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VICTORIA POLICE

Control of Weapons Act 1990

DESIGNATED AREA SEARCH NOTICE

The public place area depicted on the map overleaf has been declared in writing to be a 'designated area' by an Assistant Commissioner of Police under section 10D or section 10E of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** (the Act).

That declaration is in place between Thursday 20 May 2021 2.00 pm and 2.00 am on Friday 21 May 2021.

Police officers and protective services officers are empowered to search a person and any thing in the possession or control of the person, or a vehicle for weapons.

You, your vehicle or thing in your possession are in a public place within a designated area.

A police officer or protective services officer intends to conduct a limited search of you or your vehicle/things.

- You are requested to co-operate with that search;
- You may be requested to remove items of outer clothing such as headwear, scarves, jackets, etc;
- You may be searched using an electronic wand;
- You may be requested to remove items from any bags or pockets;
- You may be given a 'pat down' search.

A police officer may also exercise their power under the Act to request you to remove any article covering your face or direct you to leave the designated area if you refuse to remove the face covering, or if the police officer reasonably believes that you intend to engage in conduct that would constitute an affray under section 195H, **Crimes Act 1958** or violent disorder under section 195I, **Crimes Act 1958**.

Attention – Offence

It is an offence under the Act to:

- obstruct or hinder a police officer or protective services officer in the exercise of a power to stop and search a person;
- fail to comply with a direction given by a police officer to remove a face covering or to leave the designated area.

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