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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 food options open in the evenings, especially away from Westfield, more facilities in the parks in nearby suburbs to sit in the shade, BBQs
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Markets closer to walking distance / public transport distance to the town centre
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	There needs to be more social housing, but strict screening and monitoring needs to be done to ensure social issues are kept at minimum, and an easier, more straightforward way of reporting and rectification when issues arise.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	More open space between developments, lower building heights, especially closer to the established residential places. My complex is 3 to 4 storeys, I would be concerned by

	shadowing and lack of privacy if heights exceeded 5 to 7 storeys.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	Less late night massage places, would be nice to have a small supermarket near the Melrose Dr end of Botany St.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Have some more places opening in Phillip towards Botany St end would be good.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	Walk-in clinic in the town centre would be good, along with more GP and specialist options. I don't use the pool, but a publicly owned facility would be the preferred option.
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	Walk-in clinic in the town centre would be good, along with more GP and specialist options.
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	More seating, better lighting, shelters, toilets, BBQs, more parkland.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Needs to be more to cater youth, especially those with challenging backgrounds, to help them find self-worth and worth in others, to break the cycle of poverty and crime.
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	Bus interchange should have been built closer to the shopping centre. Light rail extension to Tuggeranong must happen sooner than later, and must be grade separated from cars at Melrose Dr / Yamba Dr. The entire junction should be free-flowing. Melrose Dr traffic has become unbearable for my unit that faces it, since the closure of Callam St. Noise is incredibly loud and dust almost constant.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or	The traffic increase on Melrose Dr since Callam St closure has made it impossible to use my balcony as it's always dirty and really noisy. I spend more time cleaning it than using it. The noise inside the unit is unbearable too, and I have trouble

comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	running by voiceover business from home because it's not quiet enough anymore to record audio. Traffic should be routed along Yamba Dr instead.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	No