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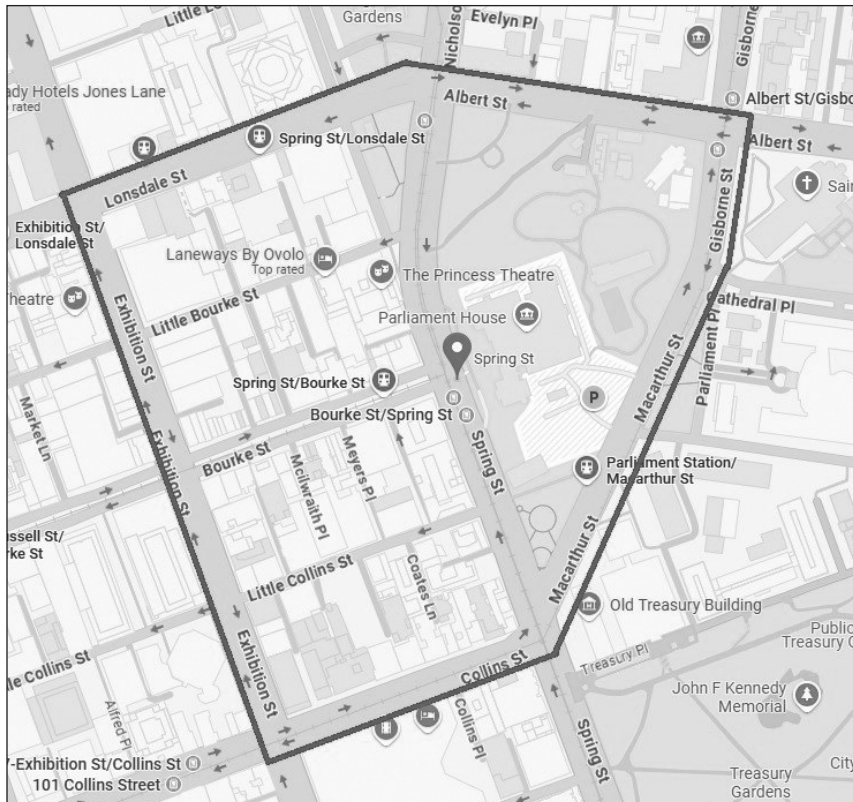
VICTORIA POLICE

Control of Weapons Act 1990

DECLARATION OF DESIGNATED AREA UNDER SECTION 10D(1)

Planned Operation in Melbourne

The Assistant Commissioner, North West Metro Region, 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, bounded by the intersection of Exhibition Street and Lonsdale Street, east to the intersection of Lonsdale Street and Albert Street, east to the intersection of Albert Street and Gisborne Street, south to the intersection of Gisborne Street and Cathedral Place, south to the intersection of Macarthur Street and Collins Street, west to the intersection of Collins Street and Exhibition Street, and north to the intersection of Exhibition Street and Lonsdale Street, including all roadways and footpaths associated with the stated road and road-related areas. (Road has the same meaning as in section 3 of the **Road Safety Act 1986**.)



SPECIAL

This declaration will be in place from: 8.00 am on Saturday 26 April 2025 to 7.59 pm on Saturday 26 April 2025.

Please be advised that:

- a declaration is in force pursuant to section 10D of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**;
- you and/or your vehicle is in a public place that is within a designated area;
- police officers and protective services officers on duty at a designated place (as per the **Victoria Police Act 2013**) are empowered to search you and anything in your possession or control, or your vehicle for weapons;
- it is an offence to obstruct or hinder a police officer or a protective services officer on duty at a designated place in the exercise of a power to stop and search a person or a vehicle.

If a police officer or protective services officer on duty within a designated place intends to conduct a limited search of you or your vehicle/things for weapons:

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

Whilst within the designated area, a police officer may request that you remove any face covering if the police officer reasonably believes the face covering is being worn primarily to conceal your identity, or to protect from the effects of crowd-controlling substances. If you refuse to remove the face covering, the police officer may direct you to leave the designated area.

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

It is an offence to fail to comply with any direction to leave a designated area without reasonable excuse.

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