



Indecision keeps phone on hold

There might have been a public phone in the centre of Claremont the night Ciara Glennon disappeared if local businesses and the council had not taken so long to make a decision about its location.

The phone was a major issue at a meeting held by the Claremont Business Association on Wednesday night, in the wake of Ciara's disappearance.

"A centrally placed telephone is something no one wants if it's in front of their business," CBA president Lionel Cranfield said.

"Banks consider it a security risk.

"There are also financial problems — Telstra has to take \$15,000 a year from a public telephone to keep it.

"Telstra is putting money before lives."

On Friday, Telstra began laying a cable for a phone outside the

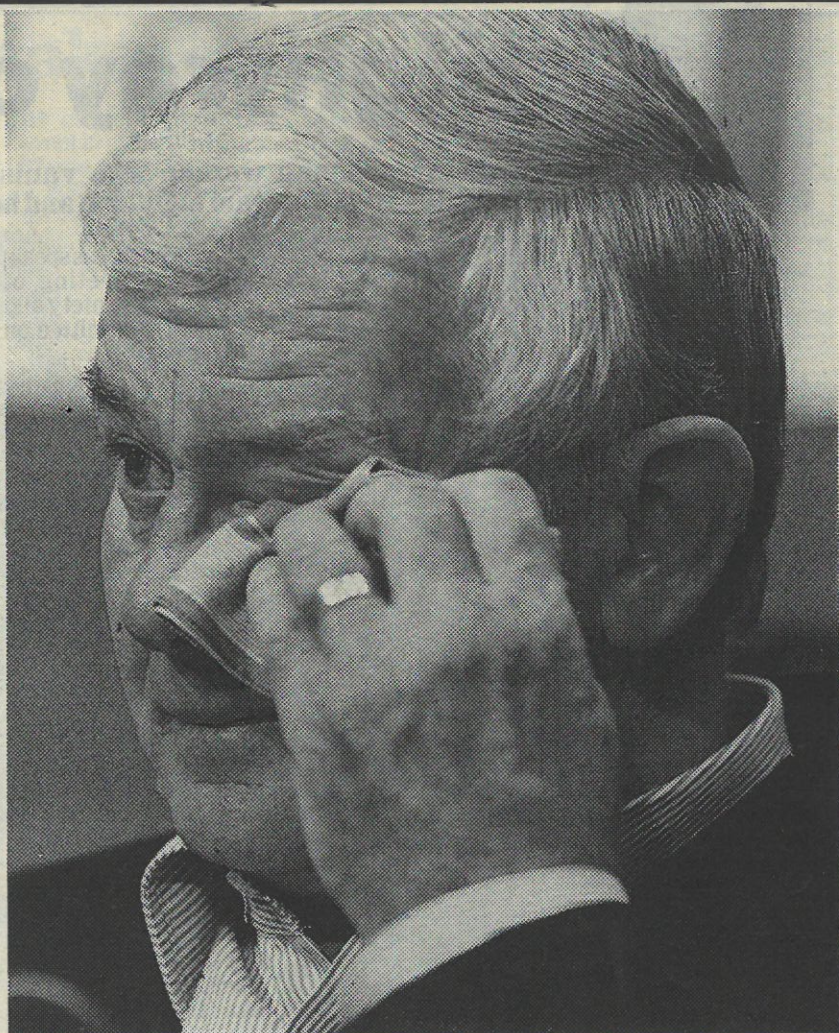
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Coles Fossey has also agreed to install floodlights in its carpark.

Norm Palmer, owner of Claremont Drapers, said he would be happy to have a phone outside his shop, even though it wasn't the best location.

The council's works and health committee held a meeting on Monday night at which it recommended a public phone be placed on the footpath on the south-west corner of Bay View Terrace as a matter of urgency.

The full council will make a decision on the recommendation on Monday night.



Denis Glennon, of Mosman Park, went to police headquarters to make a plea to the public for information on his daughter Ciara who vanished on her way home from the Claremont Continental Hotel.

Stay united, businesses are urged

Claremont must not give itself up to a violent criminal, a spokesman for the Continental Hotel has said.

Barry Jones, a part owner of the hotel, looked emotional and distressed when he addressed a meeting of the Claremont Business Association last week.

He said it was important to avoid looking for scapegoats.

"I don't think apportioning blame is helpful — whether it be to the council, ourselves or Club Bay View," he said.

"We are all a part

of the community in Claremont and the tragedies have affected us all.

"It is very important that we present a united front.

"We should tell the people of Perth that we are coming to Claremont."

"We don't want to give up the town to a criminal that is staying in our young ladies."

Earlier in the week the Continental issued a press release asking for the central business district to be monitored by video cameras as the criminal was caught.

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Ciara's father wants cameras

The father of missing Mosman Park woman Ciara Glennon has appealed to the Claremont council to make sure the town centre is fully surveyed by closed-circuit TV cameras.

Premier Richard Court is to be asked to hasten an application for \$137,000 to install four security cameras in central Claremont streets.

"We are putting our hands up for help here," Claremont's safety and security committee was told the day after Mr Glennon's visit.

Denis Glennon visited Claremont chief executive officer Rob Stewart last week to discuss video security on the streets where his daughter vanished.

"He's very interested in security in Claremont," Mr Stewart confirmed.

"We spoke about closed-circuit TV cameras and I agreed to bring the issue up at the Claremont night safety committee meeting."

Security cameras were also a major issue at a meeting held by

the Claremont Business Association on Wednesday night, when business owners were vocally in favour of having them installed in the streets, particularly to observe movements at night.

Adding her voice to the appeal was Loreto Convent nun, Sister Ann.

"I think security cameras are really essential," she said.

"It is very sad it has come to the stage where they are necessary, but in light of what has happened I think they should be installed as soon as possible."

Since the disappearance of Sarah Spiers 14 months ago, there have been several attempts to have security cameras installed around Claremont.

Club Bay View and the Continental Hotel have since installed them on their premises.

But when plans to put the cameras in a wider area were raised, mayor and president of the Council of Civil Liberties Peter Weygers ex-

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