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Subject: RE: FOR URGENT REVIEW: DRAFT holding lines: Shooting at a rural property in Porepunkah,
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Thank you all.

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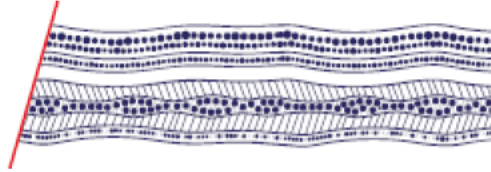
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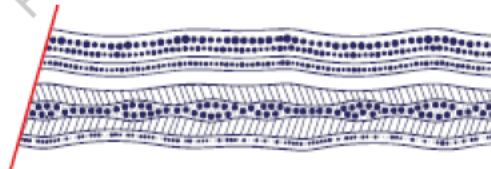
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

AC Nutt is unavailable at the moment but nil concerns from CTSI perspective at this stage.

Thanks

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Hi [redacted] s 22(1)(a)(ii)

All good from my perspective, perhaps we can add:

- There are no AFP members involved in this incident; and
- AFP stands ready to offer any assistance required to Victoria Police.

Kind regards,
Hilda

HILDA SIREC APM

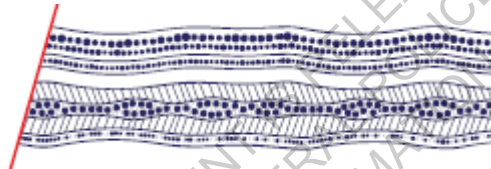
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Subject: FOR URGENT REVIEW: DRAFT holding lines: Shooting at a rural property in Porepunkah, Victoria [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

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Afternoon Ma'am and Sir,

For urgent review, please see below proposed holding lines for MO and PMO ahead of 1pm presser about the incident in rural Victoria.

Thanks

[redacted] s 22(1)(a)(ii)

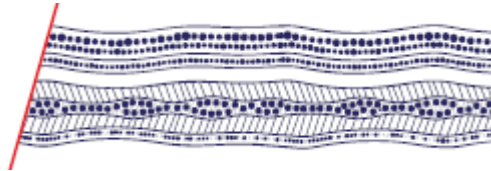
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Subject: FOR URGETN REVIEW: DRAFT holding lines: Shooting at a rural property in Porepunkah, Victoria [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

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Hi AFP and ASIO,

For urgent review, please see below holding lines on the incident underway at a rural property in Porepunkah, Victoria.

If we could have these back by 12:55pm that would be much appreciated.

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HOLDING LINES

- Victoria Police is responding to an incident involving a shooting at a rural property in Porepunkah, Victoria.
- One police officer is reported as injured, while a search is underway for two other officers.
- The incident is ongoing and Victoria police have asked the public to avoid the area.
- Our first concern is for the safety of the police officers involved and I urge everyone in the area to listen to the advice of authorities.

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Kind regards,

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s 22(1)(a)@afp.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Holding Lines: Shooting at a rural property in Porepunkah, Victoria [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Afternoon All,

For information, below are the current WofG holding lines in relation to the shooting of police officers in rural Victoria.

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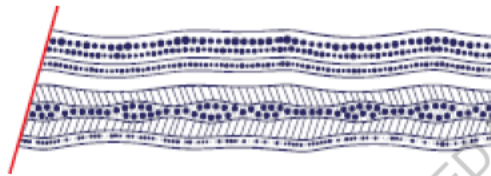
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Victoria Police has confirmed two officers have been killed and a third has been wounded.

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Good afternoon,

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Please see below and attached holding lines on the incident underway at a rural property in Porepunkah, Victoria.

