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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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If you want your name removed, or your submission to remain confidential, please tell us why:	Not everyone shares my ideas. I'm happy to explain them, including in public. But if my ideas are worth anything it is on their own merit, not because they are mine. If my ideas are insufficient what value is there in attracting the attention of crackpots?
Social Connectivity - What would make Woden Town Centre a more welcoming place to meet and socialise with friends and family? :	Parking, sunlight Parking - slow to navigate, disjointed and confusing, costly if you are there for a while. Sunlight - Five Dock in Sydney allowed a tall building to overshadow public space provided they install a heliostat on the roof. Could we do that?
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	I might have gone to music at the pond if I had known about it. Where should I read about these things? i am not on Facebook. Eddison Park could host casual things for free - orienteering, frisbee golf, tai chi, or at least cheaply: picnic and wine tasting. Embassy open days - works for Thailand.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	

<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>Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:</p>	
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:</p>	<p>The Phillip medical centre is expensive and slow. I go to Erindale. It is not cheap but at least it is quick. Driving someone who can't be left alone to the CH emergency room requires an insane walk or 2 adults. If the multi story car park is full, it will still take 20 minutes to get out. The overflow carpark across Yamba can't be accessed from the CH exit and requires a trip around the block.</p>
<p>Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:</p>	
<p>Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:</p>	
<p>Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>I go to Palace electric or limelight before woden hoyts. film choice, ticket price, ease of parking</p>
<p>Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :</p>	<p>Mawson Park and ride is great. But there are an insane number of traffic lights to get to Yarraglen. Where can I park and ride near the bus stop across from ice skating? If the LR must go through Barton, can we have a fork in the tracks and half the trams can be express ? The Pearce local bus is infrequent and slow. if i drink in the city, i bus to mawson and ring for a lift. I could feel safer.</p>
<p>Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:</p>	<p>more on accessibility: Westfield parking is a nightmare. pedestrians and cars cross. Why not move the underground entrance from Corinna St to Juliana Place? Perhaps a separate exit in Keltie St to make it flow. I am not a fan of bidirectional bike paths on Corinna St. I would not pedal</p>

	along there as the drivers are already looking at too many things, let alone looking for cyclists behind them.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	Yes