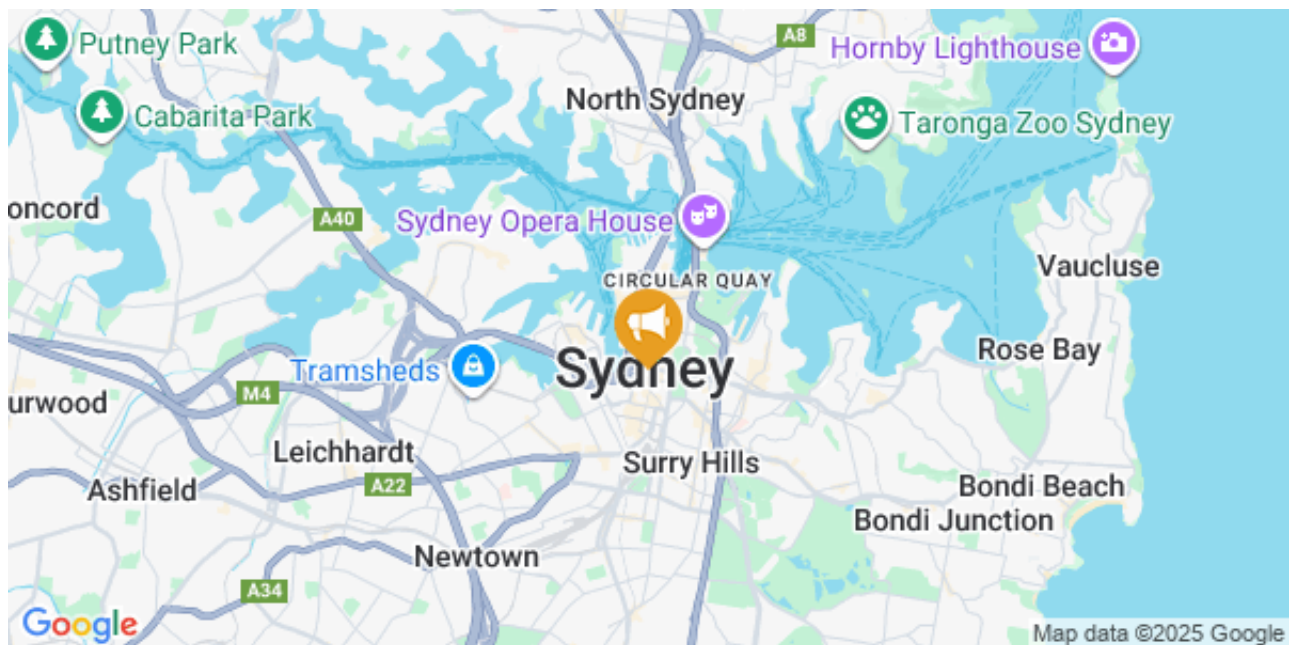


## Protest



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**Australia Tactical: First Nations advocacy group slated to hold protest outside Town Hall in Sydney at 12:00 (local time) on November 1; maintain vigilance**

### Current Situation:

- Activists affiliated with the First Nations advocacy group are slated to hold a protest outside the Town Hall in Sydney at 12:00 (local time) on November 1.
- The protest is being held to demand justice and accountability for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' alleged deaths in police custody, highlight police brutality, and call for urgent reforms to prevent further loss of First Nations' lives in detention.



Source: [Instagram, Sydney Criminal Lawyers](#)

## Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protest is likely to range in mid-to-high dozens, considering the event's social media traction and the resonance of the issue. The turnout could likely increase if other civil rights groups and allied activists participate in the rally. As part of the standard security protocol, the authorities are expected to heighten security measures around Town Hall, by deploying police personnel to manage the crowd.
2. There remains a risk of scuffles between protesters and the authorities, particularly if the protesters attempt to block traffic or engage in provocative sloganeering. Given the sensitivity surrounding the deaths in custody issue, any aggressive policing or confrontational exchanges could trigger localized unrest. If protesters are seen engaging in disruptive actions such as vandalism, violating security protocols, or obstructing key roads, the authorities are likely to respond with forceful dispersal tactics including temporary detentions or forced removal from the site. Localized pedestrian and vehicular travel disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity of the Town Hall due to the expected turnout and associated security measures during the protest hours on November 1.

## Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Sydney on November 1 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the Town Hall due to the slated protest and associated risk of scuffles, while allotting for travel disruptions.