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FOR

An Act to amend the *Public Safety Preservation Act 1986* in relation to powers for dealing with chemical, biological or radiological emergencies, and for related purposes

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	The Parliament of Queensland enacts—	1
Clause	1 Short title	2
	This Act may be cited as the Chemical, Biological and Radiological Emergency Powers Amendment Act 2003.	3 4
Clause	2 Act amended	5
	This Act amends the Public Safety Preservation Act 1986.	6
Clause	3 Amendment of title	7
	Title, 'situations of emergency'—	8
	omit, insert—	9
	'chemical, biological, radiological or other emergencies'.	10
Clause	4 Amendment of s 4 (Definitions)	11
	(1) Section 4, 'In this Act—'—	12
	omit, insert—	13
	'The dictionary in the schedule defines particular words used in this Act.'.	14 15
	(2) Section 4—	16
	insert—	17
	' "ambulance controller" means a government ambulance officer whose duties include performing functions for the Queensland Ambulance	18 19
	Service as a controller of ambulance officers responding to a CBR emergency.	20 21
	emergency.	21

"CBR emergency" see section 12.1	1
"CBR emergency powers" means powers available to the CBRE coordinator or emergency responders under part 3.	2 3
"CBR substance" means—	4
(a) a chemical, biological or radiological substance; or	5
(b) the effect of a chemical, biological or radiological substance.	6
"CBRE ambulance officer" means an ambulance officer who is authorised under part 3 to exercise powers available to an ambulance officer under that part for a particular CBR emergency.	7 8 9
"CBRE coordinator" see section 16.2	10
"CBRE fire officer" means a fire officer who is authorised under part 3 to exercise powers available to a fire officer under that part for a particular CBR emergency.	11 12 13
"CBRE health officer" means a health officer who is authorised under part 3 to exercise powers available to a health officer under that part for a particular CBR emergency.	14 15 16
"CBRE police officer" means a police officer who is authorised under part 3 to exercise powers available to a police officer under that part for a particular CBR emergency.	17 18 19
"CBRE veterinary officer" means a veterinary officer who is authorised under part 3 to exercise powers available to a veterinary officer under that part for a particular CBR emergency	20 21 22
"chief veterinary officer" means the veterinary officer employed to perform functions as the chief veterinary officer for the department within which the <i>Stock Act 1915</i> is administered.	23 24 25
"commissioner" means the commissioner of the Queensland Police Service.	26 27
"decontamination power" means the power described in section 28.3	28
"detention power" means the power under section 32 to detain a person.4	29

¹ Section 12 (CBR emergency may be declared)

² Section 16 (Meaning of "CBRE coordinator")

³ Section 28 (Power to decontaminate)

⁴ Section 32 (Power to detain)

'emergency responder'' means—	1
(a) until a CBR emergency is declared, a person who is—	2
(i) a government ambulance officer; or	3
(ii) a government fire officer; or	4
(iii) a government health officer; or	5
(iv) a State police officer; or	6
(v) a veterinary officer; or	7
(b) after a CBR emergency is declared, a person who is—	8
(i) a CBRE ambulance officer; or	9
(ii) a CBRE fire officer; or	10
(iii) a CBRE health officer; or	11
(iv) a CBRE police officer; or	12
(v) a CBRE veterinary officer.	13
'fire controller'' means a government fire officer whose duties include performing functions for the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service as a controller of fire officers responding to a CBR emergency.	
'fire officer'' means—	17
(a) a government fire officer; or	18
(b) a non-government fire officer.	19
'government ambulance officer'' means an ambulance officer under the <i>Ambulance Service Act 1991</i> .	20 21
'government doctor' means a registrant under the <i>Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001</i> who is employed in the department within which that Act is administered.	
'government fire officer'' , means a fire officer under the <i>Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990</i> .	25 26
'government health officer'' means—	27
(a) a government doctor; or	28
(b) a government nurse.	29

"government nurse" means a registered nurse under the <i>Nursing Act 1992</i> who is employed in the department within which that Act is administered.	1 2 3
"health officer" means—	4
(a) a government health officer; or	5
(b) a non-government doctor; or	6
(c) a non-government nurse.	7
"help direction" see section 8.5	8
"identity power" means the power described in section 27(1).6	9
"involved", in relation to a CBR substance, includes—	10
(a) likely to be involved; and	11
(b) likely to have been involved.	12
"medical controller" means a government health officer whose duties include performing functions for the department within which the <i>Health Act 1937</i> is administered as a controller of health officers responding to a CBR emergency.	13 14 15 16
"monitor" means a monitor under the <i>Crime and Misconduct Act 2001</i> or the <i>Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000</i> .	17 18
"non-government ambulance officer" means a person performing functions of an ambulance officer for an ambulance service other than the Queensland Ambulance Service.	19 20 21
"non-government doctor" means—	22
(a) a registrant under the <i>Medical Practitioners Registration</i> Act 2001 who is not a government doctor; or	23 24
(b) a person registered as a medical practitioner under a law of another State.	25 26
"non-government fire officer" means a person performing functions of a fire officer for a fire authority, brigade or service other than the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service.	27 28 29
"non-government nurse" means—	30

⁵ Section 8 (Powers of incident coordinator)

⁶ Section 27 (Power to require name and address)

(a) a registered nurse under the <i>Nursing Act 1992</i> who is not a government nurse; or	1 2
(b) a person registered as a nurse under a law of another State.	3
"non-State police officer" means a member of a police force or service of the Commonwealth or another State.	4 5
"nurse" means—	6
(a) a government nurse; or	7
(b) a non-government nurse.	8
"police officer" means—	9
(a) a non-State police officer; or	10
(b) a State police officer.	11
"property destruction power" means the power described in section 26(1).7	12 13
"property seizure power" means the power described in section 25(1).8	14
"resource operator direction" see section 8.9	15
"resource surrender direction" see section 8.	16
"State police officer" means a police officer under the <i>Police Service Administration Act 1990</i> .	17 18
"treatment power" means the power described in sections 29(2) and 30(3).10	19 20
"veterinary officer" means a government veterinary officer under the Stock Act 1915.'.	21 22
(3) Section 5, definitions—	23
relocate to the schedule (as inserted by section 18)	24

