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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 trees and other greenery - Enforcement of (existing) laws which are designed to reduce noise pollution from broken/modified mufflers. - A well-designed, publicly owned and operated open air swimming complex, well-treed with good green landscaping. This would provide an affordable and accessible way for people, especially children, to get exercise in the warmer months.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Facilities for outdoor exercise - see above re the pool Community facility like at the Hughes Shops, which could be used for meetings, community events, cultural events
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	No, there is clearly not enough social and public housing. Woden is unaffordable for lower income people, and income and social-diversity within neighbourhoods is demonstrably better for the whole community.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	The tower blocks being built in Woden have smaller and small setbacks - some have not even a row of trees between them and busy roads. They are poorly aspected - many with floor to ceiling glass facing west. We really need to enforce laws to reduce vehicle noise pollution for the sake of the residents of these tower blocks.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of	More community facilities, where community groups can hold events.

businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Sadly, Woden is a very unpleasant place to be. It's a wind-tunnel, with so few trees, heavy traffic and towering concrete buildings. Without major physical infrastructure changes, it's hard to see how it could be improved. I can't think of where you could put dining and entertainment facilities where they would have a pleasant outlook.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	Health infrastructure includes sporting facilities. We need more pleasant, outdoor, play spaces - natural and adventure playgrounds. A well-designed, publicly owned and operated open air swimming complex, well-treed with good, green landscaping would provide an affordable and accessible way for people, especially children, to get exercise and enjoyment in the warmer months.
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	See above
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	More trees, wind breaks.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	See above
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	
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

