



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

11<sup>th</sup> December 2007

**DCCS7**

**FEASIBILITY STUDY CCTV**

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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on recommendation of Council's CCTV Working Party for an allocation of \$25,000 for the provision of a Feasibility Study for CCTV in the Kempsey CBD

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### **BACKGROUND**

In September 2007 Council formed the CCTV Working Party following concerns raised by both Council and the business community on crime issues particularly in the Kempsey CBD.

The Working Party has investigated and researched information on other Councils and their implementation of CCTV facilities. Discussions have also been held with CCTV Service Providers, security services and the Police.

The process for the implementation of CCTV is dictated by the NSW Guidelines on the introduction of CCTV in public places. The Working Party has been progressing through these guidelines, including holding a public meeting on the provision on CCTV on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

The Mayor and a member of the business community visited Ipswich Council in Queensland, which over the past ten (10) years have implemented CCTV security in the CBD areas. As a result of this meeting a representative from the Ipswich Council was invited to make a presentation to the Working Party and general public in Kempsey on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

The presentation was informative in providing the Working Party with an overview of what is involved in the real time monitoring of CCTV systems. It must be noted that due to differences in legislation in NSW it is not possible to replicate the Ipswich model in Kempsey. However the presentation did highlight the need for a multi agency approach to support CCTV installations for them to be successful, including Council, NSW Police, private security services, business and community members.

It was evident from the presentation that a feasibility study should be undertaken to determine the requirements for an effective CCTV installation in Kempsey. At its meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007 the CCTV Working Party made the following recommendation to Council:-

- "1. That Council proceed with an expression of interest to undertake an assessment of CCTV requirements for the Kempsey CBD and allocate \$25,000 to the project.*
- 2. That Council investigate options for immediate and ongoing general / commercial funding for CCTV cameras and monitoring station.*

## **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

*Nil*

- ***Social***

*That an investigation into the provision of CCTV within the Kempsey CBD area will provide Council with a guide as to the implementation, possible costs involved, suitable sites for installation, and how the system could be maintained. Undertaking this activity will inform the business and general community with the issues and opportunities associated with CCTV.*

- ***Economic (Financial)***

*The installation of CCTV technology is an expensive undertaking and the ongoing management / and or monitoring will require extensive ongoing funds. Prior to the installation of CCTV cameras within the CBD Council needs to have a feasibility study to determine desired results. A budget allocation of \$25,000 is required to undertake a feasibility study.*

- ***Policy or Statutory***

*Nil*

- ***Director's Review***

*The security of the public and businesses of the CBD is a concern for Council. Technology exists to support a more secure environment than policing alone. Council can provide support to the community through further investigations into the provision of CCTV. Prior to an expensive installation of CCTV in response to public concern Council should undertake a feasibility study to ensure this technology will deliver desired results.*

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

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