⁷ Section 26 (Power to destroy seized property)

⁸ Section 25 (Power to seize property)

⁹ Section 8 (Powers of incident coordinator)

¹⁰ Sections 29 (Power to medically examine and treat) and 30 (Refusal of medical treatment)

Clause	5 Insertion of new s 4A	1
	Part 1, after section 4—	2
	insert—	3
	'4A Notes	4
	'A note in the text of this Act is part of the Act.'.	5
Clause	6 Amendment of s 5 (Declaration of emergency situation)	6
	(1) Section 5(2)—	7
	omit.	8
	(2) Section 5(4A), '(3)'—	9
	omit, insert—	10
	'(2)'.	11
	(3) Section 5(3) to (5)—	12
	renumber as section 5(2), (3), (5) and (6).	13
	(4) Section 5—	14
	insert—	15
	'(4) However, if an emergency situation is later declared to be a CBR emergency, the declaration of the emergency situation has no effect for the period of the CBR emergency.	16 17 18
	Note—	19
	CBR emergencies may be declared under section 12. ¹¹ '.	20
Clause	7 Amendment of s 7 (Power to delegate)	21
	(1) Section 7(3), from 'referred to'—	22
	omit, insert—	23
	'under section 5, whichever happens first.'.	24
	(2) Section 7(4), 'referred to in section 5(3)'—	25
	omit, insert—	26

¹¹ Section 12 (CBR emergency may be declared)

	'issued under section 5'.	1
	(3) Section 7(4), from 'referred to', second mention—	2
	omit, insert—	3
	'of the emergency situation.'.	4
Clause	8 Amendment of s 8 (Powers of incident coordinator)	5
	(1) Section 8(a), 'his or her control'—	6
	omit, insert—	7
	'the incident coordinator's or police officer's control ("resource surrender direction")'.	8 9
	(2) Section 8(c), 'his or her'—	10
	omit, insert—	11
	'the incident coordinator's or police officer's'.	12
	(3) Section 8(c), from ', provided that' to 'danger'—	13
	omit, insert—	14
	"("resource operator direction")".	15
	(4) Section 8(i), from ', provided that'—	16
	omit, insert—	17
	'("help direction").'.	18
	(5) Section 8—	19
	insert—	20
	'(2) The incident coordinator or police officer must not give a resource operator direction or a help direction to a person if giving the direction would expose the person to imminent danger.	21 22 23
	'(3) A person given a resource surrender direction, a resource operator direction or a help direction must comply with the direction, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.	24 25 26
	Maximum penalty for subsection (3)—40 penalty units or 1 year's imprisonment.'.	27 28

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Clause	9 Amendment of s 9 (Protection of employment rights)	1
	(1) Section 9(1)—	2
	omit, insert—	3
	'(1) A person must not dismiss from employment an employee who is or was absent from the employee's employment because of a relevant direction.	4 5 6
	Maximum penalty—40 penalty units or 1 year's imprisonment.'.	7
	(2) Section 9(3), from 'shall be deemed'—	8
	omit, insert—	9
	'is taken not to have been broken only by the employee's absence from the employment because of a relevant direction or the exercise by an emergency responder of powers under part 3.'.	10 11 12
	(3) Section 9(4)—	13
	omit, insert—	14
	'(4) An employee who is absent from the employee's employment because of a relevant direction is entitled to be paid by the person's employer wages payable for the period of the employee's absence during normal working hours.'.	15 16 17 18
	(4) Section 9—	19
	insert—	20
	'(6) In this section—	21
	"relevant direction" means either of the following, whether given under part 2 or part 3—	22 23
	(a) a resource operator direction;	24
	(b) a help direction.'.	25
Clause	10 Amendment of s 10 (Compensation for personal injury)	26
	Section 10, from 'the direction' to 'section 8'—	27
	omit, insert—	28
	'a resource operator direction or a help direction'.	29

Clause		endment of s 11 (Compensation for use of or damage to perty)	1 2
	(1) Se	ction 11, heading, 'or damage to'—	3
	omit, i	insert—	4
	ʻ, dan	nage to or destruction of'.	5
	(2) Se	ction 11(3) and (4)—	6
	renum	aber as section 11(4) and (5).	7
	(3) Se	ction 11(1) and (2)—	8
	omit, i	insert—	9
	'(1) T	his section applies to a person ("claimant")—	10
	(a)	whose property—	11
		(i) is surrendered to the incident coordinator, the CBRE coordinator, or a police officer, under a resource surrender direction; or	12 13 14
		(ii) is damaged or destroyed through the use of powers under this Act in an emergency situation or a CBR emergency; and	15 16
	(b)	who claims to have suffered financial loss because of the use, damage or destruction of the property.	17 18
		he claimant, or another person authorised by the claimant for the may apply in writing to the Minister for compensation for the loss.	19 20 21
		The claimant must make the application and give the Minister f the financial loss within—	22 23
	(a)	for a claim relating to an emergency situation—28 days after the day the declaration of the emergency situation is revoked; or	24 25
	(b)	for a claim relating to a CBR emergency—3 months after the day the CBR emergency ends.'.	26 27
Clause		numbering and relocation of ss 9–11	28
	Sectio	ons 9 to 11, as amended by this Act—	29
		<i>aber</i> as sections 44 to 46 and <i>relocate</i> to part 4, before section 47, abered by section 17.	30 31

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Clause	13 Inse	ertion of new pt 3	1
	After	section 8—	2
	insert-	<u> </u>	3
		'PART 3—CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES	4 5
		'Division 1—Preliminary	6
	'9 Par	liament's intention	7
	'It is Parliament's intention that the powers available under this part may be exercised—		8 9
	(a)	only if—	10
		(i) something has happened in which a CBR substance is involved; and	11 12
		(ii) the nature of the particular substance requires the exercise by emergency responders of the powers under this part in addition to powers otherwise available to emergency responders under this or any other Act; and	13 14 15 16
	(b)	only for so long as the exercise of the additional powers in the particular circumstances is necessary to ensure the chemical, biological or radiological substance involved does not pose a serious risk to the life or health of individuals.	17 18 19 20
	'10 Rel	ationship to other Acts	21
		Nothing in this part prevents a person from declaring a state of or another emergency under another Act ("another declaration").	22 23
		owever, the existence of another declaration does not prevent the on of a CBR emergency under this part.	24 25
	Examples	of other Acts—	26
	• Sta	tte Counter-Disaster Organisation Act 1975	27
	• Sta	tte Transport Act 1938.	28

