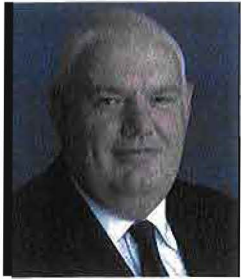


Property tops global risks – security expert



Crime threats to property are a serious business risk for Australian property owners, according to international security expert, Warren Cornor (pictured).

Speaking at an International Crime Prevention Forum in Sydney this month, Cornor says global threats have become serious at a local level.

“Many local authorities are now requiring crime prevention strategies to be part of all major project designs submitted for their approval”, says Cornor.

“It’s become imperative for companies to be proactive in incorporating safety and security at all stages of development.”

As Senior Security Consultant with International Property Consultants Davis Langdon, Cornor says he’s being called on to create crime prevention

strategies acceptable to local authorities.

“Security risk and threat assessments need to become standard in building design”, he said, “so working with architects, designers, security system suppliers and the police, from design to completion is critical.”

Critical Incident Management and Security management assessments are also high on the list for combating threats.

Cornor said that people often don’t see the risks that their workplaces have, which is why safety audits need to take a ‘visitor’s eye view’.

“We all become familiar with where we work and the systems we use. What feels safe in the daylight may feel very different at night, so we also look at different times of the day, in different lighting conditions,” he said.

“We live in a world now where security issues make the news everyday. We are affected in just about everything that we do. Safety

and security is often about perception. It makes commercial sense, if you feel safe in a space then that’s good for business.”

Davis Langdon recently introduced the new service in crime prevention and security consulting as a response to overwhelming concern in the industry.

The company is one of the few Australian practitioners of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). CPTED uses techniques to overlay normal security systems and services to reduce criminal opportunity and foster desirable social interaction in and around premises.

The service offers world class advice on practical security solutions, featuring both proven crime prevention strategies along with security auditing.

Warren Cornor addressed the international CPTED Conference (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design), in Sydney last month. ☏

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