Holding Lines

- Victoria Police is responding to an incident involving a shooting at a rural property in Porepunkah, Victoria.
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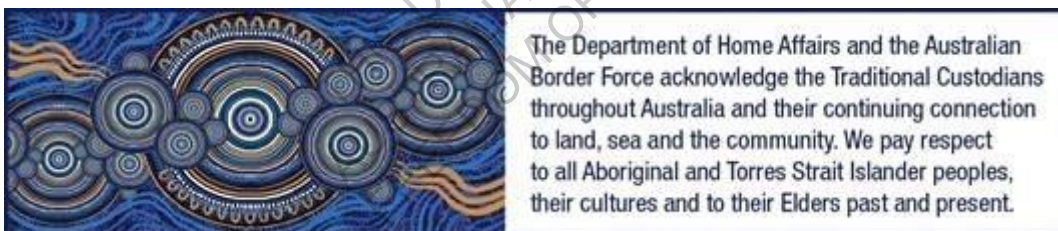
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Subject: FOR INFO: Requests for interviews being declined [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Renee,

For information, we have received requests from ABC7.30 and ABC RN Breakfast (details below) for interviews with the Commissioner about [REDACTED] s 22(1)(a)(ii) and the incident involving VicPol officers.

We will politely decline.

[REDACTED] s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: [REDACTED] s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au
Subject: bid for commissioner

Hi [REDACTED] s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for taking my call earlier.

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We're putting in an early bid for the Commissioner this evening regarding the incident in Porepunkah.

Let me know his availability.

Thanks,

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <abc.net.au>

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To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

Subject: Radio interview request - ABC Radio National Breakfast for 27/8

Hi team,

s 22(1)(a)(ii) from Radio National Breakfast with Sally Sara, trust this finds you well.

Looking to see if possible to speak with AFP Commissioner Reece Kershaw tomorrow about two matters:

1. The awful incident unfolding in Victoria

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Hoping we can arrange a time for tomorrow – looking at any time from 7am.

Happy to chat further and see what the options are.

Many thanks,



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ABC Radio National Breakfast with Sally Sara

5:30am – 9am AEST

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Thanks Hilda,

At 1632hrs, MHAO Senior Advisor s 22(1)(a)(ii) briefed.

Regards,

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Subject: Operation GREAT ALPINE s 47E(d) - AFP response to Victoria Police Incident in Porepunkah [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear colleagues,

Activation of AFP Operation GREAT ALPINE s 47E(d))

As you are all aware, on Tuesday 26 August, a major incident occurred in Porepunkah, Victoria where two serving members of the Victoria Police were shot and tragically killed when attending a rural property to conduct a search warrant. A third Victoria Police officer was also shot during the incident requiring urgent medical attention for his injuries.

Since that time, Victoria Police Command as the lead agency is undertaking a complex search and active investigation (under reference s 47E(d)) involving significant Police resourcing.

AFP Southern Command, the jurisdictional support partner of Victoria Police, is continuing engagement with Victoria Police across their two pillars:

1. Investigation of the incident; and
2. Search and safe apprehension of the alleged offender, Desmond 'Dezi' FREEMAN

The AFP has and continues to offer support in various forms including operational, tactical, and specialist capability to assist Victoria Police whilst they navigate this significant operational event. I know that Victoria Police is eternally grateful for all the support and assistance from the AFP.

AFP **Operation GREAT ALPINE** (s 47E(d)) has been activated and this will be the central AFP investigation case to collate holdings in respect of any AFP support to the investigation.

The IMS investigation case should be updated with records, material, documents and any information and documentation arising from the investigation including briefings, ministerial, media, case note entries and any operational planning and decisions linked to the investigation, including the use of any AFP resources used to support Victoria Police s 47E(d)

For any email correspondence related to the matter, please include D/A/Sgt s 22(1)(a)(ii) (Case Officer) s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au and s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au to ensure as an organisation we retain and record accurate and timely reporting of material related to **Op GREAT ALPINE**

A weekly Situational Report for **Op GREAT ALPINE** will be prepared (via Office of ACSC) in preparation for scheduled reporting by COB each Wednesday to key stakeholders including OoTC, OoDCNS and LELO, whilst this matter remains active.

Could I please ask your assistance to provide the details of **Op GREAT ALPINE** to your leaders so that we can ensure any enquiries, deployment of resources and updates continue to be collated to inform the appropriate briefings and updates.

I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Please reach out if you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Hilda

HILDA SIREC APM

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- The AFP can confirm it is providing assistance to the ongoing police operation in Porepunkah, Victoria, at the request of Victoria Police.
- Any further inquiries should be directed to Victoria Police.

