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# Submission Cover Sheet

## **Inquiry into Petition 002-25: Hawker Village shops redevelopment**

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Dear Sir/Madam

Hawker shopping centre currently has one big plus for patrons - the car park is big enough. and open enough, to allow larger vehicles like tradies with trailers and large commercial vehicles to park their vehicles then shop. Current arrangements mean business for shop owners, and benefits for tradies. If you take it away, you will negatively affect both business owners and patrons.

So if we currently have a win/win situation, why change it? The inexorable grab for change always ends up being to patrons' detriment and big business advantage. Sadly, governments seem reluctant to stand up to big business..

So please do not allow any development at Hawker to have an underground car park. It will be a big disservice to everyone except big business.

Also on parking: current parking is very good for elderly patrons (like me). Please don't disadvantage us.

Thank you

Barry

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Barry Smith