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Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment

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Dear Committee members

We are writing to express our opposition to the Hawker redevelopment proposal, which will provide a larger retail space for Woolworths. Our opposition is based on the following reasons:

- 1) There is no need for a bigger supermarket in Hawker given the proximity of other big stores at Jamison, Belconnen Mall and the Markets.
- 2) Having a smaller grocery shop that offers competitive pricing in a convenient location is actually beneficial for elderly people, like our parents, who find walking long distances to stock up on essentials, difficult and tiring.
- 3) Difficulty of underground car parking compared with street parking for elderly people and mothers with young children and the disabled caused by steep slopes, stairs, tight corners and trying to manage trolleys and shopping bags in those spaces.
- 4) The impact of the development on existing businesses and community spaces, eg playground, places to tie up dogs etc.
- 5) The impact of more cars created by the development on the neighbourhood.
- 6) The inevitable removal of existing trees and failure to replace them with trees of the same type and size, despite whatever claims the developers might make in the approval stage.

We cannot understand why the ACT government would support the continued duopoly of Coles-Woolworths by approving this development.

Because of the need to shop in smaller stores with nearby street parking, if this development goes ahead our parents will have to drive further to shop.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We hope you will give due consideration to the views of local residents and needs of the community, especially those that are most vulnerable, in your deliberations.

Regards

The Batten family