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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? :	The renaturalisation (rewilding) of the Yarralumla Creek Stormwater drain.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Walking, birdwatching, kids playing in nature, fishing, exploring, in the vicinity of a naturalised Yarralumla Creek.
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	No. There is never enough!

Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	Housing better integrated along a naturalised Yarralumla Creek. 100s of terrace houses could have waterfronts.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	Sports and leisure activities.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Banning the pokies would help stop Hellenic, Southern Cross and Raiders clubs from suffocating small hospitality venues. More small bars and restaurants would be great.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	Yes
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	More housing for elderly in the centre, at short walking distance from services. Elderly people are trapped in aged care in car dependant outer suburbs.
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	Renaturalise Yarralumla Creek stormwater drain into a beautiful, slow flowing, nature filled creek.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Small bars and restaurants.
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	Get the light rail finished as soon as possible. More car free areas. Better cycle paths.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	

Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	Yes
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