



## Statement pursuant to Standing Order 246A

Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 246A, I wish to make a statement on behalf of the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services relating to its Inquiry into the role and future of Woden Town Centre in the context of a compact city.

At its meeting on 29 May 2025, the Committee adopted a wide-ranging inquiry into the current and future zoning needs of Woden Town Centre. This inquiry will examine how the planning system can support the social, economic and environmental prosperity of Woden.

The Committee is seeking feedback from the community, business, government, and any other interested stakeholders to inform its report. The terms of reference are broad and seek to examine the full range of issues relevant to Woden Town Centre, including its housing needs; employment and economic activity; health and education infrastructure; transport both to and within the town centre; and its sustainability and resilience to climate change.

Submissions for this inquiry are due by 22 August 2025, and the Committee intends to hold public hearings towards the end of 2025 with a view to presenting a report at some point in 2026.