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Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm a resident at [REDACTED]

I did not sign the petition against the proposal to sell land to Woolworths and develop the Hawker Shopping area.

I would like to provide an alternate point of view to the petition. As a resident who regularly uses these facilities, I would be delighted with the improvements suggested for this commercial area.

I would however prefer that the proposal opportunity open up to alternative developers, who can focus on the housing needs addressed in the ministerial statement.

The community who uses these facilities extends well beyond the borders of the Hawker suburb, and as the population increases in these outlying suburbs, the more that community will need updated facilities to accomodate that increase.

The proposal to build housing with an accessible focus, means that members of our community who struggle to get to the shops, have the opportunity to live closer to regularly needed facilities like medical centres, personal care services, the post office, and of course grocery stores.

Regular development of surrounding RZ2 zoned properties has seen a rapid increase in population, and alongside the changes to dual occupancy in RZ1 zoned blocks, there is also the consideration that the community will increase even further.

Personally, I think the development could be extended even further and I would like to see:

- Inclusion of a space for Hawker Medical Centre to expand, alongside the other medical services offered there (Dental, Physio, Pathology..)
- Retail opportunities for local residents to build upon commercial ideas, or the inclusion of more places for dining out.
- Residences that focuses on less able tenants. Like "The Henry", but with shared facilities and restaurants underneath.
- Community space for families. The current play equipment is pretty dire, but its nice the cafe is close, so you can watch over children with a space to sit (and coffee in hand).
- An open space for weekend markets. Although this could be closing off part of the existing carpark or road to use as a market space, with local government approval. This happens a lot in Europe for makers markets. Example: <https://heatonmoormarket.com/>

All in all, I do not object to the current proposition. There is plenty of car parking space, and the additional underground parking (wherever it ends up) would benefit residents and those attending the shopping facilities.

My preference would be to expand the proposition, and even open it up to other contenders.

However, if the only opportunity for improvement is the current proposition, then it is something I do not oppose.

Kind Regards,

Emily Johnson