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Police Administration Act 1978

Public Disorder Declaration No. 1 of 2024

I, Michael Patrick Murphy, Commissioner of Police, under section 135B of the *Police Administration Act 1978* (the **Act**), believing on reasonable grounds that:

- (a) there is an imminent risk of public disorder occurring within the declared area (as specified in item 3 of the Schedule); and
- (b) the use of the powers set out in Part VII, Division 5A of the Act are required to prevent, stop or reduce the public disorder from occurring within the area,

make the declaration set out in the Schedule.

M. P. MURPHY
Commissioner of Police

Dated: 8 July 2024

Time: 12:55 PM

Schedule

- 1 This declaration is made under Part VII, Division 5A of the Act.
- 2 The nature and circumstances of the public disorder in relation to which this declaration is made are as follows:
 - a. Over the preceding 72 hours the Alice Springs Central Business District (CBD) has experienced increased incidents relating to civil disturbances. These incidents have given rise to a serious risk to public safety. A significant incident of civil disturbance occurred in the morning of Sunday 7 July involving dozens of persons fighting on Todd Street and the adjoining council lawns, necessitating a large Police response including the deployment of Oleorsin Capsicum (OC) spray to dissipate the crowd and restore public order. Once dispersed, members of this crowd then assaulted and robbed four persons who were walking home within the confines of the CBD.
 - b. In addition to the above there has been an additional three reports of fighting within the CBD, one report of fireworks being fired into a dining premises, a report of youth engaging in property damage and a report of a stolen motor vehicle driving dangerously and throwing items at members of the public, all of which give rise to ongoing concerns of civil disturbances, giving rise to an ongoing risk to the public.
- 3 The area (the **declared area**) in relation to which this declaration applies is:
 - a. Commencing at the intersection of the Stuart Highway and the southern side of Stuart Terrace (including Stuart Park) to the southern intersection of Stuart Terrace and Gap Road, from the southern intersection of Stuart Terrace and Gap Road to the intersection of Gap Road and Bagot Street, from the intersection of Gap Road and Bagot Street to the intersection of Bagot Street and South Terrace, from the intersection of Bagot Street and South Terrace to the intersection of South Terrace and Tuncks Road, from the intersection of Bagot Street and South Terrace to the boundary of the Olive Pink Botanic Garden, running north along the western

boundary of the Olive Pink Botanic Garden to the footbridge north of Meyers Hill linking the walking track to Stott Terrace, from Stott Terrace to the intersection of Stuart Terrace, from the intersection of Stott Terrace and Stuart Terrace to the intersection of Sturt Terrace to Schwartz Crescent, from the intersection of Sturt Terrace to Schwartz Crescent to the intersection of Schwartz Crescent and the Stuart Highway, from the intersection of Schwartz Crescent and the Stuart Highway to the intersection of the Stuart Highway and the Stuart Terrace;

- b. Refer to attached map in the Annexure.
- 4 This declaration applies to all persons.
 - 5 This declaration will be in force for 72 hours after it is made.
 - 6 The powers under section 135D of the Act may be exercised by members between 22:00hrs in the evening and 06:00hrs in the morning while this declaration is in force.
 - 7 A person to whom this declaration applies may remain in or enter the declared area, despite this declaration being in force, for any of the following reasons:
 - (a) for employment purposes;
 - (b) to access the person's place of residence or that of a family member;
 - (c) to access a health care facility or receive medical treatment;
 - (d) to provide care or support to a family member or another person who is unable to care for themselves due to health, age or disability;
 - (e) for safety purposes related to interpersonal, family or domestic violence;
 - (f) to travel directly to an airport or State border or other place of departure, in order to leave the Territory;

- (g) to attend any of the following:
 - i. a food outlet with a fixed premises or vehicles providing takeaway food services or food for distribution by good delivery services;
 - ii. licensed premises;
 - iii. a petrol station;
 - iv. care services for people with particular needs because of homelessness, age, infirmity, disability, displacement, domestic violence, illness or a chronic health condition;
 - v. any other business premises for goods and services, including access to automated teller machines, laundry facilities, cinema, and post boxes;
 - vi. any association or club meeting;
- (h) is in an emergency;
- (i) for purposes relating to the administration of justice, including attending a police station and
- (j) if otherwise required or authorised by a law of the Territory or a law of the Commonwealth.

Annexure Map of declared area

