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CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER

A RE-ELECTED Coalition Government will provide up to \$300,000 to install Closed Circuit TV camera systems to combat violence, graffiti and other anti-social behaviour in Cairns.

Liberal Candidate for Leichhardt Charlie McKillop today welcomed the announcement by Attorney-General Philip Ruddock the Coalition had responded directly to her calls for a federal boost to crime fighting initiatives.

“When I held a community crime forum earlier in the year, people told me they are fed up with hoons and vandals and want to feel safe when they are out and about in our community,” Ms McKillop said.

“That is why I have fought hard to secure these cameras for our local community. Every resident has a right to feel safe and secure.

“The State Labor Government has failed in its responsibility to help keep locals safe in their own communities.

“In contrast, thanks to careful management of our \$1.1 trillion economy the Coalition has ensured funds are available to back local solutions to prevent crime,” she said.

Ms McKillop said as part of its long-term plan to keep communities safer for families and residents the Coalition will provide \$250,000 to upgrade the existing Cairns City Council security camera infrastructure and another \$50,000 for up to 10 mobile cameras to monitor hotspots across the city.

“One of the biggest frustrations expressed by residents at the community crime forum was a view that security initiatives are confined to the central business district,” Ms McKillop said.

“The mobile cameras can be moved around problem areas very quickly and can assist police in identifying and apprehending criminals,” she said.

“They will also act as a deterrent to hoons and louts who make their fellow residents feel like prisoners in their own homes.

“The Coalition believes when local communities come together and take the initiative to tackle crime, they deserve to be supported by the Federal Government. This is in contrast to the State Labor Government that is simply not doing enough to address crime and anti-social behaviour,” she said.

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