

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008

Request for assistance from Chief Health Officer to Chief Commissioner of Police

Interpretation:

Act means the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.

Chief Health Officer means the person appointed as Chief Health Officer under section 20 of the Act.

emergency powers means the powers set out in section 200 of the Act.

public health risk powers means the powers set out in section 190 of the Act.

serious risk to public health has the meaning set out in section 3 of the Act.

state of emergency means a state of emergency declared under section 198 of the Act.

A state of emergency was declared in Victoria on 16 March 2020.

Pursuant to section 202(2) of the Act, I, **Adjunct Clinical Professor Brett Sutton, Chief Health Officer of Department of Health and Human Services**, request of the Chief Commissioner of Police that police officers provide assistance to authorised officers exercising public health risk powers and emergency powers for the purpose of eliminating or reducing the serious risk to public health during the state of emergency, including all reasonable steps to enforce compliance with directions made under section 200 of the Act. This request includes, but is not limited to, any actions that police officers need to take to monitor compliance with the directions, investigate and respond to alleged breaches of the directions and, where it is determined that persons have failed to comply with the directions without lawful excuse, take any necessary enforcement action, by taking steps to compel compliance and or by issuing of fines or charging people for breaching s203 of the Act or any other steps lawfully available to them.

Signed at **Melbourne** in the **State of Victoria**

This ^{29th} day of *March* 2020

Time: *7pm*



Adjunct Clinical Professor Brett Sutton

Chief Health Officer

Department of Health and Human Services