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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? :	Keep, improve & value community amenities, like 50m public swimming pool and ice-skating rink. It would be great to continue improving the Woden library. Make a community entertainment centre and hold artistic events in and around Woden. More youth based (3rd places) spaces that don't expect them to spend money (like YMCA, library, PCYC).
Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :	More concerts and entertainment. Free family events run by local organisations in Eddison Park. Hold events in Woden from local festivals, like the writers festival. I enjoy the farmer's market. Would be great to have more events to bring others into the Woden precinct including events for families. The library is an essential part of our community! Easter egg hunt, hand made craft markets,
Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:	Planning needs to ensure adequate inclusive and affordable accommodation while ensuring community and nature spaces are maintained/adequate for the increased population. Ensure quality builds that will stand the test of time like A & A, not just mass production. Consider/value the community aesthetic for suburbs- not just approving multiple knock down and multi-storey buildings.
Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for	Ensure adequate community amenities with the new apartments. Can't keep building more accommodation without reconsidering public spaces. Value the

housing in the Woden Town Centre?:	community not just fitting more apartments in, especially pools and recreational areas.
Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:	More family friendly activities. Musical, literary, sporting and artistic. Community organisations bring a soul to the area. A night life. Shops being open past 5pm. More sporting and recreation areas readily available (like Erindale with recreation & sports).. to help break down barriers to access especially for youth. A coop space for artists with locally made crafts. Dept store.Aldi.
Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:	More entertainment and public concerts. Community arts centre like Tuggeranong and Belconnen. Hold community festivals in Woden. Promote the development of another cafe/restaurant to bring the community together in Hughes.
Health, Education and Community Services - Are health, education, and community services in Woden accessible and sufficient for your needs?:	No. A nurse run after-hours or Medicare clinic in Woden would be valuable. Adult education sessions locally CIT or Canberra College. More public community events
Health, Education and Community Services - What additional services would you find valuable in the area?:	Open a nurse run after-hours or Medicare clinic in Woden. Support and promote public education. Support Woden community services and Woden council. Please offer affordable adult education sessions locally at CIT or Canberra College. More affordable childcare
Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:	Keep a 50 m pool and public spaces like ice-skating/bowling/family fun. Hold outposts for Canberra festivals in Woden, like for art, music and literature . Construction has been going on for such a long time! Ensure regular clean up of broken glass and rubbish in area. Consider women's safety with lighting, especially make walkway feel safer from bank to library
Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :	Keep 50 m pool. We do not have a lake unlike most other Canberra town centres- important to have adequate open/community/nature spaces. Would welcome a recreational sporting centre a live musical/performance/art area. Teenage adventure playground.
Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :	Reopen streets & walkways these have been closed for so long around Westfield and the interchange. More buses, especially around hospital. Ensure Street lights are functional. Monitor & Ensure people don't illegally park around local schools. Keep working on accessible foot paths. Traffic lights near Canberra College and

	Hellenic club are not optimised for foot traffic. Buses around Westfield
Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:	Please keep the heart of the community in mind. Ensure adequate events and services to bring everyone together. Thanks for the opportunity to offer suggestions. It would be nice for it to become a destination not just a place to visit because it is close. Please ensure the CIT does not have high pitched teenage-deterrents.
Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?:	No