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## **WESTERN SYDNEY CROOKS TO GET CCTV CLOSE-UP**

Small businesses and community groups in western and south-western Sydney are set to put the spotlight on crime, with applications now open for NSW Government CCTV grants.

The \$5 million program, which was first announced by Premier Gladys Berejiklian in February this year, will help more than 1000 businesses and organisations upgrade their security.

Attorney General Mark Speakman said the initiative demonstrates the Government's ongoing commitment to local community safety.

"Criminals will have fewer places to hide, with more CCTV sending a clear message that if you choose to do the wrong thing, you will be detected and caught," Mr Speakman said.

"We also want to increase community confidence for both business owners and local residents across the region, by cracking down on anti-social behaviour to make their suburbs even safer."

Minister for Police David Elliott said the footage captured will be a vital investigative resource for local police to help catch criminals.

"Aside from the evidentiary benefits, CCTV footage also helps detectives gather intelligence while acting as a general deterrent to help reduce the likelihood of further crime," Mr Elliott said.

Eligible small businesses and community groups can now apply for up to \$5000 in funding, with applications to be assessed by the NSW Police Force and the NSW Department of Justice.

The program is being rolled out across the following ten local government areas:

- Blacktown;
- Camden;
- Campbelltown;
- Canterbury-Bankstown;
- Cumberland;
- Fairfield;
- Liverpool;
- Parramatta;
- Penrith; and
- Wollondilly.

Applications can be submitted via: [www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au)