



Monday 20 November 2023

Statement by the Leader of the Opposition

I note Moira Deeming's statement issued earlier today. It contains a number of factual inaccuracies which need to be addressed.

1. Mrs Deeming's suspension and subsequent expulsion were never about her views on women's issues.
2. I have never called Mrs Deeming a neo-Nazi or sympathiser.
3. The issues in this matter have never concerned freedom of speech.
4. The issue has always been whether Mrs Deeming called out or distanced herself from neo-Nazi protesters and references when asked to do so by senior Liberals.

Without disclosing the details of the mediation, I have met with Mrs Deeming on a number of occasions and mediation has been ongoing for several weeks. Along with many others in the Party, I have genuinely tried to reach a mutually acceptable outcome.

I proudly lead a Liberal Party with diverse views and people from all walks of life. I will vigorously defend the Liberal Party and myself in any proceedings and will not be asking the Party to cover any legal fees.

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