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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? :	A Town Square that wasn't completely devoid of light would have been a start, but it's a bit late now. There are more than enough cafes, though, and we should not encourage more of them. They close with monotonous regularity, a sure sign that there is an oversupply. Additional parking would also be helpful, as there is not enough at peak times. A multi-storey near the shopping centre would help.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	More sporting venues. We are woefully short of them in Woden.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public	Clearly not, as there is a dire shortage of housing, both social and public, in Canberra. Public housing,

housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	in particular, is insufficient all over the ACT. I put that down to the tram swallowing up huge amounts of the budget.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	If families are to be attracted to Woden Town Centre, we need more 3 bedroom apartments instead of 1 and 2 bedroom, which are too small for the average family.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	Anything other than more women's clothing stores, which are in massive oversupply!
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Some higher end dining options would be good. Virtually everything in Woden is fast food at the moment.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	Yes
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	Good lighting is a priority. And making sure that paving is in good repair, with no uplift from tree roots or unevenness.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	There is no theatre. And sporting venues of all sorts are severely limited.

<p>Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>More parking, as mentioned above, close to the shopping centre is a must. As a senior, I don't want to walk miles to get to the shops from the parking areas. The buses are woefully inadequate and always have been in Canberra. I have often wondered why we don't have minibuses more often instead of the full-size ones that are generally half empty during the day.</p>
<p>Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>The ACT government has ignored Woden for about the past 15 years. Facilities have been closed and not replaced. With the opening of the new CIT, there will be a need for much more to cater for the young people who will come to Woden. And it isn't particularly good for seniors either.</p>
<p>Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:</p>	<p>No</p>