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As a resident of Weetangera I believe the proposed enlargement of the present Woolworths store and the consequent loss of the Springvale Road carpark would be a great mistake.

I have been using the Hawker shopping centre since it was first built and over the years it has developed into a friendly neighbourhood community space. The car park's bushes and trees help retain some natural space and the above ground car parking make it easier and quicker to use than underground car parks are.

I do not believe that this area needs another huge Woolworths store. The current Metro Woolworths is certainly adequate given the proximity of Hawker to Jamison (Coles and Aldi) and the Belconnen Mall and the fact that Woolworths has "hyper" stores in Kippax as well as the Mall. Smaller stores are a real bonus to older shoppers such as myself who find it very tiring finding what we want in very large supermarkets.

Please let us keep the convenience of a smaller community-oriented shopping centre.

Jill Batten