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#### **DELIVERING SAFER COMMUNITIES IN BELGRAVE**

Liberal Member for La Trobe, Jason Wood, has today announced a re-elected Turnbull Government will provide \$84,500 for CCTV for areas around the Belgrave commercial precinct to deter anti-social behaviour in Belgrave.

The funding has been committed under the Coalition's \$40 million Safer Communities Fund.

"Everyone has a right to gather safely in their community spaces, and this includes our shopping strips. As a former police officer myself, I know that CCTV plays a vital role in not only deterring crime, but helping police catch offenders too," said Mr Wood.

The Belgrave Traders Association will facilitate delivery of this project.

The Safer Communities Fund delivers on the Coalition's ongoing commitment to keep Australians safe and secure.

Only safe communities can be strong and prosperous, and the best way to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour is to prevent it happening.

The \$40 million Safer Communities Fund will consist of two streams:

- Stream one will boost the efforts of identified local governments and community organisations to address crime and anti-social behaviour by funding crime prevention initiatives (such as fixed and mobile CCTV and lighting).
- Stream two will boost efforts to protect schools, pre-schools and community organisations that are facing security risks associated with racial or religious intolerance.

This new \$40 million fund will build on the previous work the Coalition undertook during Government through the Safer Streets Programme and the Schools Security Programme.

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Minister for Justice Michael Keenan said the Coalition's community safety record was solid.

"The Coalition has now committed more than \$100 million purely to assist local communities in delivering strategies to address crime and anti-social behaviour," Mr Keenan said.

"We will continue to put funds towards projects that make our streets, communities and our nation safer." Mr Keenan said.

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