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Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment

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Hello,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed Woolworths development at Hawker Shops, specifically any acquisition of the current outdoor parking area. While I understand the potential benefits of a larger Woolworths, I believe the detrimental impact of removing convenient parking that supports existing small businesses outweighs these benefits.

The current car park's convenient layout is crucial for attracting customers who need to quickly access the existing businesses. Replacing this with a larger development, incorporating indoor or underground parking, will discourage "quick trip" shoppers, including myself. This will directly affect the revenue and viability of these smaller businesses, reducing the diversity and community focus of our shopping centre.

I urge the committee to carefully consider the long-term consequences of this development on the existing businesses and the overall character of Hawker Shops. Preserving the accessible parking is vital for maintaining a thriving and diverse retail environment that serves the needs of our community.

Regards,
Carolyn McLaren