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To: Moira Deeming <Moira.Deeming@parliament.vic.gov.au>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Pesutto - Statement from the Leader of the Opposition (Media Release)

Thanks Belinda. I'll use your response below in coverage.
If Moira has any further comment before or after could you please keep me in the loop?
Thanks

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Thank you for contacting the office.

Mrs. Deeming believes that the dossier provided to the leaders contained serious errors, and that the motion to expel her is unwarranted.

Mrs. Deeming intends to provide clarification and evidence to her party colleagues in order to allay any concerns that the Liberal Party parliamentary team may have, so that she can continue together with them as a team.

To respect the party process, Mrs. Deeming will not be making any statements to the press until after the vote.

Kind Regards,

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Hi Moira,
I wanted to follow up following the statement below from John PESUTTO and find out if you have a response?
Will you challenge the motion being moved and urge colleagues to vote against?
Do you regret attending the rally?
Do you have any other comment.

Would kindly appreciate a response as soon as possible. I'd also like to extend a invitation for an interview with you on Sky News tomorrow morning.
Please let me know if you'd like to catch up.

Thanks
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John **PESUTTO** MP

LIBERAL MEMBER FOR HAWTHORN

Leader of the Opposition
Leader of the Liberal Party
Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Sunday 19 March 2023

Statement from the Leader of the Opposition

Yesterday afternoon Victorians witnessed an abomination on the steps of the Victorian Parliament when neo-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 who attended yesterday's rally. I discussed her involvement in organising, promoting and participating in a rally with speakers and other organisers who themselves have been publicly associated with far right-wing extremist groups including neo-Nazi activists.

At our meeting I informed Ms Deeming that I will move a motion at the next party room meeting to expel her as a member of the parliamentary Liberal Party as her position is untenable.

This is not an issue about free speech but a member of the parliamentary party associating with people whose views are abhorrent to my values, the values of the Liberal Party and the wider community.

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 and identity, Victorians everywhere should know that the Liberal Party is inclusive and can be a voice for them.

No matter what our background 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 Victoria's prosperity, must extend to all people who reside in our land.

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