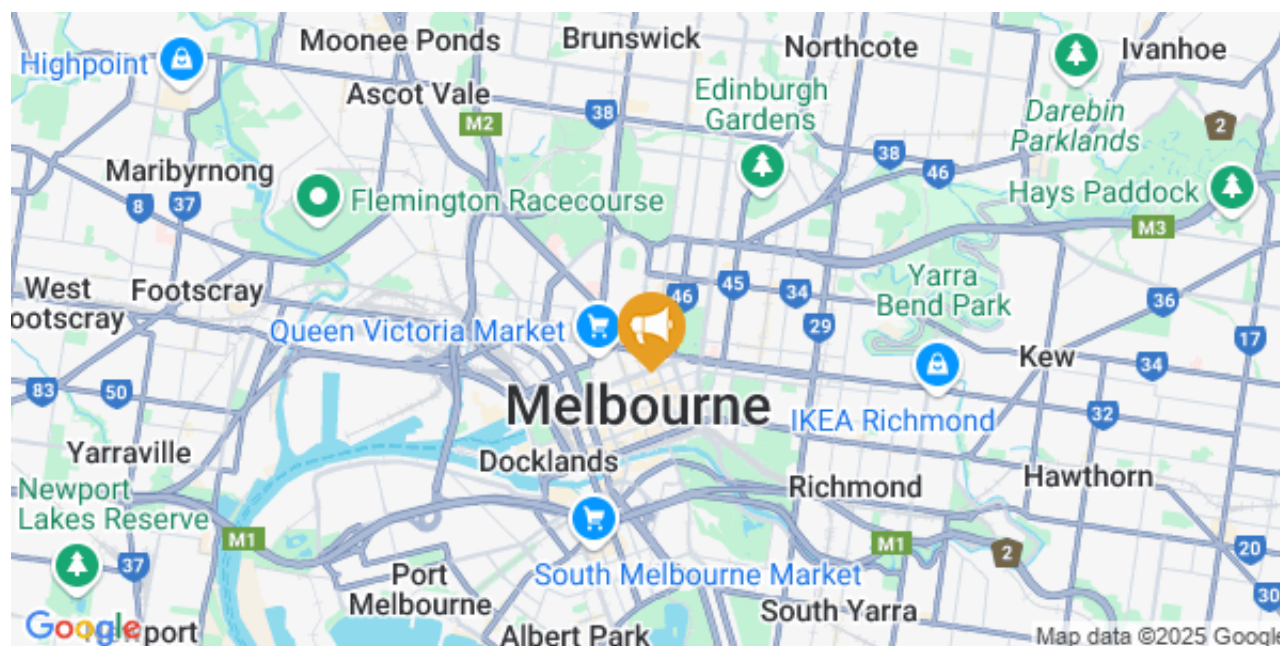


Protest

**19**APR
6:07 UTC

Australia Tactical: Pro-Palestinian protest slated at State Library in Melbourne at 12:00 (local time) on April 20; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Free Palestine Coalition Naarm, Mums for Palestine, Unionists for Palestine, and The Sit-Intifada groups are slated to hold a pro-Palestinian protest at the State Library in Melbourne at 12:00 (local time) on April 20.
- The protest will be held in the context of the ongoing hostilities between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.



Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the scheduled protest is anticipated to range between the low to mid-hundreds, reflecting previous mobilization patterns around the issue and the participation of multiple groups. The authorities are expected to implement heightened security protocols around the State Library, including increased police deployment and the installation of barricades to monitor crowds as standard procedure.
2. A latent risk of confrontations between protesters and the law enforcement persists, particularly if demonstrators engage in disruptive activities such as blocking major roads. The potential for scuffles will escalate in case of antisemitic sloganeering by the protesters. Potential presence of pro-Jewish bystanders will also contribute to the risk of clashes between opposing groups. In such scenarios, security personnel are likely to resort to forcible dispersal tactics, including temporary detentions. Notable pedestrian and vehicular disruptions are likely in the vicinity of the protest site due to anticipated crowd size and associated security measures during demonstration hours on April 20.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Melbourne on April 20 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the State Library due to the slated protest and associated risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.