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Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment

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The Planning Committee,

As a visitor to the Hawker Village shops and area I am very concerned about the proposal by Woolworth's to develop the area to the extent they hope.

I live nearby in Page, which does not have the shops I need, so I do my major shopping in Jamison: I prefer not to use Woolworths, coming to Hawker to use the Bakers, Post Office, Chemist, Butchers' and occasionally Woolworth.

I have been a regular visitor here for some 22 years, long before Woolworths took over and I was not pleased when they did. I enjoy the hassle-free parking arrangements at Hawker and, like many older folk, have an inherent dislike of basement parking with its limited room to move and narrow spaces.

Hawker Village is certainly in need of renovation to make it more pleasing on the eye, to smooth out some mildly awkward footpath areas and up-date some of the shops, but, the amount of alteration proposed is far beyond what is needed in this small area.

Obviously Woolworths wants to draw in more customers and increase their income and we cannot knock them for that, but at what cost to the local environment?

How much of the environment will be in shade much of the day due to multi-level housing?

How long will this development take? Where do local customers go during the construction work?

Will moving the childrens' play area to a more open location reduce their safety?

Hawker, like many older suburbs, has a high population of older folk who find it progressively harder to get around and Hawker Village is relatively easy for people with mobility difficulties.

I have seen very little publicity for this proposal and certainly none in it's favour and am very much against any approval, though I would certainly be interested in some alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,
Rob Charman,