

Australian Capital Territory

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

Disallowable instrument DI2021-230

made under the

Domestic Animals Act 2000, s 40 (Declaration—exercise areas)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 40 of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* (the Act) permits the Minister to declare an area of land or water to be an exercise area for all or stated animals.

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

The Dog Exercise Map at schedule 1 of the instrument marks in green all declared dog exercise areas.

Dog exercise areas are also known as ‘off-leash areas’ and they allow the keeper or carer of a dog to exercise the dog without it being restrained by a leash, a situation that would normally be an offence under section 44(1) of the Act.

The Schedule 1 map can also be found on the Domestic Animals overlay map on the ACTMAPi website located at www.actmapi.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 red, are areas where dogs are declared prohibited. Prohibited areas have been declared under section 41 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 the location of dog exercise 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 (Exercise Areas) Declaration 2015 (No 1)* (DI2015 -336).