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## **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**

### DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Section 198 of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** (Vic.)

Declaration of a State of Emergency

Under Section 198 of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**

Under section 198(1) of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**, I, the Hon. Jenny Mikakos, Minister for Health, on the advice of the Chief Health Officer and after consultation with the Minister and the Emergency Management Commissioner under the **Emergency Management Act 2013**, declare a state of emergency throughout the State of Victoria arising out of the serious risk to public health in Victoria from Novel Coronavirus 2019 (2019-nCoV).

This declaration takes effect immediately and operates for a period of 4 weeks from the date of this declaration.

Dated 16 March 2020

JENNY MIKAKOS MP  
Minister for Health

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