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Making Sheidow Park Safer

Minister for Justice Brendan O'Connor today delivered \$100,000 to help make Sheidow Park safer, as part of the Gillard Government's *Safer Suburbs* program.

The funding will allow the City of Marion to install effective lighting and other crime prevention initiatives at Southbank Boulevard Reserve at Sheidow Park.

"The Member for Kingston Amanda Rishworth approached me last year about the need to provide a safe and secure public space for the community of Sheidow Park," Mr O'Connor said.

"At the last election, we committed to providing funding for lighting and other safety measures at Southbank Boulevard Reserve," he said.

"Through this funding, Sheidow Park residents will be safer and feel safer in their community."

At the last election, the Gillard Government pledged \$5.4 million to extend *Safer Suburbs* to support over 40 projects across Australia.

"We're committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, as well as reducing the fear of crime in the community," Mr O'Connor said.

Member for Kingston Amanda Rishworth said *Safer Suburbs* will help to improve public safety in the local area.

"Simple measures such as adequate lighting can make a big difference to the safety of a community," Ms Rishworth said.

"Lighting has a proven deterrent effect – and prevention is always better than cure.

"We want local people and visitors to our area to not only be safe but feel safe when they are in Adelaide's southern spaces," Ms Rishworth said.

"This funding is a win for the people of Sheidow Park and the electorate of Kingston," she said.

Safer Suburbs has already delivered 21 projects worth \$15 million across Australia.

Safer Suburbs aims to make city centres and community facilities safer places by funding community safety measures such as closed circuit television systems and street lighting.