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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: Submission to Woden Livability Inquiry - Bruce Paine

Dear Committee ,

I consider the ACT Government's past and proposed actions are in breach of the requirements legislated in the National Capital Plan. Hence proposed actions, at least, need to be amended.

The legislated plan requires that "Continued expansion of services and facilities should be provided for and encouraged in each of the Town Centres." Refer to section 3.3.

This applies to all Town Centres, including the Woden and Weston TC.

Clearly the ACT Government has not met this legislated requirement, since numerous services and facilities have closed in recent years.

In addition, the proposed removal of the existing 50m swimming pool and substitution of a 25m pool is a further reduction - contrary to the law in the NCP.

Clearly the Government is breaching the NCP and needs to change its plans to provide for 'continued expansion'.

This is required by legislation, and by the increased number of people living in Woden and Weston.

Regards Bruce Paine