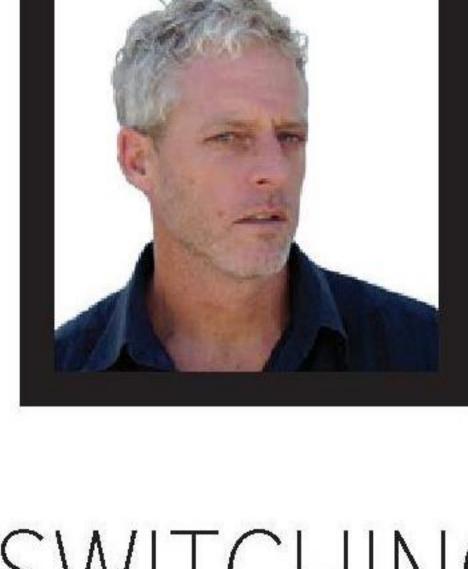
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## SHOOTING FROM THE LIP



## ON SMART SAFETY MURRAY WILLIAMS

## I REMEMBER vividly, huddled 'round a tiny black-and-white TV.

coat-hanger, jammed into the broken aerial, helped. Sometimes.

There was a time when smart tech was a luxury. Non-essential. A

But those days are a distant past. Smart tech's now a fundamental enabler for progressive, actualised society – and the framework of constitutional rights and responsibilities. Massive headway has been made to ensure universal access to the basics. Because our society is profoundly unsafe, it's crucial we now switch on "smart safety". Urgently. Why? One: safety is the raison

modern state. That's the original "Social Contract". And two: safety is a fundamental enabler of almost everything else.

d'être – the reason for being – of the

1: Connectivity – all the broadband, all hotspots - public, private. 2: Digital citizen portals, e-government for citizens. To banish citizens' long, wasteful travels

to connect to essential services.

For a live, responsive, relevant

relationship.

Comprehensive. 5: A camera network. Start, then build. Plugged into the right state agencies – and their increasingly integrated data, analysis and

6: A Neighbourhood Safety

Officer (NSO), or highly organised

7: A precinct management

Community Police Forum (CPF). To

system. Like City Improvement Districts (CIDs) use.

co-ordinating platforms.

co-ordinate, locally.

Self-explanatory. Connecting all available resources. 10: An accurately deployed Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), focused on enabling activities, to harness citizens' own

12: A full "Strategic Relationship Management" network, with the communications tools and processes to keep the partners connected and relationships healthy. That's it: "Twelve Enablers for Smart Communities". Needed in

every place. Like each of our 387

Wards, 150 SAPS station precincts.

How do we transition to smart

Determine the strategy and model. Focused and clear. Develop robust and sustainable implementation plans. For every place. No one suburb is more important than

another. Identify existing resources. Join the dots. Stitch them together, with common purpose and innovative partnerships. With the right enablers, we

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SWITCHING

The reception snowy – but a wire As tech prices fell, we upgraded to colour. treat for those who could afford it.

Here are 12 core enablers - to harness the whole of society, to partner with SAPS and the national agencies.

3: A smart training venue. "Team Learning" is the Fifth Discipline, the ultimate success factor for any team. 4: An eLearning syllabus.

8: Accredited, equipped Neighbourhood Watches (NHWs), fully skilled as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs). Smartly connected. 9: A Business Safety Partnership.

11: A government "Community Investment Programme" (CIP), harnessing the state's human resources, where they live. Using readily available micro-jobbing

contributions.

platforms.

communities?

for resale or retransmission.

can flick the switch: ON.