

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN  
CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**CRIME PREVENTION POWERS BILL 1998**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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## OUTLINE

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for a police officer who, having reasonable grounds, would be able to direct a person to leave a public place. The Bill has no financial implications.

## CLAUSE NOTES

**Clauses 1, and 2** are formal requirements. They refer to the short title of the Bill; specify that the Bill will commence upon being notified in the *Gazette*; and identify the title of the Act being amended.

**Clause 3** provides the interpretation of "public place" and "violent conduct".

**Clause 4** outlines the provision whereby a police officer may direct a person to leave a public place. The penalty for not following such a direction without a reasonable excuse is 2 penalty units (currently \$200). This Bill does not apply to people engaged in the activity of picketing a place of employment; demonstrating or protesting about a particular matter; or publicly speaking or identifying with a banner.