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**Amended Originating application for relief under section 39B
Judiciary Act 1903**

No. VID1612 of 2025

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: Victoria
Division: Administrative and Constitutional Law and Human Rights

Tarneen Onus Browne

First Applicant

Benjamin Zable

Second Applicant

Assistant Commissioner of Police, North West Metro Region

First Respondent

State of Victoria

Second Respondent

To the Respondents

The Applicants apply for the relief set out in this application.

The Court will hear this application, or make orders for the conduct of the proceeding, at the time and place stated below. If you or your lawyer do not attend, then the Court may make orders in your absence.

You must file a notice of address for service (Form 10) in the Registry before attending Court or taking any other steps in the proceeding.

Time and date for hearing: 15 and 16 February 2026

Place: Melbourne

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| Filed on behalf of (name & role of party) | Tarneen Onus Browne, First Applicant and Benjamin Zable, Second Applicant |
| Prepared by (name of person/lawyer) | Sarah Schwartz, Lawyer |
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~~The Court ordered that the time for serving this application be abridged to~~
Date:

Signed by an officer acting with the authority
of the District Registrar



Details of claim

On the grounds stated in the Concise Statement, the Applicants apply for the following relief under s 39B(1A)(b) of the *Judiciary Act 1903* (Cth) and ss 21, 22 and 23 of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth):

1. An order in the nature of a writ of certiorari quashing the First Respondent's declaration made on or around 25 November 2025 of a designated area under s 10D of the *Control of Weapons Act 1990* (Vic) effective from 30 November 2025 to 29 May 2026 (the **Designated Area Declaration**).
2. Further to paragraph 1, a declaration that the Designated Area Declaration is:
 - a. affected by jurisdictional error, and therefore invalid and unlawful; and
 - b. incompatible with human rights within the meaning of s 38(1) of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (Vic), and therefore unlawful; and
 - c. unlawful because, in deciding to make the Designated Area Declaration, the First Respondent failed to give proper consideration to human rights within the meaning of s 38(1) of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic), and therefore the decision to make the Designated Area Declaration was unlawful.
3. A declaration that s 10KA(1) of the *Control of Weapons Act 1990* (Vic) does not authorise a police officer to request a person wearing a face covering to remove the face covering, or direct them to leave a designated area, if the person is wearing the face covering and is engaged in political communication.
4. In the alternative to paragraph 3, a declaration that s 10KA(1) of the *Control of Weapons Act 1990* (Vic) contravenes the implied constitutional freedom of political communication, and is therefore invalid.

~~5. Costs.~~

Claim for interlocutory relief

~~The Applicants also claim interlocutory relief.~~

- ~~1. An order that the hearing of the proceeding be expedited, with a final hearing no later than 25 January 2026.~~
- ~~2. An order that, by 4pm on 10 December 2025, the First Respondent produce to the Applicants all material that was before the First Respondent at the time the First Respondent made the Designated Area Declaration, or which was otherwise relied upon by the First Respondent in making the Designated Area Declaration.~~



3. ~~An order that, pursuant to r 40.51 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth), the maximum costs that may be recovered in this proceeding as between the parties is \$7000.~~

Applicants' address

The Applicants' address for service is:

Place: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

The First Applicant's address is [REDACTED].

The Second Applicant's address is [REDACTED].

Service on the Respondents

It is intended to serve this amended application on all Respondents.

Date: ~~8~~19 December 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S.S.' followed by a stylized flourish.

Signed by Sarah Schwartz
Lawyer for the First and Second Applicants