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VICTORIA POLICE

Control of Weapons Act 1990

DECLARATION OF DESIGNATED AREA UNDER SECTION 10D(1)

Planned Operation Lunar Festival, St Albans

The Assistant Commissioner, North-West Metro, acting as a delegate of the Chief Commissioner of Police, under section 10D(1)(c) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**, declares as a designated area all public places within the area bound by and including St Albans railway station and carparks, and the St Albans CBD, being the area bordered by (and inclusive of): west from the intersection of Collins Street and Main Road East to the intersection of Main Road East and East Esplanade, north-west to the intersection of East Esplanade and Victoria Crescent, north to the intersection Victoria Crescent and Linda Street, east to the intersection of Linda Street and Alfrieda Street, south to the intersection of Alfrieda Street and McIvor Road, east to the intersection of McIvor Road and Collins Street, and south to the intersection of Collins Street and Main Road East, St Albans.



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This declaration will operate as follows: Sunday 18 January 2026 from 9.00 am to 11.00 pm inclusive, and relates to the Operation HYPERION – Lunar Festival.

Victoria Police powers in Designated Areas

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 under the Act. This may include, but is not limited to, a search via electronic wand, or a search of the contents of pockets/bags/etc or an outer search.

A police officer may also exercise their power under the Act to direct a person to leave the designated area if they refuse to remove a face covering and the police officer reasonably believes they are wearing the face covering to conceal their identity or protect themselves from crowd control substances.

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

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 without a reasonable excuse.

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