

Review of Nowra CBD CCTV Project- 1 April -30 June 2011.

Introduction

This review report of the Nowra CBD CCTV Project covers the period of 1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011.

This review will discuss the following issues:

- Requests for data from Police
- Requests for data by members of the public
- Complaints received
- Crime statistics
- Ongoing costs

Requests for data from the Police

In the period April 1 to 30 June 2011 6 requests were received from the Police for data to be retrieved.

Requests for data from members of the public

Two requests were received from members of the public for data during the period. These were both from the same person.

Staff time in retrieving information

Each request for information has averaged 2.7 hours of staff time.

Complaints received

One Privacy Complaint under S 53 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act was received on 19 April.

Crime Statistics

During the period 1 April to 30 June 2011 there were 4 assaults; 3 incidents of malicious damage; 5 street offences and no robberies in the area covered by the cameras.

Nowra Police report the CCTV cameras have been of assistance in various investigations. They report that they are useful in establishing the identity of an offender however it in itself does not prove identity. It is just another tool to assist the police in dealing with crime.

There are no statistics compiled regarding the use of CCTV cameras being used proactively by the Police. This would occur if the Police notice on the CCTV monitor that a potential situation is developing and allocate police resources to intervene to avert an incident. Police report that such statistics are not kept as no offence has occurred

Ongoing Costs

CCTV requires an ongoing budgetary commitment. Following is a list of costs incurred during the trial period of the system.

Repairs and maintenance

Repairs and maintenance	\$1020.43
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