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### **SCCA WELCOMES EARLY SUCCESS OF VICTORIA POLICE'S TARGETED OPERATION AT SHOPPING CENTRES**

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) has welcomed today's update on the first three weeks of *Operation Pulse*, Victoria Police's 90-day targeted operation which commenced on 8 December 2025, where Protective Service Officers (PSOs) and Police have been deployed to conduct high-visibility operations at shopping centres to deter and respond to crime, provide community assurance and help ensure community safety.

*Operation Pulse* is currently in operation at Highpoint Shopping Centre, Northland Shopping Centre, Westfield Fountain Gate, and Eastland Shopping Centre.

The SCCA has engaged closely with the Victorian Government and Victoria Police to support the successful implementation of *Operation Pulse*.

**Angus Nardi, Chief Executive of the SCCA said:** "We strongly welcome today's update on the early success of *Operation Pulse*, and it's crystal clear that high-visibility Policing has a positive impact on community safety and stamping out violence, aggression and the use of dangerous weapons", said Mr Nardi.

"The early positives of *Operation Pulse* are multiple and speak for themselves – including Victoria Police making more than 100 arrests, seizing dozens of dangerous and illegal weapons, and even responding to one incident where people got into a disagreement with workers taking Santa photos".

"Our industry fully backs Victoria Police's ability to conduct knife-wanding operations, as dangerous weapons such as knives, knuckle dusters and daggers have absolutely no place in shopping centres."

"The feedback from our industry on *Operation Pulse* has been nothing but positive, including the significant assurance that retail stores, workers and shoppers get from having Victoria Police on site".

"With the busy holiday trading period in full-swing, we fully expect the success of *Operation Pulse* to continue in deterring and responding to crime, providing community assurance and helping ensure community safety".

"We commend Victoria Police for their ongoing engagement with our industry and for the incredibly important and challenging work that they do in keeping the community safe and helping to protect law and order."

*The Shopping Centre Council of Australia is the leading voice for shopping centre owners across Australia.*

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