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To the Hon. Minister Harvey

### **Western Australian State CCTV Strategy**

The Property Council of Australia acknowledges the work of the Western Australian Police in the preparation of the draft *Western Australian State CCTV Strategy* (the Strategy) and is pleased to be afforded the opportunity to provide comment.

The Property Council of Australia is the leading representative for building owners, including places of private mass gathering, such as commercial precincts with public open space.

Though the Property Council acknowledges that the key stakeholders considered for the Strategy are publically-owned and managed CCTV infrastructure, the private sector also invests, manages and monitors significant CCTV infrastructure. From this perspective and representing the interests of the property industry, the Property Council makes the following comments:

#### **The State CCTV Strategy**

- **A State CCTV Register**

The Property Council strongly supports a refresh to the current register, Blue Iris, to provide better functionality and operability for donors who wish to voluntarily provide information about CCTV cameras that face public areas.

- **Fit-For-Purpose CCTV Criteria**

The Property Council supports a clear and concise set of criteria regarding lending practice for owners of CCTV systems to voluntarily adopt in the private domain.

- **Direct Connections between Donors and Clients**

The Property Council suggests that a compensation mechanism is required for private, high value CCTV owners that agree become 'connected' to WA Police and/ or other clients. A

compensation mechanism would account for the cost of maintaining the CCTV infrastructure that serves the public interest.

### **Delivery of the Strategy**

- **CCTV criteria, guidelines and procedures will be developed for the State Strategy**
- **The State Register will be re-designed, built and launched**

The value of a coordinated strategy is maximised by the scale and scope of participants. The Property Council recommends that an active marketing and education campaign is developed alongside the development CCTV criteria, guidelines and procedures. A complementary marketing and education campaign ensures that private CCTV owners are aware of the refreshed CCTV registrar, as well as, their rights and responsibilities. This will maximise private participation in, and therefore the success of, the Strategy.

- **Grant Funding rounds will be conducted**

The Property Council recommends that private businesses have access to a funding pool for capital grants for CCTV infrastructure. Areas of mass gathering (such as retail centres) are privately owned and require significant CCTV infrastructure investment. However, monitoring areas of mass gathering would deliver community safety outcomes to the same, if not greater extent, than Local Governments.

### **Conclusion**

CCTV is a vital safety and crime prevention tool and the Property Council supports the Government's attempt to streamline the data sharing process while minimising the cost and time impact on private donors. The Property Council looks forward to working with the WA Police to maximise the voluntary participation of private donors in the Strategy.

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