



## Campaign Media Release

# MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS MEMBER FOR KINGSTON

### LABOR COMMITS TO MAKING SHEIDOW PARK SAFER

Minister for Home Affairs, Brendan O'Connor, and Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, today announced that a re-elected Gillard Labor Government will fund lighting and other crime prevention methods in Southbank Boulevard Reserve in Sheidow Park.

Brendan O'Connor said the funding comes after a strong campaign Amanda Rishworth has been running to increase lighting and safety at the reserve.

"Australians have a right to feel safe when they visit their local park," Brendan O'Connor said.

"Amanda Rishworth has been working with local residents to improve the safety and amenity of Southbank Boulevard Reserve."

"I'm pleased to say that if re-elected the Gillard Labor Government will fund lighting and other crime prevention methods at Southbank Boulevard Reserve to be developed with local police and the community," Amanda Rishworth said.

"This is a victory for local residents who have been campaigning for improved lighting so people who visit Southbank Boulevard Reserve can feel safer," Amanda Rishworth said.

The Gillard Labor Government is committed to helping local communities to identify and address local crime problems.

"The Safer Suburbs plan is a partnership between the Gillard Labor Government, other levels of government and the local community, and aims to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour," said Brendan O'Connor.

During the first term of the Federal Labor Government, 21 projects have been rolled out successfully across Australia, boosting community security infrastructure and funding programs to assist vulnerable groups in the community, with a view to reducing crime and the fear of crime in our community.

The \$100,000 in funding for this commitment will be fully offset over the forward estimates, consistent with the Gillard Labor Government's commitment to return the budget to surplus in three years.