice without having to go into Civic
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Live theatre complex as part of an arts centre, better upmarket choices
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden	Yes, but TCH needs more money and better paid health staff

accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	A large community centre for all ages not just seniors
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	Build an aquatic centre with 50m pool and have associated arts and sports centre. Woden is the only town centre without such facilities but just keeps selling off land to Geocon.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	as above
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	hurry up with the light rail, stop building more towers when the roads can't handle the traffic even now
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	No