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Inquiry into the Role and Future of the Woden Town Centre in the context of a compact city

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Social Connectivity - What would make Woden Town Centre a more welcoming place to meet and socialise with friends and family? :	To be able to get into Woden Town Centre more easily. The roads are majorly congested and have had an increase in aggressive drivers. We dread going into the area due to this.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Similar events to the city would be welcomed and may attract more South Canberrans. Food festivals, markets etc.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	There seems to be adequate housing, but I am not privy to those on waiting lists in the area so my comment is probably invalid.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	Less high-rises OR more parking and roads in/out of the area that are accessible. The population in the area has quite obviously increased as the congestion is pretty horrific at times.

<p>Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>Hardware store and more accessible Post Office.</p>
<p>Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:</p>	<p>Make them more easily accessible.</p>
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:</p>	<p>The parking for community services is not appropriate and really needs improving.</p>
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:</p>	<p>Walk-in clinic as the population increases as Weston Creek can get very crowded/have long wait times.</p>
<p>Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:</p>	<p>More greenery within the town centre, possibly more child friendly equipment/water play in the community area near Westfield when it is more accessible. Also, the window washer on Hindmarsh Drive at Woden Town Centre makes everyone I know feel unsafe and frustrated. Sorting this type of erratic and unsafe behaviour for people choosing to offer windscreen washing would be incredibly welcomed.</p>
<p>Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>Indoor multi-sport centre would be great.</p>
<p>Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>Roads and traffic lights need a major overhaul.</p>
<p>Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>There is so much potential for Woden Town Centre. There are many improvements needed to bring it up to standard and keep up with population growth.</p>

Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	No
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