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## Vandal demands peanut butter sandwich to end Australian bridge stand-off

**Police believe the bridge climber is the serial vandal responsible for the Pam the Bird graffiti appearing across Melbourne**

A man scaled the 140-metre-high (460 foot) tower of a cantilever bridge in the Australian city of Melbourne on Tuesday and painted a giant cartoon bird on it, disrupting morning commuter traffic.

The man demanded a peanut butter sandwich be delivered by drone before he would come down, causing a stand-off with police and closing a lane on the Bolte Bridge.

"A man has scaled the bridge and remains in a restricted area on the eastern tower. He is refusing to follow police direction and come down," said Paul Hogan, an acting sergeant with Victoria Police. "Police allege the man is responsible for graffitiing the bridge earlier this morning."

The graffiti on the bridge closely resembles Pam the Bird, a symbol that has appeared on dozens of buildings in Melbourne in recent years, including on the heritage-listed Flinders Street railway station. A man appeared in court last year charged with more than 200 offences, many in connection with previous Pam the Bird graffiti incidents. It was not clear who was behind Tuesday's incident.

An Instagram account posting footage from the bridge on Tuesday showed a man dangling his legs from the top of the tower. In subsequent posts, the man demanded lower taxes in Australia, and requested a peanut butter sandwich be delivered by drone before he would come down.

A police statement said that significant resources were deployed to the location, including uniform members, highway patrol officers, a critical incident response team as well as Search & Rescue and Water Police. The statement made no mention of what eventually persuaded the man to come down. It did not appear to be a peanut butter sandwich, with the Instagram account posting: "The audacity to fly a drone up here with no sandwich."

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