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Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a new resident of Weetangera who recently relocated from metropolitan Melbourne, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed redevelopment of the Hawker Village precinct.

While I have been delighted by the welcoming community spirit in the area, I've also been struck by how outdated and limited the current retail centre is—especially when compared to the well-integrated, vibrant suburban hubs I was accustomed to in Melbourne. Hawker Shops, in their current state, lack the amenity, accessibility, and vibrancy that should define a local centre serving such a diverse and growing community.

The proposed masterplan, as outlined, is not only overdue—it's essential. A modern, full-service supermarket combined with a mix of retail, dining, and health services, all underpinned by thoughtful public design and a people-first layout, would significantly enhance the liveability of the area. The inclusion of intergenerational spaces, a new playground, and improved pedestrian access reflect an understanding of how successful suburban centres should function—as hubs of community connection, not just commerce.

Importantly, the vision for sustainability, including EV charging, solar power, and maintaining key remnant trees, reflects a commitment to future-focused development. This aligns with the

expectations of many new residents like myself who are drawn to the ACT for its livability and environmental leadership.

I understand that change can be difficult for some, but the status quo is not serving the needs of current or future residents. The redevelopment proposal represents an opportunity to bring Hawker into line with the quality and amenity that Canberrans deserve.

I urge the ACT Government to proceed with this plan.

Sincerely,

M Sullivan