'11 CBR emergency powers and powers under other Acts	1
'(1) CBR emergency powers are in addition to and do not limit the powers an emergency responder or a public service officer has under another Act.	2 3 4
Examples of other persons—	5
• an inspector under the Explosives Act 1999	6
• an authorised person under the Environmental Protection Act 1994	7
• a police officer under the <i>Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000</i> .	8
'(2) However, the CBRE coordinator may give directions about the circumstances in which the powers under the other Act may be exercised during the emergency.	9 10 11
'(3) A direction under subsection (2) may be given—	12
(a) only to emergency responders or public service officers who may exercise powers under another Act; and	13 14
(b) only if it is necessary for the effective management of the CBR emergency.	15 16
Example 1—	17
The CBRE coordinator may direct an authorised person under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> to delay exercising particular powers until the CBRE coordinator considers it is appropriate in the circumstances for the powers to be exercised.	18 19 20
Example 2—	21
If the CBR emergency involves an outbreak of an exotic disease, the CBRE coordinator may direct an inspector under the <i>Exotic Diseases in Animals Act 1981</i> to delay exercising particular powers until the coordinator considers it is appropriate in the circumstances for the powers to be exercised.	22 23 24 25
'(4) Also, a direction under subsection (2)—	26
(a) may be general or limited to a particular class of emergency responder or public service officer; and	27 28
(b) may be given on conditions.	29

'Div	ision 2—Declaring, extending and ending CBR emergencies	1
'12 CB	R emergency may be declared	2
` '	State police officer of at least the rank of assistant commissioner lare an emergency ("CBR emergency") if satisfied—	3 4
(a)	something has happened in which a CBR substance is involved (an "incident"); and	5 6
(b)	the substance poses a serious risk to the life or health of individuals; and	7 8
(c)	the substance may spread if not contained; and	9
(d)	a significant coordinated effort by emergency responders is necessary to adequately respond to the incident; and	10 11
(e)	using powers available to an incident coordinator in an emergency situation, or to someone else under another Act, would not enable emergency responders to effectively deal with the incident.	12 13 14 15
	The CBRE coordinator must promptly inform the Minister of the on of the CBR emergency.	16 17
CBRE c	f, after reasonable efforts, the Minister can not be contacted, the oordinator must promptly inform the Premier of the declaration of emergency.	18 19 20
coordina	Eneither the Minister nor the Premier can be contacted, the CBRE ator must promptly inform the next most senior Minister who is the of the declaration of the CBR emergency.	21 22 23
CBRE c	As soon as practicable after declaring the CBR emergency, the coordinator must make a written record of the time and date the cy was declared.	24 25 26
	Inless either of the following happens, the CBR emergency ends after the declaration is made—	27 28
(a)	a relevant person sooner ends the emergency under section 15;	29
(b)	the Minister and the Premier extend the period of the emergency.	30

'13	Ext	ension of CBR emergency up to 7 days	1
'(1) Tl	nis section applies if the Minister and the Premier are satisfied—	2
	(a)	a CBR emergency has happened; and	3
	(b)	it is necessary for emergency responders to continue to exercise CBR emergency powers beyond the first 24 hours ("initial period") of the emergency to protect life or health at serious risk because of the CBR substance involved in the emergency.	4 5 6 7
and	the 1	Premier may extend the period of the emergency ends, the Minister Premier may extend the period of the emergency to a total of not n 7 days from the start of the initial period.	8 9 10
Note	_		11
	-	ovisions about the exercise of the detention power after the first 48 hours of a mergency, see division 5, subdivision 2. ¹²	12 13
'(3) If-	<u> </u>	14
	(a)	the period of the CBR emergency as extended under subsection (2) is less than 7 days; and	15 16
	(b)	the Minister and the Premier still consider it is necessary for emergency responders to continue to exercise CBR emergency powers to protect life or health at serious risk because of the CBR substance involved in the emergency;	17 18 19 20
eme	rgen	ister and the Premier may further extend the period of the cy to a total of up to 7 days from the start of the initial period of gency.	21 22 23
		nless either of the following happens, the CBR emergency ends ter the start of the initial period of the emergency—	24 25
	(a)	a relevant person sooner ends the emergency under section 15;	26
	(b)	a regulation extends the period of the emergency beyond the end of the 7 days.	27 28

¹² Division 5 (Provisions about detention), subdivision 2 (Exercise of detention power after first 48 hours)

'14 Extension of CBR emergency beyond 7 days	1
'(1) A regulation may extend, or further extend, the period of a CBR emergency.	2 3
'(2) A regulation made for the purposes of this section commences on the day it is made whether or not it is notified on that day.	4 5
'(3) Also, a regulation extending the period of a CBR emergency expires 14 days after the start of the initial period of the emergency unless it is sooner repealed or expires under section 15(4).	6 7 8
'(4) In addition, a regulation further extending the period of a CBR emergency must state the period, of not more than 14 days, by which the emergency is extended.	9 10 11
'(5) Subsections (2) and (4) apply despite the <i>Statutory Instruments Act</i> 1992, section 32. ¹³	12 13
'(6) The <i>Statutory Instruments Act 1992</i> , part 5 ¹⁴ does not apply to a regulation made under this section.	14 15
'15 Ending CBR emergency	16
'(1) As soon as the relevant person is satisfied it is no longer necessary for emergency responders to continue to exercise CBR emergency powers to protect life or health at serious risk because of the CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency, the relevant person must end the emergency.	17 18 19 20 21
'(2) The CBRE coordinator must promptly inform emergency responders of the ending of the CBR emergency.	22 23
'(3) The CBRE coordinator must also notify the ending of the CBR emergency and when it ended by gazette notice as soon as practicable.	24 25
'(4) A regulation extending or further extending the period of the CBR emergency expires when the emergency ends.	26 27
'(5) In this section—	28
"relevant person" means—	29
(a) to end a CBR emergency within 24 hours of its start—	30