Thanks,

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From: Paul Shapiro <Paul.Shapiro@dailymail.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 29 August 2025 12:04 PM
To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>
Subject: Dezi Freeman search

Hi,

Can I confirm AFP has joined the search the suspected cop killer Dezi Freeman?

If so, can I confirm how many officers and what type of units will or have been deployed?

Thanks Paul

Paul Shapiro

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To: Media <[Media@afp.gov.au](#)>
Subject: Porepunkah gunman search

Good morning

Can you confirm please the AFP has joined search operation for fugitive gun man in Porepunkah, Victoria?

Thank you

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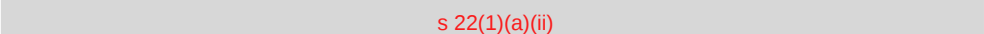
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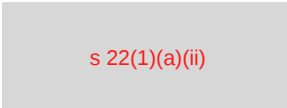
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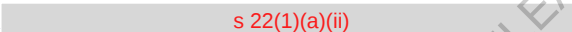
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Good morning,

For your awareness we will shortly be referring Mohammad Alfares to Victoria Police in relation to his below enquiry.

Kind regards,

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From: Alfares, Mohammad <mohammad.alfares@news.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 31 August 2025 10:45 AM
To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>
Subject: The Australian / Porepukah

Hey team,

Are you able to provide any details about the AFP resources deployed to Porepukah for the manhunt of Desmond Freeman?

Any information at all will be great to have.

Thanks for all your work.

MOHAMMAD ALFARES
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From: [Media](#)

To:

Cc:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: FOR INFO: AFP response to The Advertiser - Sovereign citizens [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Date: Thursday, 19 June 2025 6:13:02 PM

Attachments: [image010.png](#)
[image001.gif](#)
[image002.gif](#)
[image003.gif](#)
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[image005.gif](#)
[image006.gif](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please see response we'll provide shortly to *The Adelaide Advertiser* about sovereign citizens.

Response attributable to an AFP spokesperson:

- The sovereign citizen movement ideology identified globally is generally seen to be contesting government legitimacy. In recent years, law enforcement has observed the groups co-opting or overlapping with patriot movements.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, people were spending an increased amount of time online, increasing susceptibility to conspiracy theories due to the crisis and hardening of consensus 'radical' perspectives.
- The AFP, in collaboration with domestic and international partners, continues to monitor the environment and focuses on any groups that may seek to breach legislation and move towards violence in support of any ideation.

Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hope you are well!

As mentioned on the phone, I'm seeking some comments/info around sovereign citizens in general, in light of Warren Treadrea's court appearance this week (but just after general comments, not specifically related to Warren Treadrea).

Any help would be much appreciated!

- What is a sovereign citizen/what are the characteristics of a sovereign citizen?
- How often does the AFP come into contact with sovereign citizens?
- For what reasons do the AFP come into contact with sovereign citizens?
- What challenges does the AFP face when dealing with sovereign citizens?
- Is there anything else the AFP wishes to say about sovereign citizens?

Also, do you happen to know how recent this document was produced and whether it is still up-to-date? It looks like it may have been published in 2023...?

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If I could receive a response by 4pm today it would be much appreciated (apologies for the incredibly tight deadline).

Any help would be much appreciated!

Kind regards,

Elizabeth

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ELIZABETH HENSON

Chief Police Reporter

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Extremism

- Extremism refers to an uncompromising political theory with rigid policies and ideology.
- Many individuals hold extremist views however they are not necessarily violent.

Violent Extremism

- Violent extremism refers to acts of or support for violence to achieve social, political or legal outcomes or in response to specific political or social grievances. This includes terrorism, hate crimes and other forms of politically motivated violence.
 - A violent extremist is an individual who uses unlawful violence to advance their extremist views.
- Ideologically motivated violent extremism denotes support for violence to achieve political outcomes or in response to a specific political or social grievance. It includes nationalist, racist, anarchist, misogynist and revolutionary motivations, and grievances related to a specific issue.

