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Dear Mr Coogan

I understand that Moreland City Council is making applications to the Victorian Government's "Public Safety Infrastructure Fund". I write in support of those applications, particularly given these have been developed in discussion with and have the support of local Victoria Police leadership.

The first proposition regarding the development of public space at Wilson Avenue, Brunswick has been developed due to this precinct being identified as the number one 'crime hot-spot' in Moreland. The proposed intervention seeks to address this in an innovative manner, creating public space in what is currently a poorly lit area and a flash point for anti-social behaviour given the proximity to large late night venues and fast food outlets. I understand the development of the final design will involve extensive community consultation.

The second proposition involves the possible implementation of ID scanner technology in high risk venues, of which some preliminary discussions have already been held within Moreland. This type of technology has proven successful in other parts of Australia and locally in Moonee Valley. This security measure is now also not uncommon in many large late night venues in the City of Yarra, the CBD and other parts of Melbourne. The implementation of this type of technology is seen to contribute to public safety within and outside specific late night venues, and this could be seen as particularly important given some late night venues in Sydney Road have now become the destination of high volumes of patrons from outside Brunswick and Moreland.

The recent tragic events of late 2012 have heightened the community's expectation and anxiety about public safety, particularly around violence towards women and anti-social behaviour and safety at night generally. This has been the resounding view from the personal feedback from constituents and also at the public forum on Community Safety I held in conjunction with the Federal Member for Wills, Kelvin Thomson. Measures seeking to address these significant concerns will receive public support but of course will not only be limited to the implementation of the above two propositions.

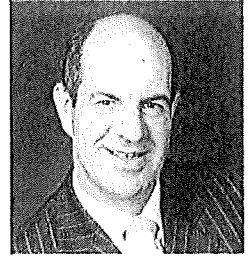
Please contact my office if you require any further assistance.

Kind regards

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Wednesday 13th February 2013/mob

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Dear Mr Coogan,

I am writing to offer my support for the proposed applications under the Public Safety Infrastructure Fund, through the Department of Justice and the Victorian State Government.

I understand you are submitting two proposals, one being the creation of a public space at the Barkly Square entrance of Wilson Avenue/Sydney Road Brunswick and the second is the introduction of an ID Scanner Program into local licensed venues.

The recent and tragic events in Brunswick have united the community in saying no to violence against women and raised the public awareness that any form of violence in the city is not an acceptable form of behaviour. This was strongly endorsed at the Brunswick Forum in 2012 co-hosted by me and by the Member for Brunswick Jane Garrett.

I am pleased to see that Moreland City Council is listening to the residents of Moreland in making this submission to the Public Safety Infrastructure Fund. I strongly support your submission and believe your proposals have strong public support.

Should you require my assistance on this or any other issue in future please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely,

KELVIN THOMSON MP
Member for Wills