

POL	INSTALLATION AND USE OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) IN THE CITY OF COCKBURN	SC46
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BACKGROUND:

The City of Cockburn has endorsed a Community Safety and CCTV Strategy which details Council's level of support for the implementation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) as a tool to reduce criminal and anti-social activity.

CCTV does not absolutely prevent crime or anti-social behaviour, but can reduce the incidence of opportunistic anti-social behaviour and may provide forensic evidence when such events occur. In 2016, the City of Cockburn signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the WA Police, this agreement outlines the relationship to share data from the City's CCTV system to further enhance community safety.

Evidence from leading Criminologist suggests that CCTV improves the public perception of safety and reduces their fear of being a vi

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the overarching use and installation of CCTV in public locations or private property where there is collaboration with the City, CCTV is a long established technology, but and is continually evolving. The proliferation of CCTV within the community has been the result of the foreseen benefits CCTV.

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POLICY:

This Policy describes the criteria to be used when a new installation is being considered for deployment.

- (1) CCTV will be installed where recurrent anti-social or criminal behaviour has been identified or installed in a proactive measure to minimise damage to Council facilities.
- (2) CCTV installations will meet the requirements of the City of Cockburn Community Safety and CCTV Strategy and the Australian New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency - *Recommendations for CCTV Systems* or any other relevant industry standards considered appropriate. .
- (3) CCTV installations will be clearly signed, In some instances, where covert cameras are used to monitoring breaches to Local Laws, such as dumping, it may not be appropriate to install signage, but all efforts will be made to advise nearby residents as required.
- (4) The use of “dummy” or replica Cameras is not permitted
- (5) CCTV cameras may be passive or “event activated” recorded. .
- (6) CCTV installations may be deployed on City or private land, with the permission of the land owner. Installations may be permanent or temporary. At times, the City may need to negotiate for the use of land and use of utilities, such as power, during the installation and ongoing operation of the CCTV system.
- (7) The end user design of a CCTV system falls predominantly into two types of monitoring, monitored and reactive playback. Studies have shown that constant monitoring via humans (monitored) is not effective or efficient and unsustainable for larger CCTV installations. Based on this research their will continued emphasise to test and trial new technologies such as, but not limited to video analytics programming.
- (8) Access to any CCTV footage and other operational matters will be controlled through a code of Practise that is consistent with all Sate and Commonwealth legislation on the matter of CCTV.