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Posie Parker rally: Hundreds counter protest at Albert Park

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Controversial anti-trans campaigner Posie Parker had to be escorted away from her Auckland event as hundreds of protestors outnumbered her supporters.

Police escorted Parker, also known as Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull, away from her rally in central Auckland before she could speak, with hundreds of people counter-protesting the British anti-transgender activist.

The crowd gathered near the band rotunda in Albert Park this morning before Parker's speech, and made a cacophony of noise to drown her speech out.

Posie Parker films the crowd after appearing at Albert Park. Photo: RNZ / Rayssa Almeida

LGBTQIA+ supporters were far more present and visible than Parker's supporters, which appeared to include members of the Action Zealanda group, with the crowd loudly chanting "go home Posie, go home".

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When Parker appeared, she reportedly had tomato juice, water and egg flung at her, and was pushed and shoved.

Her private security team took her off the stage before she could speak, and she was forced to leave the area with a police escort, with protesters swamping the rotunda.



Many of the protesters then moved down to Queen Street, where they confronted another rally by Tamaki.

The executive director of Gender Minorities Aotearoa, Ahi Wi-Hongi, said they are thrilled at the display of opposition to the event.

"People have really showed her that we don't want that here, it's not welcome.

"Perhaps she's gonna pack up and leave - hopefully.

"For us the takeaway is that people like her shouldn't be allowed to come here and spread hateful views and carry out actions that result in people being harmed."

Protestors at the Posie Parker rally in Auckland. Photo: RNZ/ Jordan Dunn

P The High Court ruled yesterday that the government's decision to allow Parker into New Zealand was the right one.

Parker had her case reviewed by Immigration New Zealand after some supporters at her Melbourne event gave Nazi salutes.

P The department ultimately decided she could enter the country, a decision upheld after last-minute court action.