

Media Release

The Hon Anthony Carbines MP

Minister for Police
Minister for Crime Prevention
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NEW CCTV CAMERAS TO KEEP OUR CITY SAFE

Residents and visitors will benefit from better safety and security along Melbourne's iconic Lygon Street with new closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras being installed thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Police and Crime Prevention Anthony Carbines today toured the Safe City Camera Network Expansion Project which will see eight new CCTV cameras installed along Lygon Street - to deter potential criminal activity, help police identify offenders and help with responding to emergencies.

The CCTV cameras will have better tracking capability so operators can follow people or vehicles as they move along Lygon Street.

The cameras will also provide live surveillance of the popular Argyle Square where many events with large crowds are held.

Coverage will be monitored 24-hours a day from the control room by police officers, ensuring footage can be sent to Triple Zero Victoria when an incident is observed by operators as soon as it happens – helping our emergency services respond as quickly as possible.

The footage can also be viewed at police stations and on officers' portable tablets while on their way to an incident – improving tracking and identification of offenders where they would usually only have witness accounts to rely on to resolve incidents.

The project is jointly funded with a \$260,000 contribution from both the Government and the City of Melbourne.

The entire CCTV camera network is on track to be operational by the middle of the year with many cameras already switched on and working now.

Since 2016, the Labor Government has delivered more than \$1.13 million in crime prevention projects for the City of Melbourne.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Police and Crime Prevention Anthony Carbines

"The new CCTV cameras will make Carlton safer – ensuring even more people can enjoy everything that Lygon Street has to offer."

"We're proud to be investing in community safety initiatives and providing local communities the resources they need to improve public safety."

Quotes attributable to Lord Mayor Sally Capp

"Everyone deserves to feel safe in our city, no matter where they are or what time of day it is."

"We're adding CCTV cameras along Lygon Street to deter potential crimes and to help police identify offenders."

"Lygon Street is one of Melbourne's most popular destinations, and we're making sure everyone can feel safe and welcome while enjoying this vibrant precinct."

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