



Media Release

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CCTV UPGRADED AT 41 TRAIN STATIONS TO STOP CRIMINALS

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NSW Minister for Transport David Campbell today revealed that major CCTV upgrades have now been rolled out at more than 40 City Rail stations fitted with ticket gates.

Mr Campbell said that 537 new cameras had been installed at the ticket gate areas as part of a \$4.5 million program to boost security on our trains.

“The cameras are able to capture high quality images to identify people who have committed offences on trains or station platforms and those who have engaged in other suspicious behaviour,” Mr Campbell said.

“The additional cameras have been strategically located for maximum effect. It’s estimated that more than 277,000 people will pass by these cameras during the AM peak alone.

“I’m sure some will complain about this being ‘Big Brother’ in nature, but if it makes passengers safer I make no apologies.”

Mr Campbell said visual display monitors had also been included at each upgraded station.

“The monitors show live images to customers as they pass through the barriers - reminding thieves, vandals and other criminals that they are being watched,” Mr Campbell said.

“The upgrade program includes cameras at ticket barriers, monitors and signage and has been delivered progressively since October 2006.

“Hurstville Station, which has been the subject of a major refurbishment will also be receiving an upgrade.

“Once this is completed, all stations with ticket gates on the CityRail network will have these special cameras installed.”

RailCorp has boosted its station security standards to require that where any new ticket gates are installed, CCTV is upgraded to the standard established under this program.

“As a result Campsie Station, which is soon to have new ticket gates commissioned, will also receive additional CCTV cameras,” Mr Campbell said.

Mr Campbell today also revealed 96,257 people were issued tickets by RailCorp security staff last financial year (2007-08), with 73,000 of these for fare evasion.

“It’s an unfortunate fact that some of these people not only fail to pay their fare but they also respond aggressively when asked to produce a ticket. The upgraded cameras will improve the capacity to deal with these troublemakers,” Mr Campbell said.

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