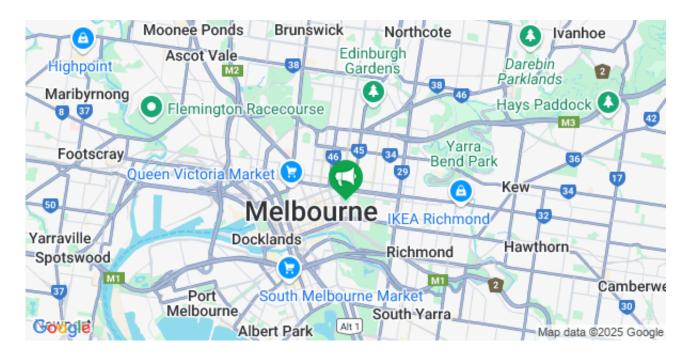


Protest





Australia Tactical: Climate activists slated to hold protest outside Parliament House in Melbourne from 08:00-12:00 (local time) on May 9; allot for disruptions

Current Situation:

- Members of the Extinction Rebellion group (XR) are slated to hold a protest outside the Parliament House in Melbourne from 08:00-12:00 (local time) on May 9.
- The protesters will call on the Australian government to demand adequate policies aimed at addressing climate change.



Source: Facebook

Assessments & Forecast:

The turnout at the slated protest is likely to range in the low-to-mid dozens, based on the group's mobilizing capabilities, coupled with the participation trends witnessed from previous demonstrations held by XR. The authorities will likely implement additional security measures in the form of increased police deployment and barricade installation in the vicinity of the Parliament House area due to the location's heightened sensitivity. The protest is likely to transpire peacefully, based on precedent. Localized disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned location during the slated protest hours on May 9 due to the associated security measures.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Melbourne on May 9 are advised to allot for disruptions in the vicinity of the Parliament House due to the slated gathering while allotting for travel disruptions.