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DELIVERING SAFER COMMUNITIES IN REID

Craig Laundy MP, Member for Reid has today announced a re-elected Turnbull Government will provide \$50,000 to address safety concerns in Cabarita Park.

The funding has been committed under the Coalition's \$40 million Safer Communities Fund.

"This project is something that has had strong local support, and will address residents' concerns about criminal and anti-social behaviour in the park," Mr Laundy said.

"The *Friends of Cabarita Park and Wharf* group have been tirelessly campaigning for CCTV and further security measures to be implemented in the park, and I've been in regular discussions with the community about their concerns.

"Our green open spaces are a treasured asset of our community, and keeping these spaces safe and secure should be a top priority."

The Safer Communities Fund delivers on the Coalition's ongoing commitment to keep Australians safe and secure.

Only safe communities can be strong and prosperous, and the best way to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour is to prevent it happening.

The \$40 million Safer Communities Fund will consist of two streams:

- Stream one will boost the efforts of identified local governments and community organisations to address crime and anti-social behaviour by funding crime prevention initiatives (such as fixed and mobile CCTV and lighting).
- Stream two will boost efforts to protect schools, pre-schools and community organisations that are facing security risks associated with racial or religious intolerance.

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This new \$40 million fund will build on the previous work the Coalition undertook during Government through Safer Streets Programme and the Schools Security Programme.

Minister for Justice Michael Keenan said the Coalition's community safety record was solid.

"The Coalition has now committed more than \$100 million purely to assist local communities in delivering strategies to address crime and anti-social behaviour," Mr Keenan said.

"We will continue to reinvest money confiscated from criminals, and put those funds towards projects that make our streets, communities and our nation safer," Mr Keenan said.

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