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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? :	Some green space, there is a lot of concrete.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Provision of meeting places that could provide options for socialising, games, craft or book clubs.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	I cannot comment.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	I cannot comment.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of	I cannot comment and I feel that small businesses have such a difficult time. It is good that ACT Health is located

businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	there, for many reasons including the close proximity to Canberra Hospital.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	There are a lot of options inside Westfield. The Alby provides a different option. Southern Cross Club and Hellenic Club have always been popular and well used.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	Maintain the Woden Health Centre, BreastScreen, Dentists, MACH and antenatal care. Ensuring that there is care for our aging population. Fall prevention and education - fitness sessions to maintain muscles, core strength, bone health. The Woden Library is a vital service, with access to IT and education.
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	Exercises such as Pilates, yoga.
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	To be maintained, some plants and shrubs with good seating and access to toilets.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Losing our Phillip Pool is terrible, people need affordable access to swim, relief from heat and for friends to gather.
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	I do not know how people with mobility issues and use the buses - get to Westfield, Access Canberra etc. I always park at Westfield and my length of stay is only two hours. This option is good as it allows more space for people to come and go.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	I have lived in Weston Creek for fifty years and Woden was always an important part of this experience, my own family also. It was the central hub, convenient and always met our needs. It seems to be just concrete and buildings now. Parking is essential so there isn't a lot of options. The Woden square needs to be focussed on and made inviting and a nice outdoor area. More so, with CIT.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee	No

about your experience at a public hearing?:

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