

City threats highlighted

SECURITY is likely to be tightened around large buildings and railway stations after a risk-management company warned it was "almost certain" that terrorists would target Sydney for attack.

- After the London bombings in July, consultants hired by the City of Sydney carried out a review of security at the city's buildings, parks and open spaces to calculate the likelihood of a terrorist attack.

The company, Intelligent Outcomes Group, concluded it was "almost certain" a terrorist group would target open spaces in the city centre. The city's closed-circuit television network was too small to monitor terrorist activity, the company's report said.

- The council was expected to approve expenditure of \$760,000 last night to install 11 cameras in Hyde Park, Pitt Street, Wynyard, Martin Place and Railway Square and renovate the network's control room.

Under the plan, the city's 50 existing cameras will be fitted with zoom lenses and the capability to film in low light.

- The council's staff will be trained in how to identify terrorist threats, and buildings such as the Town Hall and Customs House will undergo risk assessment. The city has asked the police to assess the threat to the New Year's Eve celebrations.

The Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, said there was room for improvement in security.

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