¹³ Statutory Instruments Act 1992, section 32 (Prospective commencement)

¹⁴ Statutory Instruments Act 1992, part 5 (Guidelines for regulatory impact statements)

` '	Minister has not been notified under section 12—the E coordinator; or	1 2
` /	Minister has been notified under section 12—the ster notified; or	3 4
	eriod of the CBR emergency is extended under—the Minister and the Premier.	5 6
Division 3—CB	RE coordinator's coordination responsibility and general powers	7 8
G.	Subdivision 1—CBRE coordinator	9
16 Meaning of "C	CBRE coordinator"	10
'Each of the follow	wing is a "CBRE coordinator"—	11
(a) a State posection 12:	olice officer who declares a CBR emergency under ;	12 13
commission	police officer of the rank of at least assistant oner who is for the time being performing the functions RE coordinator under this part.	14 15 16
17 Coordination	responsibility	17
responsible for the	ration of a CBR emergency, the CBRE coordinator is e overall management and control of emergency ng to the emergency.	18 19 20
emergency, the C	ing the response by emergency responders to the CBR BRE coordinator may give directions about the hich powers available to emergency responders only be exercised.	21 22 23 24
'(3) A direction gi	ven under subsection (2)—	25
(a) may be go responder;	eneral or limited to a particular class of emergency and	26 27
(b) may be give	ven on conditions.	28

'18 Pow	vers of CBRE coordinator	1
	n the declaration of a CBR emergency, the CBRE coordinator has wing powers—	2 3
(a)	the powers stated in section 23 for the emergency; ¹⁵	4
(b)	the powers an incident coordinator has in an emergency situation;	5 6
(c)	the power under section 19(1) to authorise the exercise of powers available to particular emergency responders only under this part.	7 8
Note 1—		9
The po	wers mentioned in paragraph (b) are in section 8 ¹⁶ and include power to give rections, resource operator directions and resource surrender directions.	10 11
Note 2—		12
circum	section 11(2), the CBRE coordinator may give directions relating to the stances in which emergency responders or public service officers may exercise under another Act.	13 14 15
Note 3—		16
The CF	BRE coordinator also has powers to give directions under section 17(2).	17
'(2) Fo	or subsection (1)(b), a reference in section 8 to—	18
(a)	an incident coordinator is taken to be a reference to the CBRE coordinator; and	19 20
(b)	an emergency situation is taken to be a reference to a CBR emergency.	21 22
'19 Pow	ver to authorise exercise of particular powers	23
authorise	n the declaration of a CBR emergency, the CBRE coordinator may any of the following to exercise powers available to emergency are only under this Act—	24 25 26
(a)	an ambulance officer;	27
(b)	a fire officer;	28
(c)	a police officer;	29
(d)	a veterinary officer.	30

¹⁵ Section 23 (CBRE police officers)

¹⁶ Section 8 (Powers of incident coordinator)

(2) On the declaration of a CBR emergency, the medical controller may—	1 2
(a) exercise the powers of the medical controller under this part; and	3
(b) authorise a health officer to exercise powers available to the officer only under this part.	4 5
'(3) An authorisation under subsection (1) or (2)—	6
(a) may be general or limited to a particular class of emergency responder; and	7 8
(b) may be given on conditions; and	9
(c) may be given orally or in writing but if given orally must be put in writing as soon as reasonably practicable.	10 11
'(4) A failure to put an authorisation in writing under subsection (3)(c) does not invalidate the authorisation or anything done under the authorisation.	12 13 14
'(5) The CBRE coordinator may delegate the power to authorise an emergency responder, other than a health officer, to exercise powers available to the responder only under this part—	15 16 17
(a) for a power available to an ambulance officer—to the ambulance controller; or	18 19
(b) for a power available to a fire officer—to the fire controller; or	20
(c) for a power available to a veterinary officer—to the chief veterinary officer.	21 22
'(6) Despite the <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1954</i> , section 27A(3), ¹⁷ a delegation under subsection (5) may be made orally or in writing.	23 24
'(7) However, if made orally, the delegation must be put in writing and a copy given to the delegate as soon as practicable after the delegation is made, but no later than 7 days after the CBR emergency ends.	25 26 27
'(8) A delegation under subsection (5) also authorises the person to whom the power is delegated to exercise the power an emergency responder is authorised by the delegate to exercise.	28 29 30

¹⁷ Acts Interpretation Act 1954, section 27A (Delegation of powers)

Example for subsection (8)—	1
The CBRE coordinator delegates to the fire controller the power to authorise fire officers to exercise the decontamination power. The fire controller is authorised to exercise the decontamination power.	2 3 4
'Subdivision 2—Powers available to emergency responders	5
'20 CBRE ambulance officers	6
'(1) A CBRE ambulance officer may exercise the following powers—	7
(a) the treatment power;	8
(b) the power to give directions under section 31.18	9
'(2) The CBRE ambulance officer may exercise the relevant power only in accordance with this Act, the terms of the authorisation to exercise the power and subject to the directions of the CBRE coordinator or the ambulance controller.	10 11 12 13
'(3) Also, if the CBRE ambulance officer is a non-government ambulance officer, the ambulance officer is subject to the direction of a government ambulance officer.	14 13 10
'21 CBRE fire officers	17
'(1) A CBRE fire officer may exercise the following powers—	18
(a) the decontamination power;	19
(b) the property destruction power;	20
(c) the power to give directions under section 31.	2
'(2) The CBRE fire officer may exercise the relevant power only in accordance with the terms of this Act, the authorisation to exercise the power and subject to the directions of the CBRE coordinator or the fire controller.	22 23 24 25
'(3) Also, if the CBRE fire officer is a non-government fire officer, the fire officer is subject to the direction of a government fire officer.	20 27

