

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Amendment (Knife Scanning) Bill 2026

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Proposed amendment

No. 1 **Use of hand-held scanners without warrant**

Page 3, Schedule 1[1]–[5], lines 3–36. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

[1] Part 4A, heading

Omit “in designated areas”.

[2] Section 45D, heading

Omit “Definitions”.

Insert instead “Definition”.

**[3] Section 45D, definitions of “designated area”, “public transport station”,
“senior police officer”, “shopping precinct” and “sporting venue”**

Omit the definitions.

[4] Section 45E Meaning of “public transport station”

Omit the section.

[5] Part 4A, Division 2

Omit the division.

[5A] Part 4A, Division 3, heading

Omit the heading.

Insert instead—

Division 3 Power to scan persons

[5B] Section 45K

Omit the section.

Insert instead—

45K Authorised use of hand-held scanners without warrants in public places

- (1) A police officer may, without a warrant, require a person in a public place to stop and submit to the use of a hand-held scanner.
- (2) In this section—
 - public place*—
 - (a) has the same meaning as in the *Summary Offences Act 1988*, and
 - (b) includes a public transport vehicle.

[5C] Section 45L Authorised use of hand-held scanner without warrant on board public transport vehicles

Omit the section.

[5D] Section 45M Requirements if hand-held scanner indicates metal

Omit “designated area” from section 45M(1)(a).

Insert instead “public place”.

[5E] Section 45M(2), note

Omit the note.