

Australian Capital Territory

Emergencies (Exempt Fire) Declaration 2026 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2026–252

made under the

Emergencies Act 2004, s 117 (Declaration of exempt fires)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Emergencies (Exempt Fire) Declaration 2026 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

3 Declaration of exempt fire

I declare Ceremonial Fires (Smoking Ceremonies) at any area within the Australian Capital Territory to be an exempt fire for the purposes of section 117 of the *Emergencies Act 2004* when it meets the following requirements:

- (a) the fire is maintained for a ceremonial or commemorative purpose; and
- (b) the fire is less than 1m³ in volume; and
- (c) the area for at least 3m around the fire is clear of flammable material; and
- (d) reasonable steps have been taken to prevent the fire escaping.

Wayne Phillips
Commissioner
ACT Emergency Services Agency

25 May 2026