Item 7.4
At Council
26 October 2026

Relevant Information for Council

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TO:	Lord Mayor and Councillors		
FROM:	Veronica Lee PSM, Executive Director City Services		
THROUGH:	Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer		
SUBJECT:	Information Relevant To Item 7.4 – Public Exhibition - Street Safety Camera Program Code of Practice		

For noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Background

At the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 19 October 2026, further information was sought on:

Protections, safeguards, data integrity and data security (particularly in relation to AI)

The Street Safety Camera Program is a closed network of cameras connected directly to servers and recorders located at Town Hall House. Camera based analytics are performed within the camera and do not require additional software. Camera analytics transmit an alarm event signal directly to the on-premises operating software. System based analytics will be software installed on a dedicated server located in the CCTV data centre at Town Hall House. There will not be any external access to these systems available to the manufacturers of the technology or software developers.

In relation to the analytics model used, it is anticipated that the tool will only be used to assist staff by improving the efficiency of tasks such as reviewing footage, based on information provided by law enforcement agencies, or identifying abnormal activities such as crowd crush. No footage will be issued to enforcement agencies without human review and the tool will not be used to generally scan the CCTV footage.

These concerns are all very important and will be carefully considered and evaluated in the tendering and system development process.

Access requests via the Government Information (Public Access) Act framework

The primary purpose of the Street Safety Camera Program is to assist in the prevention of crimes against the person with a secondary purpose of serious property related crime. Section 17.1.1 of the draft Code of Practice states that access to and use of recorded material will only take place

(i) in compliance with the needs of Australian Law Enforcement Agency or Investigation/Intelligence authorities in connection with the investigation of crime and

(ii) if necessary, for the purpose of legal proceedings or in compliance with laws (such as the Government Information (Public Access) Act and Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act). CCTV footage is only released where the application meets the primary or secondary purpose of the program.

Under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 s 5 there is a presumption in favour of release of government information unless there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. The exclusion in Schedule 1 item 7 of that Act relating to documents affecting law enforcement does not apply to the records created by this system as it relates to records created by specified law enforcement agencies for intelligence purposes.

Councillors also requested to be provided with updates on the numbers of access requests. Following final adoption of the new Code of Practice it is proposed that a report on the number of requests from each agency will be included monthly in the CEO Update. This monthly reporting would commence once the final Code of Practice is adopted post-exhibition.

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