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# Submission Cover Sheet

## **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? : | More playgrounds for children of different ages with shade and activities. Indoor and outdoor ones. Consider closing the roads on Sunday to make it car-free. Organise farmers market and harvest markets on weekends. Create night time activities or markets. Is there even an amphitheatre or place for crowds to gather and celebrate in a communal way? |
| Social Connectivity - What types of events or activities would you like to see more of in Woden? :                              | Organise farmers market and harvest markets on weekends. Create night time activities or markets. If there's an amphitheatre or gathering point, cultural festivals, music festivals or even just a place for buskers. A free community piano that people can just play.   |
| Housing - Do you think there is enough social and public housing in Woden to meet community needs? Why or why not?:             | I think there's enough housing (apartments), but I'm concerned that your road infrastructure is insufficient. The roads are already too narrow to support the number of apartments.  |
| Housing - What improvements or changes would you suggest for  | Widen the roads, improve the high density housing and apartment quality, grow more greenery.   |

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| housing in the Woden Town Centre?:   |   |
| Employment and Economic Activity - What types of businesses or services would you like to see more of in the Woden Town Centre?:             | We need a bunnings or hardware store, and nursery/gardening centres in Woden Town centre, not having to go all the way to Tuggeranong or Fyshwick. A theatre or public amphitheatre to bring people together.   |
| Employment and Economic Activity - How could the dining and entertainment options in Woden be improved?:                                     | More family-friendly and culturally diverse dining, amphitheatre or gathering areas for people to socialise that is not near car-heavy roads  |
| 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?:                                    | No  |
| Public Spaces - How could Woden's public spaces be improved to ensure they are inviting and safe for everyone?:                              | Consider closing the roads on Sunday to make it car-free. Are there even bicycle paths in the narrow roads?   |
| Community Facilities - What recreational or cultural facilities do you think are missing in the Woden Town Centre? :                         | Amphitheatre or gathering squares, places for people to co-create (buskers, community piano, play sports).  |
| Transport and Accessibility - What would you do to improve access to and around the Woden Town Centre? :                                     | Widen the roads, or include more multi-level carparks in and outside the town centre. Create accessible pathways between residences to commercial and social facilities that are above ground if roads are needed (see how Sunway in Malaysia does it). West and Southside do not have access to the trams, so unfortunately roads are still essential. |
| Other Comments - Do you have any other ideas or  | Woden is not very dynamically creative. We go there because it's very functional and we revolve around Westfield. To make the outdoor environment more dynamic and vibrant, please  |

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| comments about the future of Woden Town Centre?:   | consider the traffic, the lack of activities and gathering points, and outdoor sitting areas. |
| Would you be interested in speaking to the Committee about your experience at a public hearing?: | No  |