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Safer city, suburbs and beaches

The Budget maintains a strong focus on public safety on the city beaches, parks and public areas.

A total of \$990,000 will be spent on providing professional life guard patrols on The Strand, Magnetic Island, Riverway and the Northern Beaches Leisure Centre.

Swimmers will also be protected with the installation of four stinger enclosures at a cost of \$250,000.

Townsville's disaster management capabilities will also be fine tuned ahead of the cyclone season with an exercise to hone emergency responses.

Funding also includes \$80,000 to upgrade the council's rainfall and monitoring system to provide accurate and up-to-date information during major weather events.

Security of parks and popular public areas, including the CBD, has received \$730,000 in funding.

The security funding includes the operation of more than 70 surveillance cameras keeping a watch over key city locations, including the CBD, Flinders St East, The Strand and Riverway.

Community Health and Safety Committee chairman Cr Dale Last said council was taking a strong stance on public safety.

"This Budget recognises the importance of safeguarding the public safety of all of our residents," Cr Last said.

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