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To Whom It May Concern

I write this letter in my capacity of councillor and current chair of the Cardinia Shire Graffiti Reference Group.

Cardinia Shire is in the south east of Melbourne and is currently the third fastest growth municipality in Australia. Cardinia is committed to reducing graffiti and anti social behaviour and improving public safety.

In 2008, Cardinia Shire Council engaged David Black's services and his locally designed technologies to assist council in reducing incidents of graffiti and incidents of anti social behaviour.

Cardinia established a graffiti / crime database by engaging David Black and his team who conducted detailed street to street GPS audits. Cardinia was the first council in the region to adopt the database. There are now five municipalities who share the GRIPSYSTEM database. Police in these municipalities share intelligence and information from the database to identify common offenders who constantly cross Council boundaries.

Council investigated the possible use of fixed CCTV but decided, with great success, to use Tripwire and its expert and pro active deployment services to deal with crime in real time as it is occurring and not after the fact. Traditional CCTV we felt was viable in a fixed location; however with anti social behaviour issues shifting from location to location regularly, we chose Tripwire to be able to quickly rotate the devices to respond to changing trends and problem areas..

A MOU was established between Cardinia Shire, David Black and local police. This has ensured that all these parties have an excellent working relationship. As new incidents arise, police request our seven tripwire cameras move site from site, quickly and effectively to address the situation in real time and not after the fact.



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The Tripwire cameras design is portable and covert and the design allows council to use the cameras wherever the need arises or no matter how remote where no power or data connections are possible. The ability to engage the company to move the cameras from site to site has been the key in properly managing issues as they arise. Council has utilised the tripwire cameras in addressing incidents of anti social behaviour, graffiti, criminal damage, illegal dumping and theft, and has also provided proactive, after hours monitoring of our streets and skate parks.

David has been instrumental in making Tripwire work for our Shire. His dedication to the jobs that arise has seen results in almost every occasion. The flexibility of the system and his team's ability to relocate the units to any location will continue to see great results.

We are now into our third year working with David's company. Council fully supports and wishes to retain David's services as our shire expands rapidly.

I recommend the database - GRIPSYSTEMS graffiti analysis, the audit process and the utilisation of Tripwire cameras. I am happy to speak to any Council about David Black's company and how it has been instrumental in the success of reducing graffiti across our municipality.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Owen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Councillor  
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