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MULTI-THREAT BODY ARMOUR VESTS TO BOLSTER OFFICER SAFETY

NSW Police Force officers will have additional protection on the beat with the rollout of nearly 14,000 Body Armour Vests, Minister for Police Troy Grant and NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller announced today.

Mr Grant said the introduction of the new Armour Vests is yet another initiative of the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government to ensure police have the protective equipment they need to do their job safely and comfortably.

“This Government is investing in the future of our police force, and these new vests will be rolled out to our frontline officers who protect the community day in and day out,” Mr Grant said.

“It is the unfortunate reality of the crime environment we now face that our men and women in blue require this sort of protection.

“Police officers face the best and worst of humanity in the line of duty. We expect our officers to stand in harm’s way to thwart criminal activity, and it is vital we provide them with adequate tools to shield themselves in violent situations.”

Commissioner Fuller said the new vests will better protect police from injury while allowing them to be mobile and agile in day-to-day deployments.

“Our frontline officers are subjected to all manner of threats and this rollout ensures we put their safety first and foremost,” Commissioner Fuller said.

“The upgrade of the soft body armour complements the rollout of the Active Armed Offender training in providing our officers with the equipment they need to safely and effectively disrupt, prevent, and respond to crime.”

The vests will be rolled out to frontline and specialist NSW Police officers between now and 2019 at a total cost of \$19.6 million.

Officers will be able wear the vest covertly or overtly, thus suiting all operational situations and requirements.

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