

<b>Presented to</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council 20 September 2022
<b>Related to Item</b>	Council Chamber Video Coverage
<b>Submitted by</b>	Cr Clive Ross
<b>Attachments</b>	Not Applicable

**X With Notice** to be provide 5 clear working days prior to the meeting

**Council requests the CEO to prepare a report to Council on the viability, cost and timeframe to implement:**

- 1. Livestreaming of Council Meetings and making the recordings available as a public archive in accordance with Minister Carey's proposed reforms to the Local Government Act to mandate livestreaming and maintaining a public archive;**
- 2. Whether the livestreaming video and audio coverage would include the public gallery and City of Melville employees in the Council chamber;**
- 3. Alternatively, the use of currently installed video only CCTV to monitor the public gallery and City of Melville employees in the Council chamber and the storage of the CCTV recordings also as a public archive.**

## Reasons for the Motion

1. The City of Melville is responsible for the health and safety of visitors, employees and Elected Members. Recent incidents in the Council Chamber have caused stress and anxiety to visitors, employees and Elected Members and video recordings or CCTV would have clarified disagreement on what had occurred.
2. The Minister's proposed changes are designed to improve transparency, accountability and efficiency and address issues relating to behaviours and decisions at meetings which constitute a large proportion of complaints about councils.
3. The City of Belmont has almost 500 CCTV cameras on the streets of the City with licence plate recognition and WA Police have had success using the information to find stolen motor vehicles and prosecute offenders.
4. Privacy is not an issue provided that appropriate signs are displayed advising of the surveillance measures.