Sovereign citizens

- Sovereign citizens are specific-issue extremists who hold complex, anti-government ideology. Their belief system and actions are largely underpinned by the belief that the law does not apply to them.
 - Sovereign citizens movements operate in Australia, with some individuals refusing to pay council rates, register cars, or carry licences
- Unlike other extremist groups, sovereign citizen beliefs are not inherently indicative of a violent extremist ideology however the potential for violence, fixation and harassment does exist within these groups.
 - Sovereign citizen movements can overlap with other issue motivated groups and can attract an array of belief systems that may fall within ideologically motivated violent extremism when coupled with support for violence to achieve political outcomes or in response to a specific political or social grievance.

The Porepunkah incident

- The Porepunkah shooting was a disturbing incident and it has not been declared a terrorist incident.
 - This is an active case. Law enforcement and security agencies will continue to provide updates as appropriate.
- Law enforcement and security agencies have indicated that it is too early to comment on whether the alleged offender held any violent extremist ideologies.

From: [Media](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: FW: For review: Official TP"s - Violent Extremism, Sovereign Citizens and Porepunkah [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 5 September 2025 11:57:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[CVE Policy - Porepunkah TP"s.docx](#)
[image002.gif](#)
[image003.gif](#)
[image004.gif](#)
[image005.gif](#)
[image006.gif](#)
[image007.gif](#)

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)LS,

For awareness – anything you can spot that's an issue? Currently with CT...

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 11:38 AM
To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@afp.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@afp.gov.au)>
Cc: Ministerial <ministerial@afp.gov.au>
Subject: FW: For review: Official TP"s - Violent Extremism, Sovereign Citizens and Porepunkah [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Media, CT

Forwarding through below/attached for review and consideration please.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Friday, 5 September 2025 11:23 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @asio.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @asio.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) afp.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) homeaffairs.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) HOMEAFFAIRS.GOV.AU>
Subject: For review: Official TP's - Violent Extremism, Sovereign Citizens and Porepunkah [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good Morning,

The Home Affairs CVE Policy Team have developed the attached official level TP's on violent extremism, sovereign citizens and the recent Porepunkah incident.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Grateful if you could review the attached points and provide any amendments or feedback as soon as practically possible.

Please reach out if you have any concerns.

Kind regard,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Assistant Director | Countering Violent Extremism Policy
Countering Violent Extremism | Counter Terrorism and Violent Extremism Division
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) on behalf of Media
To: ACT-Police-Media; Media
Subject: RE: ABC News request: police resources in Dezi Freeman search [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 2 September 2025 12:52:19 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

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Good afternoon, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

The following statement can be attributed to an AFP spokesperson:

- The AFP can confirm it is providing assistance to the ongoing police operation in Porepunkah, Victoria, at the request of Victoria Police.
- Any further inquiries should be directed to Victoria Police.

Regards,

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <@abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 September 2025 12:35 PM
To: ACT-Police-Media <act-police-media@afp.gov.au>; Media <Media@afp.gov.au>
Subject: ABC News request: police resources in Dezi Freeman search

Good afternoon,

Could you please provide an update on how many ACT Policing and AFP resources have been sent to Victoria to assist with the search for alleged gunman Dezi Freeman?

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Reporter, ABC Canberra

M: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: AFP assistance at Porepunkah as part of ongoing Victoria Police operation [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 28 August 2025 3:39:23 PM
Attachments: [image003.gif](#)
[image001.gif](#)

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

That's fine.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 3:39 PM
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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: AFP assistance at Porepunkah as part of ongoing Victoria Police operation [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi AFP media,

For the purposes of WofG TPs, are you comfortable with the below phrasing:

- The AFP is providing assistance to the ongoing police operation in Porepunkah, Victoria, at the request of Victoria Police.

Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director, National Security and Crisis Communication

Media and Communication Branch

Executive Coordination Division | Executive Group

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From: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>

Subject: AFP assistance at Porepunkah as part of ongoing Victoria Police operation
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon,

For your visibility and potential inclusion in the broader Government response.

Please see the below lines we will shortly be providing to s 22(1)(a)(ii) from The Guardian in response to his inquiry about whether the AFP is assisting Victoria Police at Porepunkah.

Kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

INQUIRY:

Hi team,

I'm part of our coverage of the incident in Porepunkah. We're just hoping to confirm that this attached image shows that members of the AFP TRT are on the scene and assisting with the manhunt?

