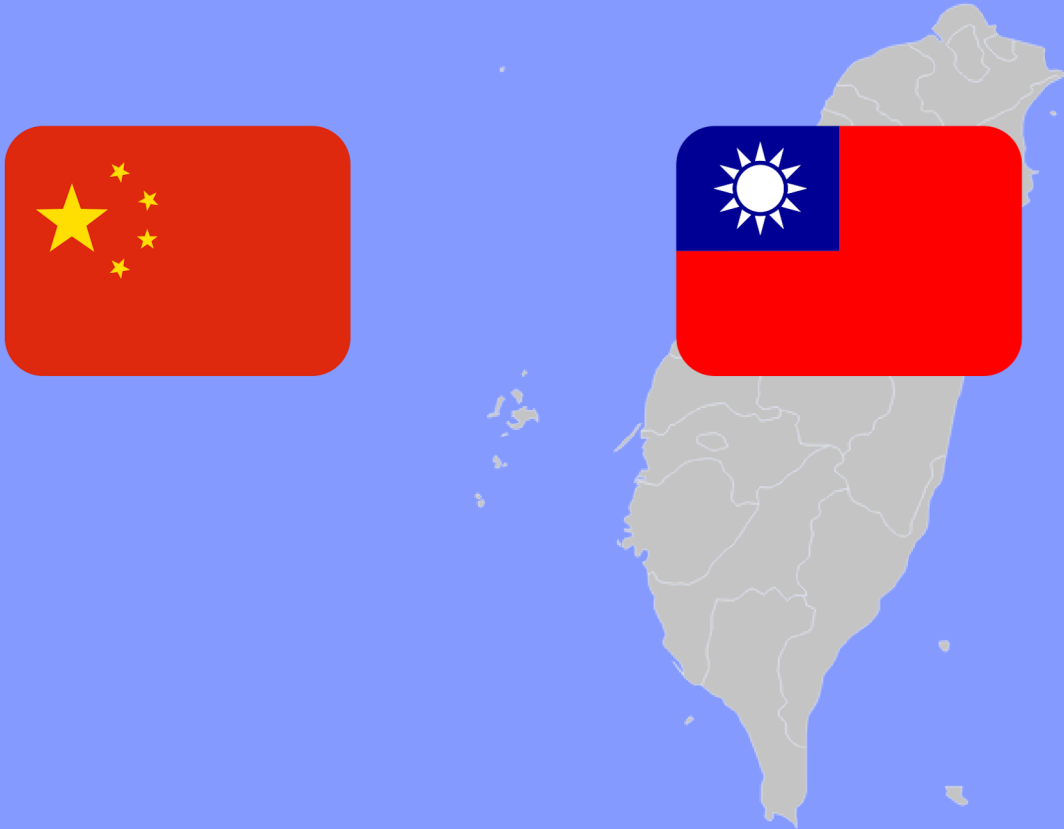


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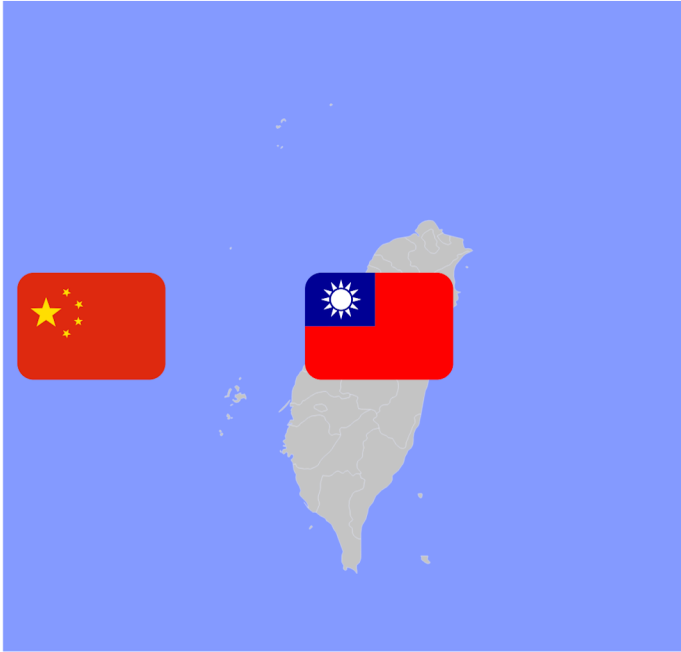
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Where will it end?



Taiwan and China; one of the most complicated and precarious diplomatic situations in the world. China (PRC) claims to own Mainland China and the island of Taiwan. Taiwan (RC) also claims ownership of mainland China and of course the island of Taiwan. However they are not in the same position at all.

