



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

12th December 2006

DCCS7	VANDALISM COST TO COUNCIL
	FILE: 657 MLB (336309 & 336798)

SUMMARY:

Reporting on advice received from Bob Debus MP, Attorney General of NSW and Tony Kelly MLC, Minister for Juvenile Justice, relating to requests for solutions to the rising cost of vandalism in the Shire.



At the ordinary Council Meeting of the 12 September 2006, Council considered a report on the ongoing cost to Council incurred from acts of vandalism to Council property and facilities. At this meeting it was resolved;

"That letters regarding the costs of vandalism in the Shire be sent to the Minister for Police, the Attorney General, and the Minister for Juvenile Justice."

Letters were written to Bob Debus MP, Attorney General of NSW, Tony Kelly MLC, Minister for Juvenile Justice, and John Watkins MP, Deputy Premier, and Minister for Police on 4th October 2006 conveying Councils resolution.

At the time of writing this report no response had been received from the NSW Police Service however responses were received from the Attorney General and Minister for Juvenile Justice.

Attorney Generals Reply

On 13th November 2006, a reply was received from Bob Debus MP Attorney General in response to Council's concerns. [\(Appendix G\)](#)

Bob Debus MP advised that staff from the Attorney Generals Department are currently working with Council on the development/ review of the Crime Prevention Plan. This plan identifies Vandalism / Malicious Damage to Council property as Priority area 2E.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan is discussed further in Report DCCS8.

He also advised that the Department does not fund the installation of security cameras under the Safer Community Compact Grants. Furthermore, in the 'Evaluation of the NSW Government Policy Statement and Guidelines for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in Public Places – Final

Report' (<http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/cpd>) failed to prove that CCTV is a successful crime prevention strategy.

Minister Debus further advised that on the 26th September 2006, the Premier the Hon Morris Iemma, announced the establishment of the Anti-Social Behaviour Pilot Project in six Police Local Area Commands across the state. This trial will allow participating government agencies and non-government organisations to share information and initiate actions where they believe a child or young person is at serious risk either to themselves or to the community.

Juvenile Justice Reply

On 21st November 2006, a reply was received from Tony Kelly MLC Minister for Juvenile Justice in response to Council's concerns. ([Appendix H](#)).

Tony Kelly MLC advised that both the NSW Police and NSW Department of Juvenile Justice have both entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which specifically allows for the sharing of information between both departments.

The MOU sets out the processes either party is required to follow in requesting information relating to detainees including their up-coming release dates.

To date, the Department of Juvenile Justice has not received any formal requests for information from the NSW Police under the provisions of the MOU.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

▪ ***Environmental***

There are no environmental implications arising from this report

▪ ***Social***

The endorsement of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy of Council will assist in addressing the incidents of malicious damage / vandalism to Council property and facilities.

▪ ***Policy or Statutory***

There are no policy or statutory implications arising from this report.

▪ ***Financial Implications***

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

▪ ***Directors Review***

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the contents of this report.

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