



**The Hon Michael Keenan MP**  
**Minister for Justice**

**Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO**  
**Senator for New South Wales**

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## **Delivering safer communities in Dobell**

The Coalition Government is delivering on our election commitments in Dobell under the *Safer Communities Fund* to boost community safety across Australia.

The *Safer Communities Fund* is a grassroots level grant programme to assist local communities address crime and anti-social behaviour and support crime prevention initiatives to keep our streets and communities safe.

Senator Sinodinos said he was pleased to announce that funding of \$205,000 has been granted to Central Coast Council to enable them to install CCTV systems in commercial areas, entertainment facilities and reserves across the council area, keeping the community safe from local crime and anti-social behaviour.

“As we all know, CCTV and security infrastructure has been a pivotal factor in both solving crimes and preventing crimes,” Senator Sinodinos said.

“The proposed CCTV camera systems in the Central Coast Council area are in locations where the level of anti-social behaviour and vandalism, especially graffiti, is high. The Coalition’s *Safer Communities Fund* is such an important investment in cracking down on local crime and anti-social behaviour in Dobell.”

Minister for Justice, the Hon. Michael Keenan MP, said under the *Safer Communities Fund*, local councils and community organisations will receive funding to boost their crime prevention initiatives through the installation of fixed and mobile CCTV or lighting.

“The Coalition Government has a strong track record when it comes to protecting community safety. We recognise that the best way to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour is to prevent it from happening,” Mr Keenan said.

“Our top priority will always be to keep our citizens and our communities safe.”

This Government will continue to put funds towards projects that make Dobell a safer place.

Further information on the Coalition Government’s *Safer Communities Fund* is available at [www.ag.gov.au/CrimeAndCorruption/CrimePrevention/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ag.gov.au/CrimeAndCorruption/CrimePrevention/Pages/default.aspx)

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