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MEDIA STATEMENT

STATEMENT FROM THE SCCA

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) expresses its shock and sadness at the events at Bondi Junction over the weekend.

Our thoughts are with the victims and their families and those impacted by this tragedy. We pay tribute to the NSW Police and other first responders.

We would also like to acknowledge the brave actions and tragic loss of Westfield team member, security guard Faraz Ahmad Tahir, and the brave actions of other staff and shoppers on the day.

We remain in close contact with our member Scentre Group and formally recognise their efforts and compassion during this tragic incident, including their support for the ongoing NSW Police investigation.

We welcome the Prime Minister's comments in relation to a potential review of security arrangements, and we stand ready to engage on any relevant public policy and security issues.

Our industry has a longstanding *Community Safety and Security Committee*, which advises on key industry security issues, and we have engaged on key public policy issues, and with Police and other agencies over a long period of time.

Community safety and security is a priority for our industry, and we take very seriously that shopping centres are public places, are at the heart of our communities, and our visitors can include families and children.

Our members' shopping centres have mature security arrangements in relation to relevant risks, and dedicated teams and staff who undertake their roles with care, compassion and duty.

Our industry is committed and ready to work with governments and relevant stakeholders on any learnings to ensure our staff and visitors stay safe.

Attributed to SCCA Chief Executive, Angus Nardi