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On Saturday evening, Victorians saw an abomination on the steps of the Victorian Parliament when Nazi protesters engaged in an affront to the values we should all hold dear as Victorians.

The violence, prejudice and hate that these protesters conveyed by their odious actions will never be acceptable in our state. I condemn them and commit to opposing such hate wherever it may exist.

This afternoon, I met with **Moira** Deeming MP to discuss the events of Saturday. Mrs Deeming assured me that she was not involved in the organisation or actions of the Nazi protesters. I have no reason to doubt Mrs Deeming's account.

Nevertheless, following our discussion, Mrs Deeming tendered her resignation as a member of the Parliamentary Liberal Party. I believe this was an appropriate step for her to take and obviates the need to explore alternatives.

The Liberal Party I joined, and which I am now honoured to lead, must strive to represent all Victorians.

Regardless of religious faith, race, sexual preference, ethnicity or other attribute, Victorians everywhere should know that the Liberal Party is inclusive and can be a voice for them.

No matter what our particular attributes, we all share the abiding bond of an essential humanity.

Equality of opportunity, the benefits to each and all of an enterprising culture, the security that comes from the rule of law, the strength which stems from families and communities that can live together in search of happiness while sharing in our state's prosperity, must extend to all people who reside in our land.