

Safe City Camera Policy

Find out what's changing and tell us what you think

What are the Safe City Cameras?

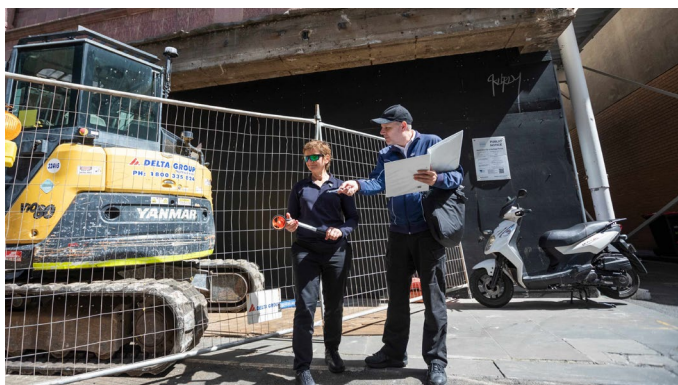
The City of Melbourne has a network of CCTV cameras installed around the city. There are 328 cameras located in the CBD and parts of Carlton, Docklands and Southbank. Victoria Police use the footage from these cameras to investigate crime. If you'd like to know more about the cameras and view a map of where they're located, visit our website.

What is changing?

Our community has told us that cleaner streets are important to them. People are particularly concerned about rubbish and graffiti. City of Melbourne is exploring how we can address these concerns using the Safe City Cameras.

Currently, police mainly use the footage to investigate crime and for public safety in emergencies and major events.

We're proposing to change the Safe City Camera Policy so that Council staff can also use footage to investigate breaches of local laws and regulations. This could include graffiti, dumped rubbish or unpermitted construction works.



Examples of the local laws breaches our officers would be investigating include:

- dumped rubbish
- displaying promotional material (e.g. posters, flyers) without permission
- destroying council property
- putting out street signs incorrectly
- busking out of hours or without following the rules of your permit
- leaving bins on the street outside of collection times
- dumping waste into council drains or gutters
- illegal and unpermitted behaviour of waste collectors and contractors
- out of hours works or construction
- digging up roads without consent
- unpermitted scissor lift placement
- unpermitted space occupancy.

You can read the full list at the link below or learn more about local laws and regulations at melbourne.vic.gov.au/local-laws

This new policy would also:

- outline the rules for how Council manages the personal information the cameras collect.
- be available to read on our website.



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Privacy and personal information

We developed this new policy with legal professionals to make sure we are following our privacy and human rights obligations. The policy will also outline the strict rules we have to follow when using camera footage. These rules are already in effect. They are:

- all Council staff and contractors who have access to the camera control room must sign a confidentiality agreement.
- Council staff must accompany all visitors to the control room. Visitors must also sign an application document.
- the doors are controlled to only let in authorised people.
- Council will only let people access the footage in specific circumstances and they must submit a written request.
- we delete footage after 28 days if no one requests to see it.

What does this mean for me?

These changes we are proposing would not increase police powers or introduce any new laws.

City of Melbourne's Local Laws Officers already investigate breaches of local laws and regulations.

The changes to the Safe City Camera Policy would allow authorised Council staff to use camera footage to investigate these breaches. The goal is to make their jobs easier and safer. Additionally, it will make these investigations more cost efficient for ratepayers.

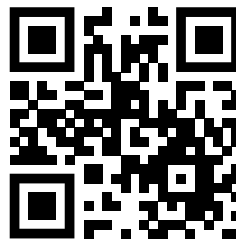
How to have your say

We want to hear what you think about our proposed changes to the Safe City Camera Policy. Your feedback will help us roll out the policy in a way our community agrees with.

We want your feedback on:

- how you feel about us changing the policy to include breaches of local laws and regulations
- how you feel about how we manage personal information
- what local laws or amenity issues you are most concerned about
- any other concerns you think could be addressed by our Safe City Cameras
- how easy the Safe City Camera draft policy is to understand.

To find out more and have your say, scan the QR code or visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/safe-city-cameras and fill out our short survey before Wednesday 29 October.



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