



The 2023 implementation of the Hand Held Scanning (Wanding) legislation in the *Police Administration Act 1978*, brought with it the following obligation for public reporting on the website:

116KK Notice of hand held scanner authority to be published

- (1) The Commissioner must publish notice of a hand held scanner authority on the Agency's website within 2 months after the authority is issued.
- (2) The notice must include the following information:
 - (a) a description of the suspected offence area, or the name of the high risk area or public transport facility, for which the hand held scanner authority was issued;
 - (b) the day and time the authority started and ended;
 - (c) information about:
 - (i) the offence or offences mentioned in section 116KB(3)(a) that were known to the Commissioner or approved member who issued the authority; and
 - (ii) the consideration by the Commissioner or approved member of the matters mentioned in section 116KB(3)(b) and (c) in relation to issuing the authority;
 - (d) for an authority issued for a suspected offence area – the grounds for the Commissioner's suspicion mentioned in section 116KB(1).



Geographical Area	Time / Date of Authority	116KB(3)(a) Offence or Offences Known to the Approving Member	116KB(3)(b)and(c) Considerations
FEBRUARY 2024			
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 3:00pm on 2 February 2024 until 3:00am on 3 February 2024.	In the previous 6 months: A violent offence was committed and more than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.	<p>On 31 January 2024, Police arrested and charged a male with going armed in public and carry a controlled weapon being a Samurai sword.</p> <p>On 19 January 2024, Police received a report of adults fighting at the Yeperenye Shopping Centre whilst armed with knives and an axe. Police responded and located an adult male with an axe injury to his head.</p> <p>Yeperenye Centre is located within the Alice Springs High Risk Precinct. The area is a high use public place. The operation will target public areas, including the Yeperenye Centre, Coles Complex and the Alice Springs CBD. Detection of weapons is vital to preventing and mitigating further offences of violence.</p>
Casuarina High Risk Area	From 10:00am until 10:00pm on 10 February 2024.	In the previous 6 months: A violent offence was committed and more than one (1) weapon possession	<p>On 18 January 2024, Police responded to females fighting, with one in possession of a</p> <p>This operation was unlikely to affect local businesses or patrons of Casuarina Shopping Precinct. Numerous recent reports of persons armed with</p>

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		offence was committed	knife. On 7 December 2023, Security Officers within the Casuarina Precinct were assaulted by a youth who produced a 30cm knife.	knives indicates a reasonable possibility of locating weapons or deterring offences.
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 10:00am until 10:00pm on 15 February 2024.	In the previous 6 months: A violent offence was committed and more than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.	On 31 January 2024, Police arrested and charged a male with going armed in public and carry a controlled weapon being a Samurai sword. On 19 January 2024, Police received a report of adults fighting at the Yeperenye Shopping Centre whilst armed with knives and an axe. Police responded and located an adult male with an axe injury to his head.	The use of Hand Held Scanners is likely to be effective to detect and deter offences involving the possession of controlled and prohibited weapons in the Alice Springs High Risk precinct. Consideration has been given on the effect Hand Held Scanners may have on lawful activity.

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Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 3:00pm on 23 February 2024 until 3:00am on 24 February 2024.	In the previous 6 months: A violent offence was committed and more than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed	<p>On 31 January 2024, Police arrested and charged a male with going armed in public and carry a controlled weapon, being a Samurai sword.</p> <p>On 19 January 2024, Police received a report of adults fighting at the Yeperenye Shopping Centre whilst armed with knives and an axe. Police responded and located an adult male with an axe injury to his head.</p>	The use of Hand Held Scanners is likely to be effective to detect and deter offences involving the possession of controlled and prohibited weapons in the Alice Springs High Risk Precinct. Consideration has been given on the effect the Hand Held Scanners may have on lawful activity.
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