Western countries are wary of recognizing Taiwan, never referring to it as a rightful country or going against the "one China" policy. They are of course sympathetic to Taiwan. Taiwan is a democratic government and very similar to Western countries in many ways. But this type of extreme diplomacy from western countries is not unique to Taiwan. The genocide of Uyghurs in China is essentially ignored by western countries same goes for the actions of the Chinese government in Tibet and Hong Kong. Western countries know they can't comment too harshly on these topics or else face tough sanctions from Beijing.

But this may soon have to stop.

Since Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan tensions have escalated. With China Conducting military drills with some aircraft briefly travelling into Taiwanese airspace. One of the most haunting remarks was by Chinese Ambassador to Australia Xiao Qian, when he hinted at re-education camps for Taiwanese citizens. China has stated that it will "take any means necessary to take Taiwan".

So what is the likelihood of an invasion in the next few years? This is a very complicated question. It is obvious China wants Taiwan but will it risk its own already damaged reputation on the world stage. As we have seen with Russia and Ukraine, The West and other countries will sanction, and it is unlikely to be any different with China.

So if China does invade Taiwan western countries will have to stop tiptoeing around Beijing and take measures whether in terms of sanctions or on the battlefield. And Taiwan is prepared for an invasion, it will be very challenging for the People's Liberation Army to launch an amphibious invasion of Taiwan. If we again compare to Ukraine Russia could just cross over the border while China will have to come from the sky or sea.

Local

Seat of Northcote

The Victorian state election will be held in November, in the seat of Cooper which encompasses the suburbs of Alphington, Fairfield, Northcote, Thornbury, and part of Preston. The Greens briefly held the seat after a by-election in 2017 but the seat was won back by Labor the next year.

It is expected to be a tight race once more between The Greens and Labor.



Kat Theophanous MP (Labor)



Campbell Gome (candidate Greens)

RPFL

The Renegade Pub Football League is a community football league played at Victoria Park in Abbotsford. It comprises of eight teams representing pubs across Melbourne's inner north. On Saturday The Merri Creek Tavern Bats played Lomond Hotel Barracudas, Old Bar Unicorns played The Tote and Workers Club Lions played The Stingo Easybeats.



Victoria

Suburban Rail Loop

The Suburban Rail Loop is one of the most ambitious projects in the history of Victoria. Expected to cost between \$30-50 Billion. But the Victorian opposition says that if elected it will cancel the project and spend the money on the state's health system.

The project aims to connect all major lines in the Melbourne train network to create a loop around the city.

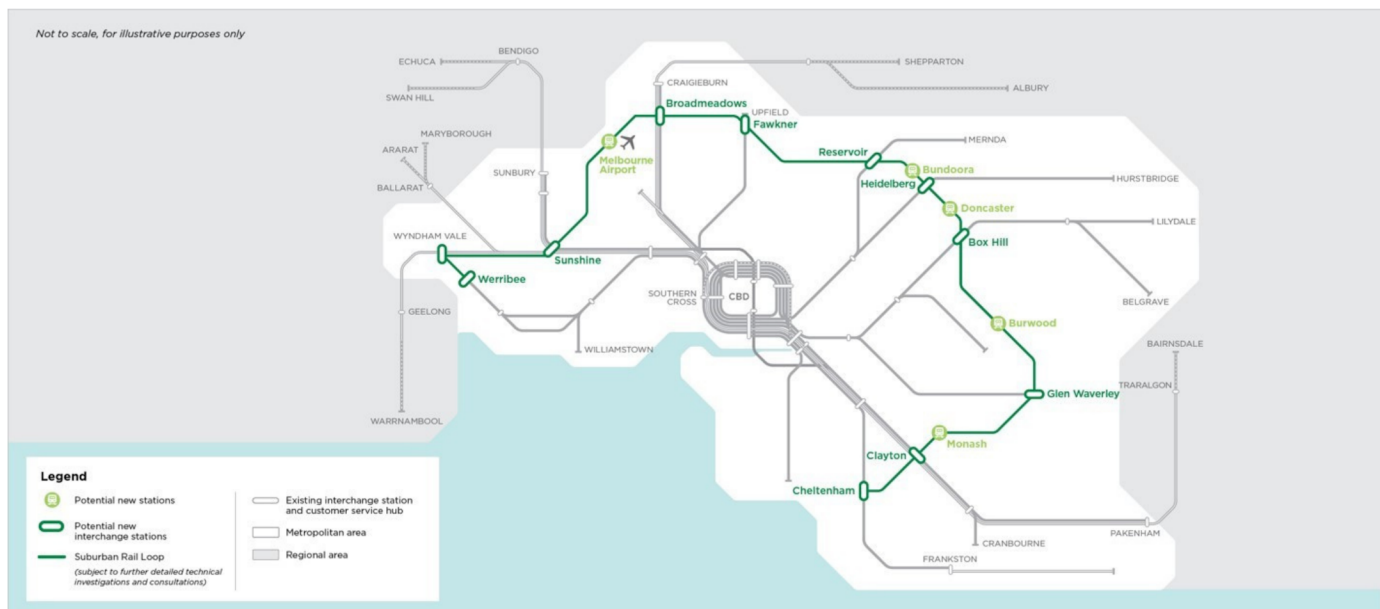
It is expected to drastically decrease travel time for people living in the outer suburbs. Transport Infrastructure Minister Jacinta Allan said that criticism from the opposition was a sign that they were increasingly desperate.

