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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? :	Towns require green space/parks interspersed between buildings. Spaces for people to socialise and meet each other. Green space/trees provide respite from heat. Woden is currently jam packed with small apartments and car parks. It is not a place to tarry and sit awhile. Jamming people into small apartments with the only entertainment provided being a shopping mall is a sad indictment.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	More green space in which to socialise and experience the natural environment. All green space activities such as the tennis courts and bowls have been removed. People like being outside. For older people and people with disabilities there are no pleasant green areas easily accessible.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	Not enough suitable social housing. A plethora of small flats owned by investors. Small cramped living spaces breed disontent and mental health issues. In European towns people have balconies and green squares close by all apartment blocks for children to play and for people to sit. No urban planning is evident. Builders are provided with carte blanche to maximise profit.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	It would be great to see more medium density dwellings such as the ones around tank street phillip. there are green spaces throughout the development. It is thoughtful.

<p>Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>It is a disgrace that the ACT government has sold the only haven of green in the area i.e Phillip Pool to be sold for dense high rise housing. There has been no community consultation. The community is very disillusioned and angry about this and there is a concomitant lack of respect and cynicism about the ACT Government.</p>
<p>Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:</p>	<p>Plenty of dining in Woden. Shopping and eating is all there is.</p>
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:</p>	<p>More communal green space and Gardens. For Apartment dwellers communal allotments for people to grow vegetables and flowers. This is a common facility in other places.</p>
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:</p>	<p>More green space /outdoor activities.</p>
<p>Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:</p>	<p>Outdoor sporting facilities. The Government should buy back Phillip pool and develop a green haven for apartment dwellers. People want out door spaces/ pools. Countries around the world are providing more outdoor pools and facilities not less. It is incorrect for the ACT government to assert people want indoor facilities/ pools.</p>
<p>Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>Outdoor 50 metre pools and outdoor childrens pools and play areas. Bowling greens for older people . Allotments for apartment dwellers to have access to gardening.</p>
<p>Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>No tram it is loading future generations with debt. The buses are fine. People from outlying suburbs still need to drive to access major Public transport routes.</p>
<p>Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>Before any more DA approvals go ahead please communicate and take heed of community concerns. Please stop imposing ill conceived, poorly evidenced notions on what the populace wants. The current situation of high density, poor quality small apartments is imposing a miserable impost on future generations</p>

	with more heat islands, no protection or thought re climate change and a legacy of huge debt.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	Yes