



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

12th June 2007

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SOUTH KEMPSEY BUSINESS & SECURITY

FILE: 69 EAG {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Report on security issues in the South Kempsey area.

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DESCRIPTION:

Following a spate of Break-ins and considerable damage to several businesses in South Kempsey there have been three meetings to identify the issues and seek ways to address them. These meetings have been held throughout May 2007.

The meetings have been very positive with the following issues identified:-

- Street lighting
- CCTV
- Undergrowth along Gill's Bridge Creek
- Need for more security patrols (police & private).
- Curfews
- Lock down of area
- Others

At Council's May meeting a motion was passed to increase Street lighting in the South Kempsey area and we are awaiting Country Energy's completion of this task.

Council is currently investigating what actions it can take to assist with the removal of undergrowth prior to the completion of the Gill's Bridge Creek Management plan public exhibition.

A small group of South Kempsey business people are investigating the other issues raised. With proposals for security guards and use of CCTV being pursued.

Additionally we have received reports from the State and Commonwealth Governments (tabled) on various reviews on the use of CCTV across the country. The results of which identify that the use of CCTV is an effective and efficient way of reducing crime in our communities.

Additionally Council has received a proposal from Safe and Secure Surveillance [Appendix A – Page A1](#) to be installed in our CBD as a further deterrent for crime and vandalism. There may be others available.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental:***

Possible improvement to the environs of Gills Bridge Creek on removing the excessive weed undergrowth along the banks.

- ***Social:***

Enable a clear view and access to the areas along the creek removing the escape route for perpetrators

- ***Economic (Financial):***

Reduced cost to businesses due to break-ins and vandalism. Possible need for some Council resources to be involved.

- ***Policy or Statutory:***

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council continues to support the South Kempsey Businesses in their pursuit of remedies to the issues identified.
2. That Council undertakes identified works within its programs and budget which would assist.
3. That Council assists the South Kempsey Businesses in accessing any grant funding which may assist in addressing the identified issues.

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