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## **TOUGHER CONDITIONS FOR PAROLED SEX OFFENDERS**

All serious sex offenders on parole are now subject to 24/7 GPS tracking and enhanced supervision, thanks to a \$21.8 million investment by the NSW Government.

NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the funding was an investment in community safety as part of the 2019-20 NSW Budget.

“We have the toughest parole and extended supervision laws in the country, and the NSW Liberals & Nationals will continue to keep safety as our top priority by delivering measures in line with community expectations,” Mr Perrottet said.

Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections Anthony Roberts said the \$21.8 million investment will deliver an expanded External and Electronic Monitoring Group with additional staff and equipment, as well as more Community Corrections officers.

“This investment will ensure that all serious sex offenders are under stringent supervision when they are released to parole, with their movements tracked around the clock,” Mr Roberts said.

“We’re making our community safer by strengthening the management of serious sex offenders on parole, so if they make even a minor breach of their conditions, they’ll be immediately referred to the State Parole Authority, which can put them back behind bars.”

The mandatory electronic monitoring of serious sex offenders on parole was implemented in February and applies to offenders who are defined under the Crimes (High Risk Offenders) Act 2006.

The tough new approach in supervising these offenders also includes mandatory reporting of all parole breaches, except administrative breaches, to the Parole Authority.

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