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'22	CB	RE health officers	1
4	(1) A	CBRE health officer may exercise the following powers—	2
	(a)	the decontamination power;	3
	(b)	the property destruction power;	4
	(c)	the treatment power;	5
	(d)	the power to give directions under section 31.	6
acc pov	ordan	he CBRE health officer may exercise the relevant power only in ce with the terms of this Act, the authorisation to exercise the d subject to the directions of the CBRE coordinator or the medical r.	7 8 9 10
the	non-	lso, if the CBRE health officer is a non-government health officer, government health officer is subject to the direction of a ent health officer.	11 12 13
'23	CB	RE police officers	14
4	(1) A	CBRE police officer may exercise the following powers—	15
	(a)	the detention power;	16
	(b)	the property seizure power;	17
	(c)	the property destruction power;	18
	(d)	the identity power;	19
	(e)	the power to give directions under section 31.	20
acc	ordan	he CBRE police officer may exercise the relevant power only in ce with this Act, the terms of the authorisation to exercise the d subject to the directions of the CBRE coordinator.	21 22 23
		lso, if the CBRE police officer is a non-State police officer, the ficer is subject to the directions of a State police officer.	24 25
'24	CB	RE veterinary officers	26
6	(1) A	CBRE veterinary officer may exercise the following powers—	27
	(a)	the decontamination power;	28
	(b)	the property destruction power;	29

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¹⁹ Section 31 (Power to give particular directions)

	owever, the emergency responder must not destroy property that onably be decontaminated.	1 2
	or seized property other than an animal, an emergency responder n a CBRE veterinary officer—	3
(a)	may destroy property that is affected by a biological or radiological substance only if the medical controller decides the property should be destroyed; and	5 6 7
(b)	may destroy property that is affected by a chemical substance only if the fire controller decides the property should be destroyed.	8 9 10
	or seized property that is an animal, the CBRE veterinary officer roy the animal—	11 12
(a)	only if the chief veterinary officer decides the animal should be destroyed; and	13 14
(b)	whether or not it is lawful under another Act to destroy the animal.	15 16
'27 Pow	ver to require name and address	17
	CBRE police officer may require a person to state the person's ame and address.	18 19
the identinext of kenable the	ne CBRE police officer may also ask a person in relation to whom ity power is exercised to state the name and address of the person's in or someone else the person considers should be contacted to e CBRE police officer to contact someone to inform that person of n's whereabouts.	20 21 22 23 24
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	owever, the CBRE police officer may only exercise the identity relation to a person if the CBRE police officer considers it is	25 26 27
power in	relation to a person if the CBRE police officer considers it is	25 26
power in necessary	relation to a person if the CBRE police officer considers it is	25 26 27
power in necessary	relation to a person if the CBRE police officer considers it is to record details of—	25 26 27 28

involved in the CBR emergency that may put the person's life or health, or the life or health of someone else, at risk.	1 2
'(4) For exercising the identity power, the CBRE police officer may require the person to produce documents in the person's possession or control that may help establish the person's identity.	3 4 5
Example of document—	6
A driver licence.	7
'(5) Information given under this section may be used only for—	8
(a) a purpose mentioned in subsection (3); or	9
(b) a proceeding before the Coroners Court; or	10
(c) an investigation into an offence directly related to the CBR emergency.	11 12
Example of paragraph (c)—	13
An investigation into an offence involving the release of the CBR substance.	14 15
'(6) This section does not limit the powers a police officer has under the <i>Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000</i> , section 32. ²⁰	16 17
28 Power to decontaminate	18
'(1) This section applies if a person or property may be, is, or may have been affected by a CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency.	19 20
'(2) If the substance involved in the CBR emergency is a biological or radiological substance—	21 22
 (a) a CBRE health officer may take the steps the health officer considers reasonably necessary to decontaminate the person or property; or 	23 24 25
(b) a CBRE fire officer, with the approval of the medical controller, may take the steps the medical controller or a CBRE health officer considers reasonably necessary to decontaminate the person or property.	26 27 28 29

²⁰ *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*, section 32 (Person may be required to state name and address)

substance,	it is lawful for a CBRE fire officer to take the steps the fire nsiders reasonably necessary to decontaminate the person or	1 2 3 4
'(4) Sub	osections (2) and (3) do not apply to an animal.	5
	subsections (2) and (3), the steps include directing the person to stated place or to go to a stated place for the purposes of the nation.	6 7 8
	is lawful for a CBRE veterinary officer to take the steps the officer considers reasonably necessary to decontaminate an	9 10 11
'29 Powe	er to medically examine and treat	12
'(1) This section applies if a person ("relevant person") may be, is, or may have been affected by a CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency.		13 14 15
to medica	s lawful for a CBRE ambulance officer or a CBRE health officer ally examine the relevant person and provide any reasonably treatment for the person.	16 17 18
'(3) If a	person acting under subsection (2)—	19
(is not a government doctor, subsection (2) is subject to any direction given by the medical controller or a government doctor; or	20 21 22
	is a government doctor, subsection (2) is subject to any direction given by the medical controller.	23 24
any reason	e power to medically examine a person includes power to take nably necessary samples and perform any reasonably necessary ne purpose.	25 26 27
the time	e power to treat a person includes power to isolate the person for reasonably necessary for preventing the spread of a CBR involved in the CBR emergency to others not already affected by nce.	28 29 30 31

'30 Refusal of medical treatment	1
'(1) This section applies if, after being medically examined, a person is found to require medical treatment because of the effect of the CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency.	2 3 4
'(2) The person may refuse to undergo the treatment.	5
'(3) However, if the medical controller or a government doctor is satisfied allowing the person to leave without medical treatment will pose a serious risk to the life or health of individuals not already affected by the CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency, it is lawful for a CBRE ambulance officer or a CBRE health officer to treat the person despite the refusal.	6 7 8 9 10 11
Example—	12
The person may have been affected by a substance that can not be transmitted from person to person. If the person refuses treatment, allowing the person to leave without being treated would not pose a risk to others and there would be no reason to continue to isolate the person.	13 14 15 16
'(4) This section does not limit a person's right to refuse medical treatment that is not related to a CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency.	17 18 19
'31 Power to give particular directions	20
'(1) It is lawful for an emergency responder other than a CBRE veterinary officer, for responding to the CBR emergency, to direct a person—	21 22 23
(a) to go to a stated place; or	24
(b) to stay at or in a stated place; or	25
(c) not to enter a stated place.	26
'(2) Also, it is lawful for a CBRE veterinary officer, for responding to the CBR emergency, to direct a person—	27 28
(a) to take a stated animal to a stated place; or	29
(b) to leave an animal at or in a stated place.	30
'(3) A person given a direction under subsection (1) or (2) must comply with the direction, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.	31 32
Maximum penalty for subsection (3)—40 penalty units or 1 year's imprisonment.	33 34

