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Federal Member for Brisbane ▲

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The Hon Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
House of Representatives
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister Giles,

I write in my capacity as the Member for Brisbane and LGBTQIA+ Spokesperson for the Australian Greens, calling for the revocation of a visa provided to [REDACTED] also known by the pseudonym [REDACTED] on the basis that her arrival in Australia poses a significant risk to members of the trans and gender diverse community.

[REDACTED] announced her travel to Australia via social media on January 9th, promoting that throughout March this year, she will be visiting Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart and Canberra. A number of members of the Brisbane and LGBTQIA+ communities have since contacted me with their concerns about the granting of a visa to [REDACTED], and [a petition](#) has been created opposing her entry into Australia.

[REDACTED] has an established record of promoting or excusing hate and violence towards trans and other marginalised communities, including, but not limited to:

- Calling for men carrying guns to patrol women's bathrooms to protect against the imagined threat of trans women.
- Violent outbreaks at [REDACTED] speaking tour of the USA, including a supporter of [REDACTED] allegedly assaulting trans protestors with pepper spray.
- Travelling to the USA on one particular occasion to harass a prominent transgender advocate, deliberately misgendering her multiple times.
- Posing for a selfie with a Norwegian political extremist known for his racist and anti-semitic statements, including Holocaust denial.
- Appearing in a video with a far-right white nationalist YouTuber.

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We live, work and play on stolen land. Sovereignty was never ceded.



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Therefore, I strongly believe there is a case for the revocation of [REDACTED] visa under Section 501 of the Migration Act, on the basis that, while in Australia, she could:

- harass or intimidate members of the Australian community;
- vilify a segment of the Australian community;
- incite discord in the Australian community or in a segment of the community; or
- represent a danger to the Australian community or to a segment of the community, whether by way of being liable to become involved in activities that are disruptive to, or in violence threatening harm to, that community or segment.

Hateful vilification and violence toward the trans and gender diverse community has no place in Australia. The Government allowing [REDACTED] to platform these views encourages her harmful rhetoric to proliferate within the Australian community, and places trans and gender diverse people at an even greater risk of violence and discrimination.

I therefore call on you to exercise your Ministerial discretion under s. 501 of the Migration Act to immediately revoke [REDACTED] visa in the interests of protecting trans and gender diverse members of the Australian community against the very real threat of harassment, vilification and violence that she poses to them.

I also seek clarification about the duration of time that elapsed between when [REDACTED] application was made, and the time that her visa application was granted. I want to ensure that there has been no discrepancy between the Department's treatment of my constituents' visa applications and [REDACTED]

As you know, I regularly advocate on behalf of Brisbane residents who are facing extended delays or successive rejections on deserving family or friends' visa applications. We have discussed the devastating impact that this is having on the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of my constituents and their families, as well as a myriad of consequences for our economy and our community.

[REDACTED] poses a major risk of spreading hate and inciting violence within our community, and I would like your assurance that her visa application was not treated more favourably than deserving partners and families who have been waiting years to be reunited.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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