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Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment

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Hi there

I am writing concerning the proposed development of the carpark at Hawker Shopping centre.

I am not supportive for the following reasons:

Hawker shopping centre has an easy local feel about it. It is easy to park and pop in to pick up groceries. There is no need for a larger supermarket at Hawker when there are large supermarkets at both Jamison (Coles and Aldi), Belconnen Mall (all supermarkets) and Kippax (Aldi and Woolworths) within easy access of the suburbs that access Hawker shopping centre.

My elderly mother lives in Weetangera and uses Hawker regularly as it is easy to park and to get to the post office, chemist, Woolworths and a coffee at Rocksalt. She would struggle to use an underground carpark and manage escalators etc.

Cynically I think this proposal is just Woolworths trying to gain a better hold on the local market rather than it creating a better space for the local community. Smaller local shops have had a revival since Covid and have demonstrated they can be well patronised with smaller boutique shops and eateries without needing the big supermarkets dominating the landscape. It would be disappointing if Hawker shopping centre was sold out to the major corporations.

Kind regards
Pip Batten