	'Division 5—Provisions about detention	1
	'Subdivision 1—Detention powers	2
'32 Pow	ver to detain	3
the coord	ne CBRE coordinator or a CBRE police officer may detain anyone linator or police officer considers should be detained for a purpose ed in subsection (3).	4 5 6
	owever, the CBRE coordinator or the CBRE police officer may person under subsection (1) only for the time reasonably necessary urpose.	7 8 9
Example—	-	10
	on who requires decontamination may be detained only for the time necessary to the CBR substance no longer poses a risk to the life or health of anyone else.	11 12
'(3) Th	ne purposes are as follows—	13
(a)	to ensure a CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency is contained;	14 15
(b)	to ensure a person detained does not pose a serious risk to the life or health of others because of the CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency.	16 17 18
'(4) Th	ne power to detain a person under subsection (1) includes—	19
(a)	power to require the person to go to a stated place or stay at or in a stated place for a purpose mentioned in subsection (3); and	20 21
(b)	power to move the person to a place for a purpose mentioned in subsection (3).	22 23
custody	person detained under this section is not under arrest or in the of a police officer for the purposes of the <i>Police Powers and ibilities Act 2000</i> .	24 25 26

	'Sub	division 2—Exercise of detention power after first 48 hours	1
'33	Con	tinued exercise of detention power after 48 hours	2
dete lawf	ntion	xercise by the CBRE coordinator or CBRE police officer of the power after the end of the first 48 hours of the CBR emergency is ally if a Supreme Court judge approves the continued exercise of r.	3 4 5 6
'34	App	olication for approval to continue exercising detention power	7
it is	nec	his section applies only if the Minister and the Premier are satisfied essary for the CBRE coordinator to continue to exercise the power after the first 48 hours.	8 9 10
		ne commissioner may apply to the Supreme Court judge for an proving the continued exercise of the detention power.	11 12
•		ne application must be made before the first 48 hours of the CBR by ends.	13 14
		ne commissioner must immediately give the monitor notice of the of the application and a copy of the application.	15 16
	-	ne monitor is entitled to be present at the consideration of the on and, for that purpose at the hearing, may—	17 18
	(a)	present questions for the applicant to answer and examine or cross-examine any witnesses; and	19 20
	(b)	make submissions on the appropriateness in the public interest of granting the application.	21 22
'35	Con	sideration of application	23
'(1) Th	ne Supreme Court judge—	24
	(a)	must decide the application as quickly as possible; and	25
	(b)	may consider any representations made by the monitor; and	26
	(c)	may make the orders the judge considers appropriate for deciding the application, including, for example, an order suspending the operation of the decision on the application pending the outcome of an appeal; and	27 28 29 30

(d)	may approve or refuse to approve the continued exercise of the detention power.	1 2
	Examples of orders for paragraph (c)—	3
	interim orders	4
	 orders adjourning the application until the commissioner gives the judge additional information 	5 6
	 orders approving the release of some individuals but continuing the detention of others. 	7 8
only if s necessary	owever, the Supreme Court judge may approve the application satisfied continued use of the detention power is reasonably to prevent a serious risk to the life or health of individuals not fected by the CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency.	9 10 11 12
the end of CBRE co	the Supreme Court judge does not decide the application before of the first 48 hours of the CBR emergency, it is lawful for the coordinator to continue to exercise the detention power until the on is finally decided.	13 14 15 16
'36 App	eal	17
	the Court of Appeal against the Supreme Court judge to approve the continued use of the power.	18 19 20
'(2) On is stayed.	the filing of an appeal, the decision of the Supreme Court judge	21 22
'(3) Th	e Court of Appeal—	23
(a)	must hear and decide the appeal without delay; and	24
(b)	may either—	25
	(i) approve the continued use of the detention power; or	26
	(ii) confirm the decision appealed against and dismiss the appeal; and	27 28
(c)	may make the other orders the court considers appropriate.	29

		'S	ubdivision 3—Other provisions about detention	1
'37	App	olicat	ion of subdiv 3	2
			vision applies only in relation to a person who is detained t ("relevant person").	3 4
'38	CB	RE co	oordinator's obligations in relation to relevant person	5
'((1) Tl	ne CE	BRE coordinator must—	6
	(a)		oon as possible having regard to all the circumstances, inform relevant person—	7 8
		(i)	the person may apply to a Supreme Court judge for an order ending the person's detention and how the person may apply; and	9 10 11
		(ii)	of the person's right to consult a lawyer of the person's choice; and	12 13
		(iii)	that for the person to be detained beyond the first 48 hours of the CBR emergency, the commissioner must apply to a Supreme Court judge for approval for the CBRE coordinator to continue to exercise the detention power; and	14 15 16 17
	(b)		oon as reasonably practicable inform the relevant person's of kin or someone else nominated by the person—	18 19
		(i)	that the relevant person is detained under this part and where the person is detained; and	20 21
		(ii)	of the things mentioned in paragraph (a); and	22
		(iii)	of how to obtain information about the relevant person, including who to contact to obtain the information; and	23 24
	(c)		e any reasonably necessary arrangements in the interest of person's welfare.	25 26
			etion (1)(c) applies subject to any direction given by the oller or a CBRE health officer.	27 28

