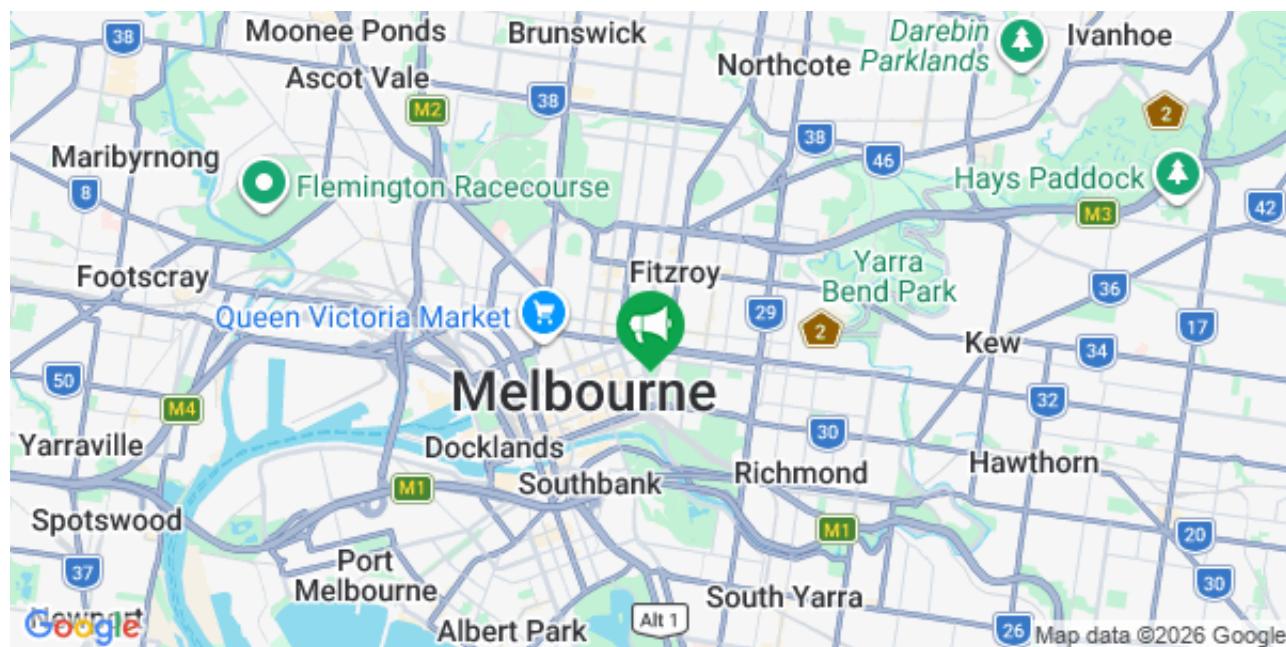




Protest



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Australia Tactical: Protest slated outside Parliament House in Melbourne from 17:30 (local time) on February 3; allot for disruptions

Current Situation:

- Activists associated with the Defend Dissent Coalition are scheduled to hold a protest outside the Parliament House in Melbourne from 17:30 (local time) on February 3.
- The demonstration will be held demanding the right to protest, following the passage of laws restricting protests by the Victorian State parliament in 2025.



Source: [Defend Dissent Coalition](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

The turnout at the slated protest is likely to be in the mid-to-high dozens, based on the event's social media traction coupled with the broad resonance over the issue. As part of the standard security protocol, the authorities are likely to bolster security measures around the Parliament House, including deploying additional security personnel and placing barricades to maintain public order. The protest is expected to transpire peacefully, given precedent. Localized pedestrian and vehicular traffic disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity of the Parliament House during the protest hours on February 3.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Melbourne on February 3 are advised to allot for disruptions in the vicinity of the Parliament House due to the slated protest.