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My suggested re-draft below

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Dear Colleagues

In March, I attended a women's rights rally to support the right of women and girls to safe, single-sex spaces. Due to other attendees at the rally, I was subject to a motion from the Liberal Leader, John Pesutto to expel me on the grounds that I had brought the Liberal Party into disrepute.

In the party room meeting that followed, that motion was withdrawn by the Leader and encouraged by colleagues to help him save face, I agreed to accept a nine-month suspension (without a formal motion or indeed ANY grounds given on which the suspension was based) in exchange for a joint statement from the Leader and me that exonerated me from these false allegations and that allowed me the return, after the suspension, to the party room.

To date, I am the only one who has honoured that agreement. I am under suspension but there has been no joint statement nor confirmation of my return from the Leadership.

Since March, I have tried through a mediation process and with the support of good colleagues like Kim Wells MP, to resolve the impasse and ensure the Leader delivers on the commitment that was made when I accepted the suspension.

I am sorry to say that these attempts have failed.

In light of the fact that the terms of the suspension have not been honoured, I don't feel it is fair or just that I continue to sit outside the party room, nor do I believe a



On 4 May 2023, at 1:37 pm, Moira Deeming  
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Dear Colleagues,

It pains me to have to write this email to you all. I feel that the instability and confusion surrounding the issue of my suspension must be resolved if we are ever to be able to move on together as a team and focus on being the opposition that Victorians need us to be.

I hope that you will understand my position. I was hoping that I could find a solution through mediation, but unfortunately mediation has not been successful.

I agreed to endure a nine-month suspension but only if my name was cleared of the allegations made against me through an official statement by the leadership. I have kept on doing all the things I have been asked to do - like not comment in the media; and to not criticise the leadership publicly; to take my beloved Liberal logo off my name and to endure sitting on the crossbench for nine months. The leadership I have not exonerated me, but they have continuously referred to the 15-page Wikipedia dossier as justification for my suspension. They have been free to speak about this in the media and free to criticise me in the media. And this week, when I finally thought it would be sorted out, the Minutes of the last meeting to suspend me, couldn't even be agreed upon. I would like to formally challenge my suspension and ask for a do-over of the meeting because it seems to me that due to the leadership not honouring the original suspension terms of agreement, I am not even suspended at present and yet I sit on the crossbench.

\*\* I don't believe that I am legally suspended right now yet I have lost reputation, status within the community and money.

**Kind Regards,**

**Moira Deeming MP**

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