'39		olication to Supreme Court judge for order ending person's ention	1 2
		nis section applies if a relevant person has been detained under this use of a CBR emergency.	3 4
pers	on (t	he relevant person's lawyer or a person nominated by the relevant he "applicant") may apply to a Supreme Court judge for an order he relevant person's detention.	5 6 7
can	not b	ne application may be made orally or in writing but if made orally be made in the absence of the commissioner or the commissioner's tative.	8 9 10
		he applicant must immediately give the commissioner notice of d where the application will be made.	11 12
		ne notice may be given orally or in writing, but if given orally must writing as soon as practicable.	13 14
'(6) Tl	ne judge—	15
	(a)	must decide the application as quickly as possible; and	16
	(b)	must have regard to any submissions made by the parties to the application; and	17 18
	(c)	may make an order ending the relevant person's detention only if satisfied the person's continued detention is not reasonably necessary to prevent a serious risk to the life or health of individuals not already affected by the CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency; and	19 20 21 22 23
	(d)	may not order the applicant to pay the respondent's costs of the application.	24 25
		ne relevant person is not entitled to be present when the application heard.	26 27
'40	App	peal	28
for a	ın or	party to a decision of the Supreme Court judge on an application der ending a relevant person's detention may appeal to the Court of gainst the decision.	29 30 31
		the commissioner is the appellant, the decision appealed against is the filing of the notice of appeal.	32 33

(3) 1	he Court of Appeal must hear and decide the appeal without delay.	1
'(4) If an order	The commissioner is the appellant, the Court of Appeal may make	2 3
(a)	allowing the appeal; or	4
(b)	confirming the decision appealed against and dismissing the appeal.	5 6
'(5) If an order	the relevant person is the appellant, the Court of appeal may make	7 8
(a)	ending the relevant person's detention; or	9
(b)	confirming the decision appealed against and dismissing the appeal.	10 11
'(6) T appropri	he Court of appeal may make the other orders the court considers ate.	12 13
	lowever, the Court of Appeal may not order a party other than the sioner to pay the commissioner's costs of the appeal.	14 15
	'Division 6—Other provisions	16
'41 Re c	'Division 6—Other provisions cord of seized property to be kept	16 17
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'(1) T under th	cord of seized property to be kept The commissioner must ensure a written record of property seized	17 18
'(1) T under th	cord of seized property to be kept The commissioner must ensure a written record of property seized is part is kept.	17 18 19
'(1) T under th '(2) T	cord of seized property to be kept The commissioner must ensure a written record of property seized is part is kept. The record must include the following information—	17 18 19 20
'(1) T under th '(2) T (a)	cord of seized property to be kept The commissioner must ensure a written record of property seized is part is kept. The record must include the following information— a description of the property, sufficient to identify it;	17 18 19 20 21
'(1) T under th '(2) T (a) (b)	cord of seized property to be kept The commissioner must ensure a written record of property seized is part is kept. The record must include the following information— a description of the property, sufficient to identify it; when and where the property was seized;	17 18 19 20 21 22
'(1) T under th '(2) T (a) (b) (c)	cord of seized property to be kept The commissioner must ensure a written record of property seized is part is kept. The record must include the following information— a description of the property, sufficient to identify it; when and where the property was seized; if known, from whom the property was seized; if known, the name and address of the person who appears to be	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
'(1) T under th '(2) T (a) (b) (c) (d)	cord of seized property to be kept The commissioner must ensure a written record of property seized is part is kept. The record must include the following information— a description of the property, sufficient to identify it; when and where the property was seized; if known, from whom the property was seized; if known, the name and address of the person who appears to be entitled to lawfully possess the property;	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

(g) if the property was returned to a person under section 42 ²¹ —the name and address of the person and when the property was returned.	1 2 3
'(3) A police officer who seizes property under this part must ensure the information mentioned in subsection (2) is recorded as soon as practicable after seizing the property.	4 5 6
'(4) This section applies despite the <i>Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000</i> , chapter 11, part 2, division 3. ²²	7 8
'(5) Also, the <i>Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000</i> , section 380 does not apply to a thing seized under this part. ²³	9 10
'42 Return etc. of seized property	11
'(1) Property seized under this part and not destroyed must be made available for return to the person lawfully entitled to possess it as soon as practicable after—	12 13 14
(a) it has been found not to have been affected by the CBR substance involved in the CBR emergency; or	15 16
(b) any necessary decontamination of the property is completed;	17
unless, after reasonable efforts, the property can not be returned to the person.	18 19
'(2) Property not claimed by a person within 60 days after the CBR emergency ends is taken to have been forfeited to the State	20

²¹ Section 42 (Return etc. of seized property)

²² Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000, chapter 11 (Administration), part 2 (Registers), division 3 (Enforcement registers)

²³ Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000, section 380 (Receipt for seized property)

	Note-	_		1
			the possession of the police service that is forfeited to the State may be der the <i>Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000</i> , chapter 11, part 3. ²⁴	2 3
	'43	Reports		4
		•	inister must table in the Legislative Assembly a report about gency within 6 months after the end of the emergency.	5 6
	'(2	2) The rep	oort—	7
		(a) mus	t include—	8
		(i)	the nature of the CBR emergency, when and why the emergency was declared, and when it ended; and	9 10
		(ii)	if the CBR emergency was extended, why it was extended; and	11 12
		(iii)	the CBR emergency powers relied on, why they were relied on; and	13 14
		(iv)	who authorised emergency responders to exercise the CBR emergency powers relied on, who was authorised to exercise the powers, and how they were used; and	15 16 17
		(v)	if any CBR emergency powers were delegated under section 19(4), ²⁵ why, and to whom, the powers were delegated; and	18 19 20
		(b) may	include anything else the Minister considers appropriate.'.	21
Clause	14	Omissio	n of s 16 (Offences generally)	22
	Se	ection 16–	_	23
	on	ıit.		24
Clause	15	Amendn	nent of s 17 (Protection from liability)	25
	Se	ection 17,	from 'shall not'—	26

²⁴ Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000, chapter 11 (Administration), part 3 (Dealing with things in the possession of police service)

²⁵ Section 19 (Power to authorise exercise of particular powers)

