

PRESS RELEASE – SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2025
AUSTRALIA UNITES RALLY
Midday 13 SEPT 2025, Hyde Park with March through the CBD

“Australia Unites” Rally Denied Harbour Bridge Route

The **Australia Unites rally**, set for Saturday 13 September in Sydney, will bring together everyday Australians to highlight worsening cost-of-living pressures, declining health outcomes, rising violence, financial strain — including superannuation and tax grabs — and environmental policies that serve corporations instead of people. The rally seeks to draw attention to these growing pressures and the **need for Australia’s leaders to create real change for everyday Australians**.

Organisers today confirmed the event will go ahead at **midday Hyde Park, with a march route through the CBD and back to the park**.

The **change follows NSW Police’s swift move to challenge the rally in the Supreme Court**, which left organisers with a Monday deadline and no legal team agreeing to step in at such short notice.

Although the Australia Unites Rally case is almost identical to the 3 August “March for Humanity” matter — where organisers successfully defended their right to march — no one from that legal team was available to support the Australia Unites cause in time.

“From the outset our priority has been safety and cooperation. Protests by nature are designed to disrupt, to draw attention to the issues; as organisers our role is to balance and manage these two important factors,” organiser Mary-Jane Liddicoat said.

Growing Public Sentiment

Since the 3 August rally, Australia Unites organisers have been acutely aware of the rising demand among everyday Australians to raise their plight in the same way — and with the call to march across the Harbour Bridge growing louder each day.

The same sentiment drove the 2022 **Convoy to Canberra**, which saw hundreds of thousands of Australians travel from every state and territory to converge peacefully on the nation’s capital. That event, one of the largest demonstrations in Australian history, highlighted the scale of community frustration and the willingness of ordinary men and women to make their voices heard when they feel ignored.

As with the **Convoy to Canberra**, Australia Unites organisers have sought to work cooperatively with authorities to ensure the Sydney rally remains controlled, safe, and focused on the issues that matter most.

Disappointment Over Bridge Decision

Organisers acknowledged that **many people will be disappointed** by the decision to remove the Bridge.

“Over the years, the Sydney Harbour Bridge has hosted numerous rallies and public events — in support of Palestine, LGBTIQ+ marches, and other community celebrations. Some of those rallies also faced court challenges, while others had the benefit of months of preparation and government support.

In this case, it became clear there was a real risk the rally itself could be prevented if the legal proceedings continued. Faced with extremely tight timeframes and without a legal team available to support me, **I chose to remove the Bridge element to ensure the rally could proceed at all** — safely, with the legal immunity protection participants are entitled to under an authorised assembly, and without having to face the full weight of the NSW Police legal team in court on my own,” explained organiser Mary-Jane Liddicoat. “Hyde Park remains an iconic and unifying venue for Australians to make their voices heard.”

Millions March has organised events around Australia since 2019, including some of the country’s largest rallies in Sydney (November 2021) and Canberra (early 2022). Our rallies are always peaceful, family-friendly, and police-approved, and **we welcome anyone who has an interest or concern about the state of life in Australia in 2025.**

Call to Media

Organisers will share the amended route through their own channels. However, due to social media shadow banning, their messages are reaching far fewer people than normal. They are **concerned that many Australians who intend to attend may not be aware of the change. Mainstream media are therefore asked to share this message widely and fairly, ensuring that all voices — not just those of government or corporate power — are heard.**

We equally **welcome members of the media**, and we invite you to report our rally accurately and fairly. Please **avoid divisive, inaccurate, inflammatory and defamatory terms** such as ‘anti-vaxxer,’ ‘conspiracy theorist,’ ‘sovereign citizen,’ ‘extremist,’ and ‘dangerous’. We are everyday Australians standing for accountability, fairness, and the needs of our communities.

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