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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? :	Getting to Woden from Farrer is very car dependant, but there is little in the way of parking except in Westfield. I would like to use public transportation, but there are few options.
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	There are community events in Woden?
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	Unsure. Housing cost is a large burden though.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	Would appreciate there being more 5-6 story residential buildings, or terraces with walkable shops. Too much wasted space for greenspace that achieves nothing except reduced walkability.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	Needs to be more commerical zoned areas, it's too clustered in too few areas. Big chains have displaced all other businesses.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	Everything is just inside the Westfield, or pokie palace clubs. Neither of these places are vibrant or welcoming. There needs to be other options. There are no pubs in Woden which is odd.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden	Nowhere near enough medical services. Needing to go to Sydney for specialist appointments or waiting over a year for poor quality Canberra appointments.

accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	
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?:	Currently they are windswept paved squares around office buildings, not welcoming.
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Live music venue, Canberra doesn't really have any. Upgraded swimming pool would be nice.
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	Better links to surrounding suburbs, I've never used PT to get anywhere in Canberra as it's too fragmented, "car dependant hellhole" is how I would describe this city.
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	It has lots of flats but no services. Needs more commercial spaces to bring people out
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	No