'does not attach to the State, a Minister or an official because of anything done or omitted to be done under this Act in good faith and without	
negligence.	2 3 4
'(2) In this section—	5
"official" means—	6
(a) an ambulance controller; or	7
(b) the CBRE coordinator: or	8
(c) the chief veterinary officer; or	9
(d) an emergency responder; or	10
(e) a fire controller; or	11
(f) the incident coordinator; or	12
(g) a medical controller; or	13
(h) a person acting under a help direction or a resource operator direction.'.	14 15
Clause 16 Amendment of s 18 (Evidentiary provisions)	16
Clause 16 Amendment of s 18 (Evidentiary provisions) (1) Section 18(a), from 'the Minister' to 'police officer'—	16 17
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(1) Section 18(a), from 'the Minister' to 'police officer'—	17
(1) Section 18(a), from 'the Minister' to 'police officer'— omit, insert— 'the incident coordinator, the CBRE coordinator, a police officer or	17 18 19 20
(1) Section 18(a), from 'the Minister' to 'police officer'— omit, insert— 'the incident coordinator, the CBRE coordinator, a police officer or anyone else authorised under part 3'.	17 18 19
 (1) Section 18(a), from 'the Minister' to 'police officer'— omit, insert— 'the incident coordinator, the CBRE coordinator, a police officer or anyone else authorised under part 3'. (2) Section 18(b), from 'the Minister' to 'shall be'— 	17 18 19 20 21
 (1) Section 18(a), from 'the Minister' to 'police officer'— omit, insert— 'the incident coordinator, the CBRE coordinator, a police officer or anyone else authorised under part 3'. (2) Section 18(b), from 'the Minister' to 'shall be'— omit, insert— 	17 18 19 20 21 22
 (1) Section 18(a), from 'the Minister' to 'police officer'— omit, insert— 'the incident coordinator, the CBRE coordinator, a police officer or anyone else authorised under part 3'. (2) Section 18(b), from 'the Minister' to 'shall be'— omit, insert— 'a person mentioned in paragraph (a) is'. 	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
 (1) Section 18(a), from 'the Minister' to 'police officer'—	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

		(ii)	on a stated day and at a stated time the period of the CBR emergency was extended beyond the first 24 hours of the emergency;	1 2 3
		(iii)	on a stated day and at a stated time the CBRE coordinator delegated a stated power to a stated person;	4 5
		(iv)	on a stated day and at a stated time the CBRE coordinator authorised a stated emergency responder or a stated class of emergency responder to exercise a stated power under part 3;	6 7 8 9
		(v)	on a stated day and at a stated time a stated police officer seized stated property from a stated person or a stated place;	10 11
	(e)	pers pers	rtificate signed by any of the following and stating a stated on was authorised to exercise a stated power and when the on was authorised to exercise the power is evidence of what ates—	12 13 14 15
		(i)	an ambulance controller;	16
		(ii)	a fire controller;	17
		(iii)	a medical controller;	18
		(iv)	the chief veterinary officer;	19
	(f)	biol	rtificate signed by a medical controller and stating a stated ogical or radiological substance was involved in a stated R emergency is evidence of what it states;	20 21 22
	(g)	cher	ertificate signed by a fire controller and stating a stated mical substance was involved in a stated CBR emergency is ence of what it states;	23 24 25
	(h)		authority of an emergency responder to exercise a power er part 3 must be presumed, unless the contrary is proved.'.	26 27
7	Ren	umb	ering of ss 17–18	28
S	ection	ns 17	and 18, as amended by this Act—	29
re	enumi	ber a	s sections 47 and 48.	30

Clause

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s 18	40	s 19

	Chemical, Biological and Radiological Emergency Powers Amendment Bill 2003	
Clause	18 Insertion of schedule	1
	After section 48, as renumbered by section 17—	2
	insert—	3
	'SCHEDULE	4
	'DICTIONARY	5

section 4'.

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Clause	19	Other Acts amended	,	7

The schedule amends the Acts it mentions. 8

SCHEDULE	1
ACTS AMENDED	2
section 19	3
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994	4
1 Section 23(2)—	5
insert—	6
• Public Safety Preservation Act 1986, part 326.	7
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ACT 1990	8
1 After section 60—	9
insert—	10
'PART 6A—DECONTAMINATION	11
'60A Decontamination	12
'(1) An authorised fire officer may ask a person the authorised fire officer is satisfied may be, is, or may have been affected by a chemical substance, to agree to undergo decontamination.	13 14 15
'(2) The person may agree or refuse to agree to the request.	16
'(3) If the person agrees, it is lawful for the authorised fire officer to take the steps the authorised fire officer considers reasonably necessary to decontaminate the person, including, for example, asking the person to stay where the person is or to move to a stated place for the purpose.	17 18 19 20

Public Safety Preservation Act 1986, part 3 (Chemical, biological and radiological emergencies)

SCHEDULE (continued)

th		he authorised fire officer may not direct another person to perform ntamination.	1 2
	'(5) In	this section—	3
"(aminate ", in relation to a chemical substance, means make the mical substance harmless.'.	4 5
1	POLI	CE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2000	6
1	Sec	tion 373(3), from 'the assistant'—	7
	omit, i	nsert—	8
	'the as	ssistant—	9
	(a)	to arrest a person; or	10
	(b)	to demand a person's name and address; or	11
	(c)	to exercise a power a police officer has when responding to a CBR emergency under the <i>Public Safety Preservation Act 1986</i> , section 23. ²⁷ '.	12 13 14
2	Sec	tion 420(2)—	15
	insert-	<u> </u>	16
	'(g)	a thing seized under the <i>Public Safety Preservation Act 1986</i> , part 3. ²⁸ '.	17 18
3	Sec	tion 420, '(3) Also'—	19
	omit, i	insert—	20
	'(4) A	lso'.	21

²⁷ Public Safety Preservation Act 1986, section 23 (CBRE police officers)

²⁸ *Public Safety Preservation Act 1986*, part 3 (Chemical, biological and radiological emergencies)

SCHEDULE (continued)

4 Section 420—	1
insert—	2
'(5) In addition, this part, to the extent it deals with forfeited property, applies to property forfeited to the State under the <i>Public Safety Preservation Act 1986</i> , section 42 ²⁹ that is in the possession of the police service.'.	3 4 5 6
STATE COUNTER-DISASTER ORGANISATION ACT 1975	7 8
1 Section 4, after 'other Act,'—	9
insert—	10
'other than the Public Safety Preservation Act 1986, part 3,30'.	11
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²⁹ Public Safety Preservation Act 1986, section 42 (Return etc. of seized property)

³⁰ *Public Safety Preservation Act 1986*, part 3 (Chemical, biological and radiological emergencies)