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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? :	I find Woden good for friends & family, however shopping in Woden Plaza is a disappointment. The Entry to the Plaza is always congested. The Plaza is 52 years old and there has been no upgrading, despite the fact that there is a lot more population now. If you compare with Belconnen or Gungahlin the shopping at Woden is pathetic.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	A market would be good, with fruit, Veggies and clothes ect
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	These last 5 years that I've lived here there are many new apartments so I don't think housing is a problem here. The problem that is starting to annoy is the number of new traffic lights, for the extra traffic.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	No improvements necessary
Employment and Economic Activity - What	

types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	We need more EV chargers in the Phillip area. Non of the new apartment buildings are future proofed! There needs to be consideration to change the building code for high rise apartment complexes. It is very expensive to electrify after construction. These buildings will be with us for decades. EV uptake will increase exponentially in the next few years, the only solution is more chargers
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	The number of Ev chargers in the Phillip area is quite small in number. In Woden we have approximately 18 chargers 2 of which are chatamo. I understand that the Federal government has an Ev charger initiative installing post chargers, these chargers are attached to light poles and apparently are cheaper to install as they use the power from the light pole. They announced that NSW,SA and QLD
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Because of the fact that the Phillip pool will shortly be closed another site needs to be sourced.
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	As I've mentioned previously the traffic is a lot worse since all the multi-story apartments the traffic lights both for traffic and pedestrian lights make it difficult and time consuming to navigate out of the Irving complex and it will be getting worse when the new Geocon complex is built at the Phillip pool site
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	For the last few years the Phillip population has expanded by thousands of people and vehicles. Within the last 5 years Phillip has had thousands of of new apartments. We have Ivy, Wova, Wova 2, Woden Green, Grande central towers, The Melrose, the Sharde, soon the Charlotte together there are thousands of new

	units. Some of these units will own Evs. All these units do not have home charging.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	No