Thanks

RESPONSE:

- The AFP can confirm it is providing assistance to the ongoing police operation in Porepunkah, Victoria, at the request of Victoria Police.
- Any further inquiries should be directed to Victoria Police.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Writing to you from Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country
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From: [McIntyre, Mark](#)

To:

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Subject: RE: *For Priority Action* MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepukah [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Date: Thursday, 28 August 2025 2:16:32 PM

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[image004.gif](#)
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[image006.gif](#)
[image007.gif](#)
[image001.gif](#)

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Cleared – thanks for your efforts

Mark

COMMANDER MARK MCINTYRE

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 2:13 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>; McIntyre, Mark

<s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: *For Priority Action* MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepukah [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Sir,

For your urgent clearance – we are proposing the below lines for provision to The Guardian in response to their inquiry on whether AFP TRT are on the ground at Porepukah:

- The AFP can confirm it is providing assistance to the ongoing police operation in Porepunkah, Victoria, at the request of Victoria Police.
- Any further inquiries should be directed to Victoria Police.

If you are happy – we will additionally clear through Victoria Police **before** responding.

I understand there are some concerns about the members faces being visible in the media supplied photograph – and we will request this is blurred by the outlet. This will be at their discretion but will make the request clear at our end.

Happy to discuss further if required.

Many thanks and kind regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 12:42 PM
To: McIntyre, Mark s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: *For Priority Action* MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepunkah
[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Good afternoon Sir,

I hope you are well.

At the request of OoACSPC, I am forwarding the below request from AFP Media in relation to TRT in Porepunkah.

Grateful for confirmation if the attached image is of an AFP TR team on site at the operation response in Porepunkah, Victoria, as soon as possible please?

NCST had nil initial awareness of any AFP involvement in this matter.

Kindest regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 12:36 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>

Subject: RE: *For Awareness* MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepunkah
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please touch base with Cmdr McIntyre's team on this request as it's his team that have been deployed.

Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 12:10 PM

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Subject: *For Awareness* MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepunkah
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Importance: High

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Good afternoon all,

I have forwarded the below Media request noting, very sadly, its significant sensitivity in relation to Porepunkah. This is for awareness only at this stage.

Where NCST can further assist we will, however, currently our team has had nil visibility on any AFP response and I have requested SC take initial lead. As noted below, I have asked we continue to receive visibility on this request.

I will seek confirmation of any AFP response to this matter for the awareness of OoACSPC as well.

Kindest regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 12:06 PM

To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for advising on the below. Can SC please take lead on this enquiry as I have nil knowledge of this. Please continue to cc in NCST into this request in case at any point we can further assist.

Kindest regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good morning SPC National Coordination (CC Southern Command),

MEDIA REQUEST – We have received a request from The Guardian who have obtained images of possible AFP Tactical Team on site at the operation response in Porepunkah, VIC.

Can we please confirm this is AFP TRT?

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @theguardian.com>

Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 11:05 AM

To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

Subject: TRT in Porepunkah

Hi team,

I'm part of our coverage of the incident in Porepunkah. We're just hoping to confirm that this attached image shows that members of the AFP TRT are on the scene and assisting with the manhunt?

Thanks

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Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepukah [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 28 August 2025 1:52:54 PM
Attachments: [image002.gif](#)
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[image010.gif](#)
[image011.gif](#)
[image012.gif](#)
[image013.gif](#)

OFFICIAL

Absolutely! X2

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 1:52 PM

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AND, once finalised and we send to MHAO for info, can you include HA Crisis Comms so they can add it to the WofG TPs?

Thanks!

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 1:27 PM

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thoughts on the below?

- The AFP can confirm it is providing assistance to the ongoing police operation in Porepunkah, Victoria, at the request of Victoria Police.
- Any further inquiries should be directed to Victoria Police.

Happy to make any required changes before sending off for clearance.

For your visibility – some concern has been expressed to me about the weapons and faces visible in the photo provided s 22(1)(a)(ii) from SPC.

I have told them – that while we can request edits – we can't put the Genie back in the bottle.

I have asked SPC to advise members on the ground that snappers will be out with long range lenses and should be ultra aware they may be photographed. I've suggested balaclavas/ masks should be worn if faces are an issue.

