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# Submission Cover Sheet

## **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? :	There's lots of barriers to people accessing the centre, with poor road connections made worse by the recent closure of Callam St. The Westfield carparks are necessary but do cut off the space. Unfortunately poor planning building CIT and the new bus interchange in the wrong places will likely make it harder for people to access the centre, especially the elderly.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	There isn't really anywhere to hold significant events in Woden.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	The demolition of the multi unit public housing was beneficial as they were slums. There is always the need for more but any replacement should be scattered out more. Smaller townhouse type developments might be better
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	Needs to be serious thought to the amount and quality of the housing. Development has been allowed with very little changes to infrastructure which and some that have made it

	worse. While light rail might help, that's maybe 20 years away.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	Need a good mix of businesses, hospitality and entertainment to attract people.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	They're reasonable already but limited to what fits in a shopping centre space.
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?:	They're quite isolated so will deter people from going there Edison Park is too far away from the core.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Need to maintain a pool.
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	All roads around Woden operate at or above capacity at peak time which has been exacerbated by the closure of Callam St to traffic, was not included in the Woden Plan and sufficed to say idiotic. It creates a big barrier in the middle of Woden stopping residents and students accessing north Canberra without an unnecessary detour into heavy traffic.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	The new bus and tram interchange is too far away from the core of Woden. the interchange, library and other key services require people and the elderly to walk further. The new interchange should have been where CIT was built and CIT next to the Hellenic Club. Too late now I guess.

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