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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? :	Better pedestrian access, at present it is very difficult to get to Woden from any direction, busy roads to cross, roadworks everywhere Better vehicle access, same as above plus long queues for car parks More accessible open green spaces. Woden town square is cold, windy, shaded by tall buildings and very uninviting. People are rarely seen there using it
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	Outdoor markets, art and craft events, food fairs, small entertainment venues suitable for Woden is dominated by Westfield, office buildings and tall uninspiring apartment blocks. None of which is conducive to pedestrian access and places for people to meet
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	No. Woden is dominated by high rise apartments. There should be more lower level accomodation such as adjacent to Edison park and the cemetery, off Easty street.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	Stop building high rise apartments. Woden is now very uninviting as a place to visit. I don't go there very often due to the poor access. Mostly go to smaller local shopping centres in Hughes, Garran, Curtin and Mawson, so much nicer vibrant and inviting.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would	More outdoor eating in sunny locations not dominated by buildings such as the cafes along Bradley street which are badly located. What about

you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	near Edison park or convert a street level carpark into green open space eg between Corinna St and Hindmarsh Drive
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	See above
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	I don't go there due to poor access
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?:	Green Open space is important, not hard cold or hot concrete surrounded by high rise buildings. Edison park is a great example, there needs to be more like this with easy pedestrian and vehicle access. Attracting more people generally makes them safer, include good lighting for evening activities
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	A 50 metre outdoor pool with smaller pools for children. Just like the one that is currently there. Don't replace it with a 25m pool in a private development as proposed. I visit the pool regularly and strongly support retaining it and improving the facilities Art and cultural facility such as the one in Belconnen Town Centre
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	As above.
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?:	No