



NOTICE OF MOTION

15th November 2005

NOM4	CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING GROUP AND REVIEW OF PLAN FILE: * CLR JHB
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I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday, 15 November 2005.

- "(i) That the Crime Prevention and Community Safety Working Group of the Social Strategic Planning Committee be required to report to Council within three (3) months on urgent and effective action required to address the totally unacceptable incidence of crime within Kempsey Shire.***

- "(ii) That the review of the Crime Prevention and Community Safety Plan include an investigation of the advantages/disadvantages of the implementation of the Parental Responsibility Act 1994 as adopted by Orange City Council."***

NOTE:

The objectives of the Kempsey Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan are to address issues linked to community safety and crime issues in Kempsey Shire and to assist to create a safer environment for those who reside in, work in and visit the Shire. These objectives will be achieved by encouraging community ownership and participation in community safety and crime prevention programs and activities by seeking to address in conjunction with other Council initiatives, Police, government and non-government agencies and departments and other relevant services, factors that precipitate crime particularly entrenched social and economic disadvantage which has been identified as a critical casual factor in much of Kempsey Shire's community safety and crime issues.

A survey of Kempsey CBD business and services in 2003 disclosed: -

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- 70% of respondents indicated that they had experienced at least one criminal incident.
- 71% of respondents indicated extreme concern about a range of criminal incidents in the CBD with the highest level of concern being anti-social behaviour.

A report was requested in September 2005 as to the manner in which the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (Economic, Environmental and Social) are applied to existing premises within Kempsey Shire.

A document provided by Council's Department of Sustainable Development Services, with the outcome opportunities to reduce unemployment are maximised – does not include the provisions of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan as a required output.

Council's publicity on October 26, 2005 states, "To be safe in the Community, the Aboriginal Community along with the wider community needs to feel safe and not fearful".

The introduction of the Parental Responsibility Act 1994 together with a range of initiatives at Orange City Council has reduced the incidence of crime considerably according to Deputy Mayor and Chair Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee, Councillor Glen Taylor.

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL