



Chaos in Melbourne as furious protestors flood the city just hours before Victoria's crippling five-day lockdown begins demanding Dan Andrews is SACKED

- Hundreds of protestors have swarmed into Melbourne's CBD to protest against Victoria's looming lockdown
- Premier Daniel Andrews on Thursday said Victoria had no choice as the state's Covid outbreak grew to 18
- Angry residents stormed the city, demanding the premier be sacked and claiming the pandemic was not real

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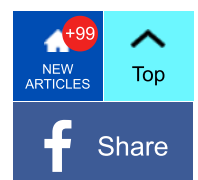


Hundreds of protestors have stormed **Melbourne**'s CBD to rally against the looming five-day **lockdown** coming into force across Victoria from midnight.

Premier Daniel Andrews on Thursday said Victoria had 'no choice' but to enter a snap statewide lockdown to contain a growing outbreak of the **COVID-19** Delta variant.

The decision came after the state recorded two new cases, bringing its cluster to 18, which was sparked when **NSW**'s outbreak was imported into Melbourne by a Sydney removalist working interstate.

But hundreds of angry residents did not agree with the premier, demanding he be sacked for plunging the state into its fifth lockdown since the pandemic began in March 2020.





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Hundreds of protestors swarmed Melbourne's CBD on Thursday to rally against Victoria's fifth lockdown, coming into effect from midnight



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Angry residents packed together as they chanted and held up signs, with some spouting claims the pandemic

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One man, carrying a sign suggesting the pandemic was not real, wore a shirt with a slogan urging Australians to avoid the Covid vaccine

Despite the wet weather, Victorians poured into Flinders Street holding up signs calling for freedom, with some reading 'lockdown kills' and 'I have a choice'.

Organisers leading the procession held a huge blue banner with the name of an anti-lockdown website scrawled across it, as they roused fellow protestors through a megaphone.

The lockdown objectors chanted as they marched through the streets, just hours before stay-at-home orders will be rolled out across the state.

Face masks were noticeably absent among the crowd, only visible on the police officers standing guard to monitor the demonstration.

This is despite face masks being mandatory indoors and outdoors when unable to socially distance since 11.59pm on Wednesday.

Some signs appeared to espouse anti-vax sentiments while others suggested the pandemic was not real, with slogans such as 'government lies' and 'a real pandemic needs no advertisement'.



Victorians braved the wet weather as they into Melbourne's CBD on Thursday night for a 'freedom rally' against the premi latest Coronavirus measures

The demonstrators, who have titled their community the Melbourne Freedom Rally, have five main objectives they are striving to achieve through their protest, according to their website.

They include an end to Covid restrictions, an investigation into the handling of the coronavirus response, Mr Andrews' resignation, no vaccine mandates, and full refunds for those who have been fined for breaching coronavirus-related directives.

Instead of restrictions, they recommend the state adopt Sweden's controversial Covid strategy, where the virus was allowed to run rampant within the community without lockdowns, with 'voluntary protective measures' for those who are vulnerable.

They are also seeking a 'Pandemic Royal Commission' to 'find any evidence of criminal activity, conflicts of interest, corruption, and incompetence in the government and medical system' and have all doctors who 'knowingly falsified death certificates' to wrongly include Covid charged with fraud.

'Daniel Andrews must resign as the Premier of Victoria, and nominate a successor that will enact all other demands,' the website reads.

'[He] must be held accountable for the Crimes against Humanity he has committed upon the Victorian People.'



Face masks were noticeably absent from the sea of faces marching through Melbourne on Thursday night

From 11.59pm on Thursday, Victorians will only be able to leave home for five reasons - to shop for food and essential items, provide or receive care, exercise, work or study if they are unable to from home and to get vaccinated.

The same rules that applied during last month's lockdown will be reimposed, including a five-kilometre travel limit for exercise and shopping and compulsory masks indoors and outdoors.

The lockdown will end at 11.59pm on Tuesday, though restrictions in regional Victoria could be lifted earlier if it is safe to do so.

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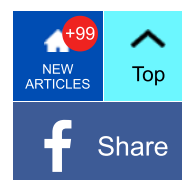
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Mr Andrews said the state's contact tracers were moving faster than they ever have, but haven't been able to keep up with the spread of the Delta variant.

'We've got no choice. We have to do this, otherwise, it will get away from us. We don't want this getting away from us and being locked down for months,' he told reporters.






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Daniel Andrews on Thursday said Victoria had 'no choice' but to enter a five-day lockdown, but some residents disagreed with one woman carrying a sign opposing the premier's statement




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One protestor made a sign reading 'lockdown kills' as the state braces to enter its fifth crippling lockdown



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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VICTORIA'S NEW LOCKDOWN

- The lockdown is scheduled to run from Thursday July 15 at 11:59pm until Tuesday July 20 at 11:59pm.

- There will be only five lawful reasons to leave home

1. Essential shopping
2. Two hours of daily exercise within a 5km radius
3. To seek or provide medical care
4. Work or study that cannot be done from home.
5. To go and get vaccinated.

- Face masks will be mandatory indoors and outdoors

- Schools will return to online learning

- 5km travel limit for essential tasks, including shopping and exercise

- If your business was closed during the last lockdown, they must close this lockdown

- Hospitality open for takeaway only

- General retail is closed, as well as all non-essential businesses

- Visitors to the home are banned

- Funerals capped at ten people, while weddings are banned

- Professional sport can proceed but with no crowds

- Outdoor parks and play areas are open, but those indoors must close



Mr Andrews confirmed Victoria recorded two additional locally acquired COVID-19 cases on Thursday afternoon.

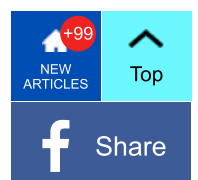
There are now 18 community COVID-19 cases associated with two separate outbreaks, both of which originated in NSW.

Two COVID-infected NSW removalists breached their workers permit conditions and spread the virus during a drop-off at the Ariele Apartments in Maribyrnong late last week.

Meanwhile, a member of a family who returned from Sydney went to the supermarket when they were meant to be isolating at home.

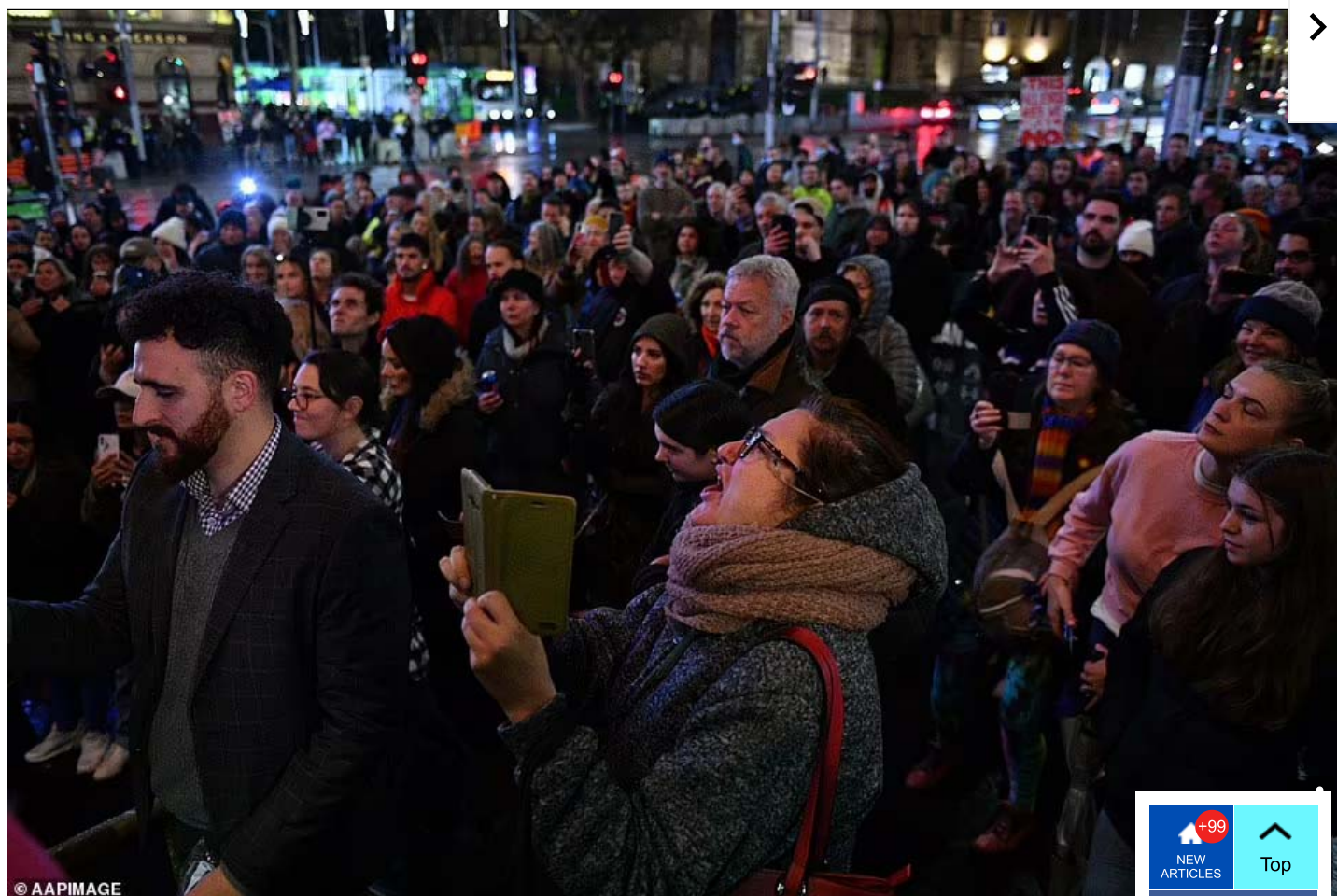
Mr Andrews would not be drawn on whether Victoria's lockdown could have been avoided if Sydney had locked down sooner.

'I can't control what happens and doesn't happen in NSW,' he said.





Some held posters accusing the government of lying about the pandemic, while a few people carried red ensign flags



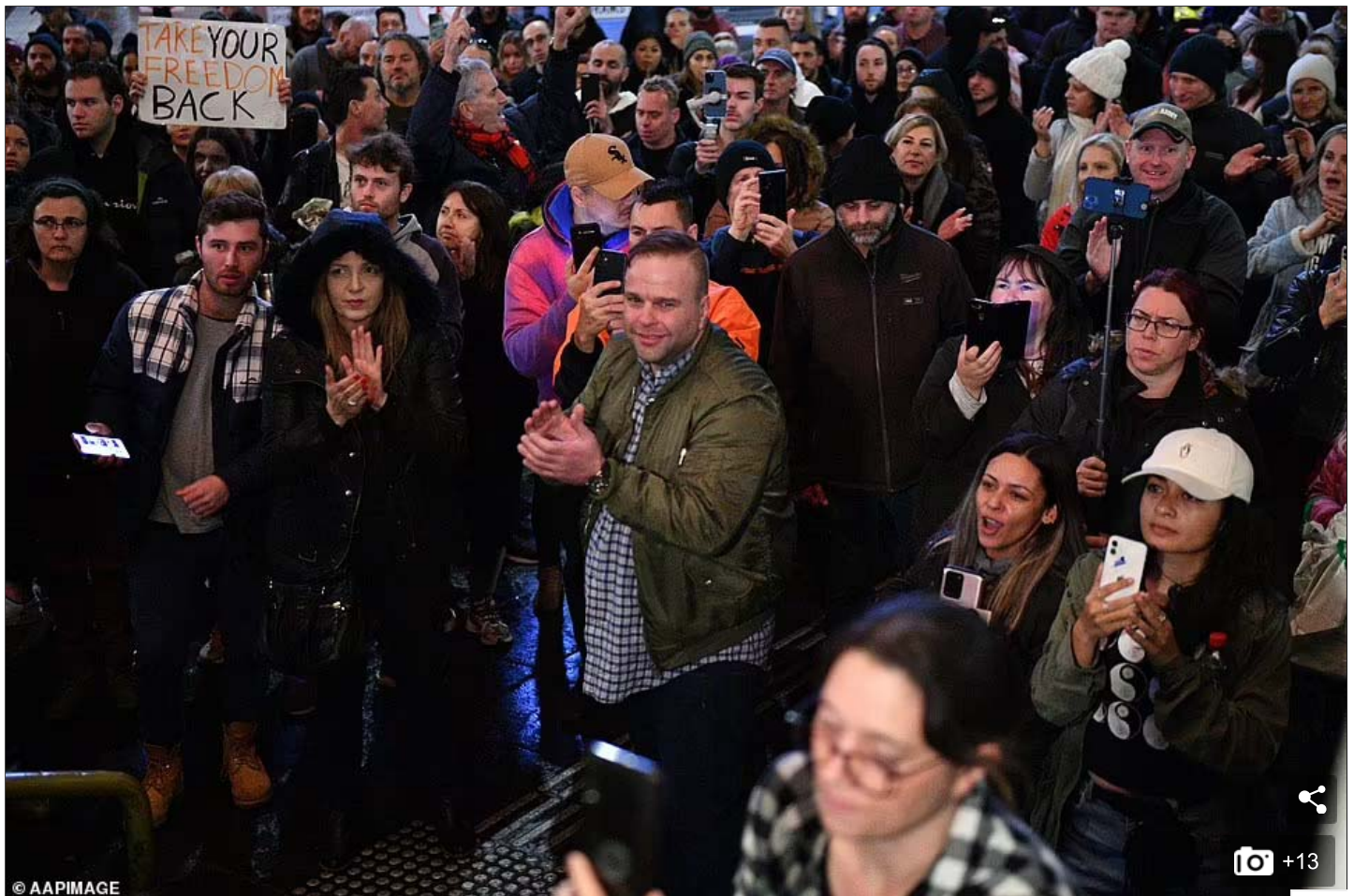
A woman cheers as fellow protestors urge the crowd to fight for 'freedom' at the anti-lockdown rally

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Protestors clapped and pulled out their phones to film one of the speakers as they called for the lockdown order to be rev

'These cases started in NSW, but I'm determined they will end here. We will put this out with the help of every single Victorian.'

Of greatest concern to authorities are three cases who tested positive after attending an AFL match between Carlton and Geelong at the MCG on Saturday.

COVID-19 Commander Jeroen Weimar said the cases appear to be linked to an infectious man who lives at the Ariele Apartments and attended the match in the MCC member's reserve on level two.

He said the trio are not known contacts of the infected man and that it appeared to be a case of 'stranger-to-stranger transmission'.

The infected man, aged in his 60s, attended the game with his friend - a teacher from Bacchus Marsh Grammar school who lives in Barwon Heads.



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Police wearing face masks stood guard to monitor the situation as hundreds gathered to rally against the public health or



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A crowd of protestors gather to listen to speeches as Victorians call for freedom ahead of the state's snap l

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The teacher and two of his family members have also subsequently tested positive for COVID-19.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar and Barwon Heads Primary School were among seven schools forced to close due to possible coronavirus exposure.

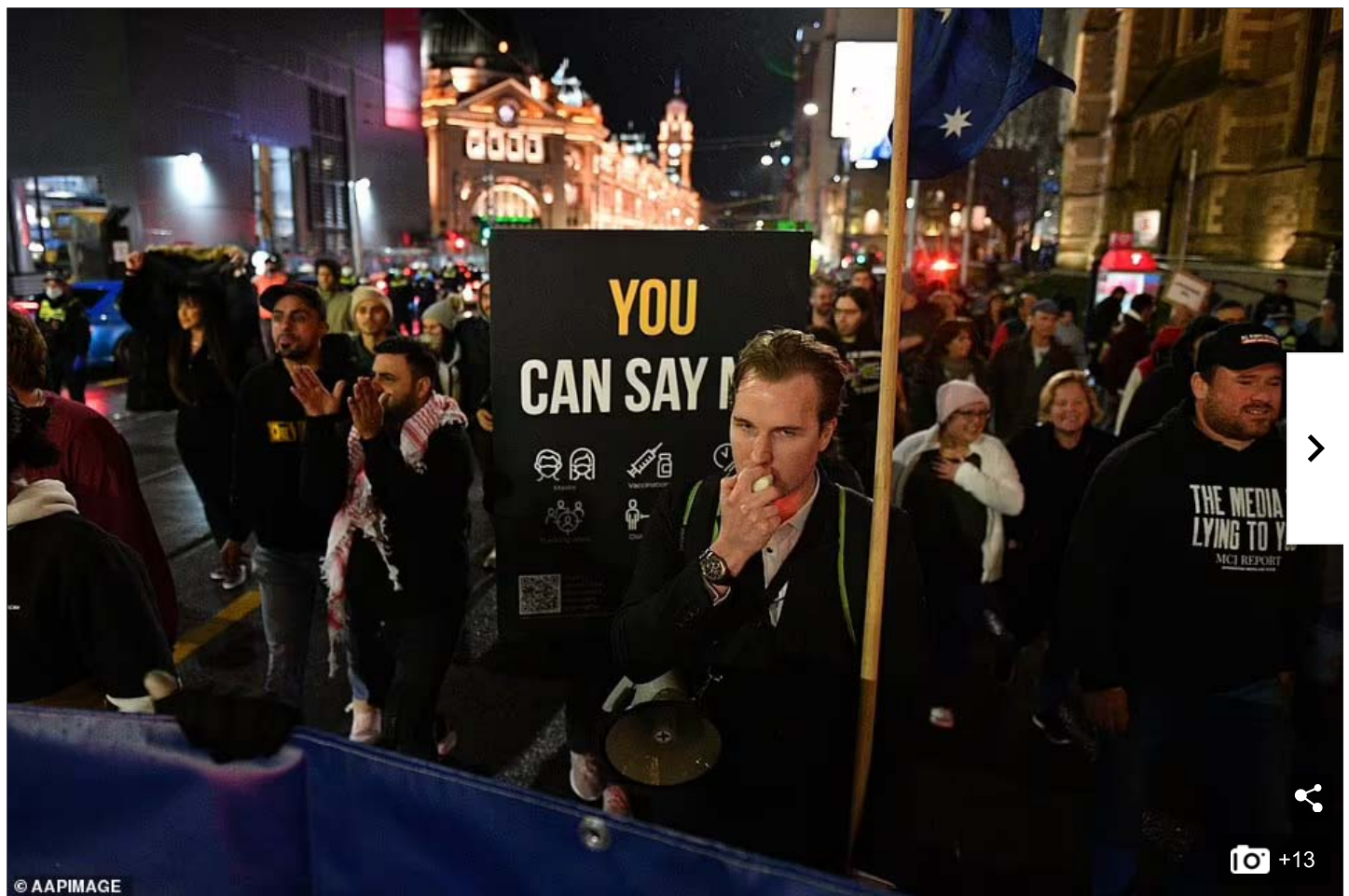
There are more than 75 exposures sites across Melbourne and regional Victoria, with some 1500 primary close contacts and 5000 secondary contacts self-isolating.

It is the fifth lockdown for Victoria since the start of the pandemic and the third in 2021.

Mr Andrews said he will be making the case for Commonwealth assistance for affected workers and businesses.

Opposition Leader Michael O'Brien said he said he felt for small businesses and students forced to learn from home, as well as those forced to cancel weddings, birthdays and special events.

"This is going to be a massive kick in the guts for a state that's done it so tough already," he said.



A man chanted through a megaphone, rousing fellow protestors, as he led the procession through Flinders Street

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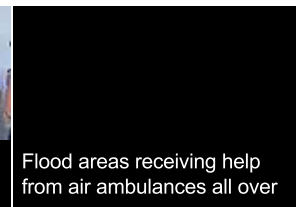
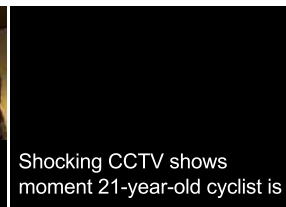
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