While the Project has been estimated at between \$30-50 Billion independent modelling has given a price tag more like \$200 Billion.

The Project could feature several new stations (Melbourne Airport, Bundoora, Doncaster, Burwood and Monash) with the Monash station helping thousands of students commute to the university.



Jacinta Allan MP (above) Suburban Rail Loop map (below)



National

Scott Morrison Secret Ministries

Former Prime Minister Scott Morrison has confirmed that with the help of the Governor-General secretly gave himself additional ministries.

On one of those occasions he secretly became Health Minister alongside Greg Hunt, Meaning there were two Health Ministers at once. Greg Hunt is believed to have agreed to this. However many Ministers whose portfolios were being stolen were kept in the dark.

Known Ministries that were secretly taken over are: Health, Finance, Treasury, Home Affairs and Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

Governor-General David Hurley has confirmed he did secretly sign documents allowing this to happen.

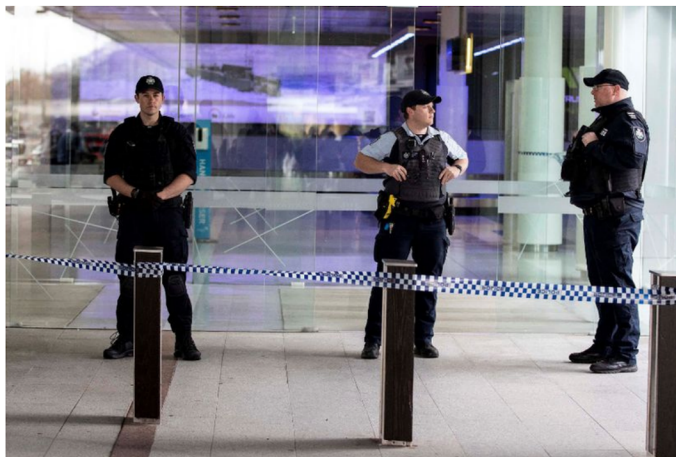
Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has ordered an investigation.



Canberra Airport Shooting

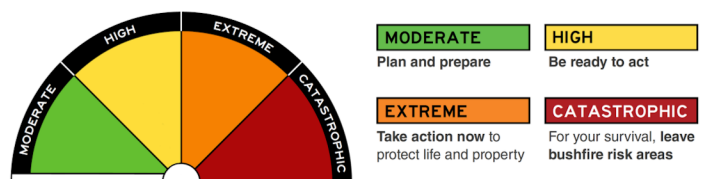
A 63 year old Man is in custody after shooting multiples rounds of ammunition in Canberra Airport on Sunday.

He faces the ACT Magistrates Court on firearms offences.



New Fire rating system

A new fire danger rating system will be in place from September. It will have 5 new danger levels instead of 6.



World

Ukraine War

Kherson

Ukraine and Russia have been in a sort of stalemate for a while now with Russia slowly taking land from Ukraine. But there are rumours that Ukraine is planning to retake the City and Oblast of Kherson which was taken by Russia in the early stages of the war.



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Kenyan election

William Ruto has been declared the winner of the Kenyan Presidential. The former Deputy President won with just over 50% of the vote

It did not come without controversy however with several high ranking members of the Electoral Commission disputing the result. And Raila Odinga (the runner-up) also disputing the result.



Meta takes down Andrew Tate

Influencer and former kick boxer Andrew Tate has been taken off Facebook and Instagram for misogynistic content, Tate has become famous in the past few months for spreading ideas specifically targeted at young people. These messages include things like "women belong in the home" and that "rape victims bare some responsibility". And it's not just his comments, Tate is also accused of trafficking women and was recently raided by Romanian Police. Before he was banned he had 3.8 million followers on Instagram.

Image



Collingwood Town Hall (rear view)