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#### VICTORIA POLICE

#### Control of Weapons Act 1990

### DECLARATION OF DESIGNATED AREA UNDER SECTION 10D(1)

Planned Operation in Frankston

The Assistant Commissioner, Transit and Public Safety Command, acting as a delegate of the Chief Commissioner of Police, under section 10D(1) of the Control of Weapons Act 1990, declares as a designated area, all public places within the area incorporating Frankston Railway Station, CBD and surrounds bounded by Fletcher Road to the north and east, Playne Street to the south, Cranbourne Road to the south east and Nepean Highway to the west including but not restricted to all roadways, footpaths associated with stated road related areas.



This declaration will operate on Thursday 10 July 2025 from 11.00 am until 11.59 pm, during which time members of the police force are authorised to exercise the following powers:

- a) in a public place in the designated area, without warrant, stop and search for weapons:
  - i) any person;
  - ii) anything in the possession or control of the person;
  - iii) any vehicle with a person in or on the vehicle; and
  - iv) anything in or on such vehicle;
- b) detain a person or vehicle for so long as is reasonably necessary to conduct a search;
- c) seize and detain any item the member reasonably suspects is a weapon;
- d) request a person who is the subject of a full search to disclose his or her identity.

Please be advised that:

- a declaration is in force pursuant to section 10D of the Control of Weapons Act 1990 (planned designation);
- police officers and protective services officers (PSOs) in a designated area (as per section 10D of the Control of Weapons Act 1990 (the Act)) are empowered to search a person and anything in the possession or control of the person, or a vehicle, for weapons under the provisions of the Act:
- it is an offence under the Act to obstruct or hinder a police officer or PSO in the exercise of a power to stop and search a person or vehicle, or to fail to comply with a direction to leave the designated area.

If you are detained for a person or vehicle search under the Act you will be given a designated area search notice. This notice contains a map of the area which has been designated and the time period of the declaration.

The designated area search notice states the below.

Under the Act, police officers and protective service officers (PSOs) are empowered to search a person and anything in the possession or control of the person, or a vehicle, for weapons.

You, your vehicle or things in your possession are in a public place within a designated area. A police officer or PSO 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 direct you to leave the designated area if you refuse to remove a face covering.

A police officer may direct you to leave the designated area if they reasonably believe that you intend to engage in conduct that would constitute an affray or violent disorder under section 195H and section195I of the **Crimes Act 1958** respectively.

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