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## JOINT STATEMENT

**Deputy Premier  
Minister for the Environment and Climate Change  
Minister for Commerce  
CARMEL TeBBUTT MP**

**Attorney General  
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### Plan to prevent crime in Marrickville

Attorney General John Hatzistergos and Deputy Premier, Member for Marrickville, Carmel Tebbutt today announced a plan to reduce crime in the Marrickville local government area, which has been endorsed by the Rees Government.

Mr Hatzistergos said Marrickville Council had been invited to apply for up to \$100,000 to put the plan into practice.

He said safety audits would be conducted in crime hotspots to reduce the rate of offences such as steal from motor vehicle and alcohol-related crime.

Mr Hatzistergos said an education campaign would take place to warn the community about the dangers of leaving valuables, such as GPS devices and cash, in motor vehicles.

“Motorists should remove anything from their vehicle that might attract the attention of thieves,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

Marrickville Council’s Crime Prevention Plan will focus on three key areas:

- Addressing the causes of crime;
- Making locations safer and more resistant to crime;
- Reducing fear of crime, particularly among culturally and linguistically diverse communities;

Ms Tebbutt said other crime prevention strategies would include improving street lighting and upgrading parks to encourage community use of public space.

“Marrickville is known for its vibrant and diverse community and this plan will help to create a safer and more welcoming environment for everyone,” Ms Tebbutt said.

“The council’s strategies will not only have an impact on crime but will also contribute to the wellbeing of the community.”

She said the crime prevention plan was developed in partnership with the NSW Police Force, local community members and key service providers.

The Safety in Marrickville Consultative Committee, which includes representatives from a range of agencies including the Department of Housing, NSW Health, the Department of Education and Training and the Department of Community Services, was also involved in drafting the plan.

The Rees Government provides up to \$1.61 million in grants to local councils each year to support innovative grass roots strategies which aim to reduce crime.