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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? :	More cohesive planning for the development happening around Woden. There is Westfield Woden and everything else is disjointed and disconnected. Any open square type spaces are run down and old and lack businesses like cafes and are basically graffitied wind tunnels. Then playgrounds/skate park don't have good facilities either.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Anything since I can't even name anything that is held in Woden. Maybe a sporting event or two would be good at the nicer sports facilities.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	No because this government doesn't invest in social and public housing.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	Less Geocon crap and more actual nice design. People don't complain about visually interesting and liveable apartment buildings. Look at the developments Melbourne is getting in Fitzroy and Kew at the moment, they are nice apartment buildings with a focus on planter boxes build into the design of each apartment floor and roof gardens etc.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of	More government departments or public servants actually back in the office and not wfh full time would

businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	help the economic activity of the town centre. At the moment it feels like it is in a death spiral.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Why would businesses go and open up new cafes and entertainment facilities when no one goes there? There is also now a serious lack of parking in the area.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	No. The hospital has the worst parking so it's not super accessible for people who need to access services there as it is not well serviced by public transport. And does woden even have a community health facility like other town centres?
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	Community health centre.
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	Some trees and greenery would be a start. More easily accessible between public spaces I.e clean paths/walkways.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Sports facilities. The government could easily put a stadium in woden where the large field is at Launceston street and it would be close the the tram rather than out of the way at Bruce.
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	Finishing the bus interchange would be a good start. And assuming the light rail actually comes to woden that would also help.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	Don't just do nothing under the guise that 'no one uses it' because it's pretty crap and in inviting and old. It needs some actual investment and infrastructure upgrades. Build it and they will come and all that. Just don't do then wodenpool approach to the rest of the town.

Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:

No