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**Delivering safer communities in the North West**

The Liberal National Government is delivering \$199,570 to install additional CCTV cameras in Wynyard, Somerset and Burnie, which was a commitment made during the Braddon by-election.

Senator Colbeck said the two grants are part of a strategy for keeping Australians safe and providing additional support to help keep businesses secure.

“One grant will provide \$140,000 for Waratah-Wynyard Council to install 16 CCTV Cameras in the Wynyard and Somerset precincts. The installation of CCTV cameras in these areas will improve the safety and security for the community and business owners.

“Another grant will provide \$59,570 for Burnie City Council to install an additional 10 CCTV cameras in the Burnie CBD, connected to the CCTV existing system. Locations have been selected to support improved community safety and assist Tasmania Police.

“Vandalism and anti-social behaviour can have a huge impact on small businesses so we are ensuring that there is the very real deterrent of being caught and prosecuted due to video evidence.”

Liberal for Braddon Gavin Pearce welcomed the CCTV cameras in CBDs as a way to help deter criminal behaviour, particularly violence against women.

“Providing a network of CCTV cameras in and around entertainment districts will increase public safety, particularly for young women.

“We have to send a strong message that any type of predatory behaviour targeted at women around pubs and nightclubs is unacceptable and could be captured on camera and used as evidence against perpetrators.

“We have seen too many tragedies in other places to be complacent and CCTV has played a big role in putting cowardly attackers behind bars.”

The grant has been committed under Round 3 of the Liberal National Government’s \$30 million Safer Communities Fund which has delivered more than 300 community security projects over all three rounds.

The Minister for Home Affairs Peter Dutton said that all Australians have a right to feel safe and secure when their communities come together, having now committed \$138 million across Australia to deliver on various strategies designed to strengthen our communities.

“The Coalition will continue to assist local councils and organisations to address crime and anti-social behaviour and make our nation safer,” Mr Dutton said.

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