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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? :	Re: Corinna, Furzer, Keltie, Bowes Streets. Reduce width of carriageways to slow cars. Place bollards near to carriageways which are capable of deflecting errant vehicles away from sidewalks. Move zebra crossings closer into intersections to straighten walking path and reduce length. Reduce kerb return radii to slow vehicles navigating intersections. Remove off street surface car parking.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Farmers markets like at the college, street parties with food and drink vendors that close the town centre streets and showcase the vibrancy of walkable town centres.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	Not sure, don't know how much there is.

<p>Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>Nothing, the construction of numerous multi unit buildings such as mine ( ) seems reasonable necessary.</p>
<p>Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>Small grocers other than the duopoly, another pub or two. Anything not forced to rent from Westfield which fronts actual public realm and increases land use diversity.</p>
<p>Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:</p>	<p>Expansion of the type of buildings containing the Woden Alby, Ramen-O and Three Mills. Their close integration with residential and office works well and their direct address to the public realm greatly improves that part of the neighbourhood. Westfield's continuing conversion of car parks into commercial space.</p>
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:</p>	<p>Yes but I am not sick, learning or interested in community facilities.</p>
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:</p>	<p>A men's shed type place where people could pay for membership and work on carpentry jobs would be great. It'd be great if the new CIT had a night class in music, visual art, baking, MS excel, basic car maintenance, cabinet/furniture making. The Woden seniors building seems like a wasteful use land with a disconnected/oblique street connection and excessive parking. Remove pokies from Hellenic.</p>
<p>Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:</p>	<p>Reduce kerb return radii on Corinna, Furner, Keltie, Brewer and Bowes. Make much of Corinna pedestrian priority like Bunda in the city. More bike racks. Smaller but more numerous parks that at designed to be less 'windswept'.</p>
<p>Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>A small half court basketball court would be good. A pull up bar somewhere.</p>
<p>Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>More bus stops and higher frequency. Focus on pedestrian experience, vehicles are guests in the town centre. Clear road treatment that demarcate a transition from 'travelling' (Melrose, Hindmarsh, Launceston) into a slow area in which people are the priority. E.g. library frontage to Corinna, that</p>

	foot path is too narrow for 2 people to pass but has parallel parking and two very wide car lanes.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	As the new units and those under construction sell, priority must be given to people who live in urban/town centre areas over those who live in suburban areas but wish to drive conveniently into and around centres. Cities are for people. They must not simply be designed to respond to forecast traffic demand, but be responsible for shaping peoples' behaviour.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	Yes