

Australian Capital Territory

Domestic Animals (Prohibited Areas) Declaration 2021 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2021-231

made under the

Domestic Animals Act 2000, s 41 (Prohibited areas)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 41 of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* (the Act) permits the Minister to declare an area of land or water to be an area where dogs are prohibited. The declaration of a dog prohibited area is made by disallowable instrument.

The declaration of an exercise area is made by disallowable instrument.

The Dog Exercise Map at schedule 1 of the instrument marks in red all declared dog exercise areas. Under section 41 (5) of the Act, it is an offence to take a dog into a prohibited area.

The Schedule 1 map can also be found on the Domestic Animals overlay map on the ACTMAPi website located at www.actmap.act.gov.au. The web version of this map allows interaction, for example, rescaling of the map should this be required for easier community use and accessibility.

Also marked on the map at schedule 1, in green, are areas where dogs are declared dog exercise areas. Exercise areas have been declared under section 40 of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* in a separate declaration. The map also contains other information relating to domestic animals and their movement which are authorised or prohibited under provisions of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* and do not form part of this declaration.

This instrument consolidates recent decisions about prohibited dog areas. It formally declares those areas as represented by changes that have been made to the Domestic Animals overlay map on ACTMAPi. Future changes to the Domestic Animals overlay map will be declared prior to changes to the overlay map.

This instrument revokes the *Domestic Animals (Prohibited Areas) Declaration 2015 (No 1)* (DI2015 - 337).