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I write to register my opposition to Direct Sale application to facilitate the proposed redevelopment of the Hawker Village shops and, in particular, to the expansion of the Woolworths located there.

I oppose the Direct Sale application for two reasons:

1) I see no social benefit from the redevelopment proposal. There is no community need for a larger Woolworths in Hawker, given that we already have other mega-supermarkets nearby (in Jamison, Kippax and Westfield Belconnen). Instead, there is actually social benefit from having a mix of supermarket types. Mega-supermarkets may offer marginally lower prices and marginally greater choice. But medium-sized supermarkets, like the current Hawker Woolworths, are more manageable and user-friendly places where you can find what you are looking for more quickly and easily. For people with little time, or limited mobility, the latter is a real plus.

2). The loss of on-ground car parking in the proposed redevelopment would be particularly unwelcome. It is wholly inadequate to replace it with underground car parking, which is invariably cramped and precarious to navigate. For my own part, I would go to Jamison or Kippax (where on-ground parking is readily available) rather than descending into the bowels of the redeveloped Hawker Village shops. If my response is as common as I would expect, the redevelopment that the Direct Sale would enable would be the death knell rather than the revitalization of the Hawker Village shops.

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