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Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment

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Underground car parking in Canberra is gradually replacing street level parking, and we will have to become accustomed to it. Adequate provision to get to the shopping level will have to be installed, as it is in the newly built Belconnen Markets underground parking. More choice in shopping would be offered in a larger supermarket rather than the present "metro" store.

The proposed redevelopment of the Hawker shops is a rather large project and it will be worthwhile if it really does deliver more reasonable and affordable housing in Hawker. The suburb has had multi-storey flats and quite a lot of townhouse development since the mid-1970 so it will be adding to that stock.

If the project is approved, it would be good if it proceeded as soon as possible. Depending on the outcome of the federal election on 3 May, and what plans may be followed for breaking up the supermarket dominance of the two major players, it may influence whether or not the project does actually eventuate.

I was a resident of Hawker for 40 years from January 1973, and while I am now living elsewhere in Belconnen I do visit the shops occasionally.

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