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Attachments: Bower et al - Built environment and loneliness.pdf; Why loneliness is both an individual thing and a shared result of the cities we create.pdf; Transcript - HIGHLIGHTED FOR QON - Social Issues - Loneliness - 6 February 2025MB edit.pdf

Hello,

Thanks so much for this. I have attached the transcript with two minor changes in language.

I have also provided evidence based on the question on notice around evidence for the following statement I made during the inquiry:

We must invest in improving community-level infrastructure equally across New South Wales—such as parks, community hubs or youth centres—to support local social interaction. Our own research demonstrates this, and I can also share that with you.

These include a global systematic review I led examining the impact of built environment design on loneliness outcomes. I have also attached a pdf of Conversation article we wrote based on this published paper, which provides a summary of findings and implications.

I hope that this is useful. Please do let me know if I can provide any more information or clarification.

Marlee