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Australia Tactical: Anti-lockdown protest to be held at Flinders Street, Melbourne from 19:00 (local time) on August 11; maintain vigilance

Please be advised:

- An anti-lockdown protest is slated to be held outside the Flinders Street railway station in Melbourne from 19:00 (local time) on August 11.
- The protesters are reportedly gathering to denounce the extension to the COVID-19 lockdown in the city.



Assessments:

Turnout at the demonstration is expected to reach the high dozens to the low hundreds, based on precedent and the resonance of the issue. Heavy security deployment is expected in the vicinity of the protest site due to the ongoing COVID-19-related restrictions on gatherings. The protest may devolve into violence as witnessed during a previous demonstration on August 6, when 15 people were arrested

and a police officer assaulted. The presence of far-right groups cannot be ruled out. Travel disruptions near the protest are anticipated.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Melbourne on August 11 are advised to maintain vigilance in the aforementioned location due to the slated protest.