

Two men to face court after violent CFMMEU protest

Two men have been charged with wilful damage after a violent union protest a fortnight ago resulted in \$25,000 damage to a CBD office tower door.



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Police have released video of a man they believe might be able to help their investigations into a violent union protest a fortnight ago in which \$25,000 in damage was allegedly done to a glass CBD office tower door.

Two men have also been charged with wilful damage after the door shattered at Waterfront Place.

The [CFMMEU protest on April 5](#) was part of nationwide rallies by the construction, mining and energy union.



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Union leaders at the time offered up some of their members to repair the glass door.

Police alleged three people forced open the glass door to the Eagle Street building, causing the glass to shatter.

A 36-year-old New Beith man and a 31-year-old Brisbane woman were both served with a notice to appear for wilful damage.



Police inspect the smashed glass door. Picture: Lyndon Mechielsen/Courier Mail

They were due to appear at the Brisbane Magistrates Court on May 16.

Police alleged the damage to the building cost \$25,000 to repair.

Investigators are appealing for a second man, shown in newly-released vision, or anyone with further information, to contact police.

The march became volatile as workers reached Waterfront Place, where the offices of the Federal Government are located.



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Some workers started banging fists and flags on the glass front doors of the building, which eventually shattered.

Graffiti reading "f-ck ABCC" – referring to the Australian Building and Construction Commission, which was abolished in February – and "pigs" was also written on the glass.

The crowd quickly dispersed after the glass was broken.

Peter Ong, the state secretary of the Electrical Trades Union, said at the time that the smashed door was “a happy accident”.

“That glass breaking was just a mistake, absolutely not malicious at all,” he said.

CFMMEU officials said after the protest that they would contact building management to organise a fix as a “top priority”.

Federal Opposition leader Peter Dutton said the alleged destruction of property was “an absolute disgrace” and demanded Prime Minister Anthony Albanese condemn it.