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VICTORIA POLICE

Control of Weapons Act 1990

DECLARATION OF DESIGNATED AREA UNDER SECTION 10D(1)

Planned Operation in Geelong Response Zone

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, the Geelong response zone. The Geelong Shopping Precinct is bounded by Gheringhap Street, Brougham Street, Bellarine Street and Myers Street (see map below).



SPECIAL

This declaration will be in place from Monday 14 July 2025 between the times of 1000 and 2200 hours.

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 section 195I of the **Crimes Act 1958** respectively.

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