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Moira Deeming MP is calling for an enquiry into the violent incidents that marred the peaceful women's rights protest on the steps of Parliament on 18 March 2023, incidents which were a direct result of the actions of the Victorian Police.

The orderly protest on the steps of parliament was part of British activist, Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull's tour entitled 'Let Women Speak'. A crowd of counter protestors attended the event and were kept separate from the formal event until a third party arrived.

"The police promised to keep us safe from counter protestors and groups that were not part of our event, yet they allowed a group of screaming, masked men onto our side of the divided groups" explained Moira Deeming MP.

"The women around me were terrified and feared for their safety, more than one woman was physically assaulted by this extreme fascist third party group"

"There needs to be an immediate enquiry into the actions of the Victorian Police. Why did they allow a group of men in black militia clothing to breach the lines into a peaceful women's rights protest when they managed to keep the initial counter protestors separate from the event?"

Moira Deeming MP will continue to push for an investigation into the events of the 18 March 2023 as it endangered the safety of many innocent female protestors and defamed the message of the speakers and attendees of the women's rights event.