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# Submission Cover Sheet

## **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? :	Keep the trees, plants, seats and stage. Outdoor dining - good food eg Italian, Spanish, organic or something Reasonable prices. Keep the area clean Music - lunch times - all year; evening times Friday/Saturday in Summer - encourage either buskers or local musicians especially from CIT performance students: coffee/tea carts
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Music - lunch times; evenings in Summer Themed market once a month of something Dance group - performance- lunch times or Saturday or Friday evening Interest group displays Art / display or invitation to participate Library: street library with chairs; child friendly sensory/play area with coffee cart nearby.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	Need more social housing. Articles in the papers say there is a great shortage. Perhaps be spread throughout the community and not clustered like Byrnie Court.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	Limit high rise development. Standalone housing on small blocks for singles (of any age) who do not want body corporate involvement or be part of a town house complex.
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?:	Maybe have smaller boutique cafes around the centre of Woden - not all in a straight line. Not the 'Chains'. People can then look across and see different types of cafes, small good food outlets and feel as more eclectic vibe. Music.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	Better sign posting / community map for these services. A 50 m outdoor community pool. Hydrotherapy pool. The ice skating rink was good.
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	Good landscaping. Cleanliness. Numerous different types of seating. Use vegetation to create denser sitting spaces, giving some privacy but still part of the whole. Themed seating.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Arts centre - for display and meetings and performance. Create links between the library facilities, CiT and outdoor/indoor performance spaces
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	Have plenty of parking as well as public transport. Make sure the residential developments include plenty of underground parking + extra spaces
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	It is much better than the concrete and 1 sculpture that used to be the town centre. A common / coloured / planted walkway between all the disparate bits could be a linking idea. Or a Eoden map displaying services. Need "no cost" inclusive spaces (good landscaping/seating/picnic areas/ child friendly, teen friendly, adult friendly with the option of "low cost" purchases in the food/drink area.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	No