Regardless – I'll ask s 22(1)(a)(ii) for a favour and see if he is happy to blur the ones in the provided image.

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 12:48 PM

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) will progress this as per the advice below.

Thanks everyone.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 12:35 PM

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepukah [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Maybe we draft a basic line to state that AFP accepted a request from/offered assistance to Victoria Police, and various specialist AFP members have been deployed... then state any further enquiries be

directed to VicPol Media.

What does everyone else think?

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 12:31 PM

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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For our awareness – I have spoken to Mark McIntyre and the SC leadership team (Hilda, s 22(1)(a)(ii) Raegan Stewart and s 22(1)(a)(ii))

s 47E(d)

Additionally – LELO has confirmed the PM will be standing up to talk about the matter during QT today.

I'll chat with s 22(1)(a)(ii) about next steps while we wait for VicPol to confirm whether they are comfortable with us responding/ confirming.

TY

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 12:06 PM

To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

[REDACTED] s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepukah [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED] s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for advising on the below. Can SC please take lead on this enquiry as I have nil knowledge of this. Please continue to cc in NCST into this request in case at any point we can further assist.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED] s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 11:21 AM

To: [REDACTED] s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: MEDIA REQUEST: Guardian Australia -TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Good morning SPC National Coordination (CC Southern Command),

MEDIA REQUEST – We have received a request from The Guardian who have obtained images of possible AFP Tactical Team on site at the operation response in Porepunkah, VIC.

Can we please confirm this is AFP TRT?

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) theguardian.com>

Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 11:05 AM

To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>

Subject: TRT in Porepunkah

Hi team,

I'm part of our coverage of the incident in Porepunkah. We're just hoping to confirm that this attached image shows that members of the AFP TRT are on the scene and assisting with the manhunt?

Thanks

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc:
Subject: RE: TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 28 August 2025 3:09:04 PM
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[image002.gif](#)
[image003.gif](#)
[image004.gif](#)
[image005.gif](#)
[image006.gif](#)
[image007.gif](#)

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Thanks so much for your help!

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 2:47 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@police.vic.gov.au>; Media <Media@afp.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@police.vic.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>; Media <Media@afp.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Confirming this is approved for release from our end – thanks for standing by.

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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phone s 22(1)(a)(ii)

address: Level 29, Victoria Police Centre, 311 Spencer Street, Docklands VIC, 3008

www.police.vic.gov.au

I currently work part-time. My working days are Monday – Thursday.

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) afp.gov.au>

Subject: RE: TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Many thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) we'll standby!

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 2:34 PM

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afp.gov.au>

Subject: RE: TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for getting in touch and for sending across your proposed comms.

They are currently with our Police Commander for approval and we will come back to you.

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)@afp.gov.au>

Subject: RE: TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

UNOFFICIAL

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I'm sure you are absolutely swamped – and hope you and the team are going okay!

We are seeking clearance of the following lines *should* it be endorsed for the AFP to confirm our assistance.

- The AFP can confirm it is providing assistance to the ongoing police operation in Porepunkah, Victoria, at the request of Victoria Police.
- Any further inquiries should be directed to Victoria Police.

Additionally – we will be requesting s 22(1)(a)(ii) for the faces of our TRT members in the supplied photograph. Have Victoria Police been requesting similar edits from outlets throughout the operation?

Many thanks and happy to chat if easier.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 11:57 AM
To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @police.vic.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @police.vic.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) afp.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @afp.gov.au>
Subject: RE: TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi guys – I think it should be more than fine but I've cc'ed s 22(1)(a)(ii) up in our State Police Ops Centre who will double check.

Cheers

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From: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 11:42 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@police.vic.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>; Media <Media@afp.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@afp.gov.au>
Subject: FW: TRT in Porepunkah [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

UNOFFICIAL

Good morning s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We've received the below request from s 22(1)(a)(ii) are you happy for us to confirm it's AFP TRT?

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Let me come back to you.

Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 11:05 AM
To: Media <Media@afp.gov.au>
Subject: TRT in Porepunkah

Hi team,

I'm part of our coverage of the incident in Porepunkah. We're just hoping to confirm that this attached image shows that members of the AFP TRT are on the scene and assisting with the manhunt?

Thanks

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