

## Expulsion of Moira Deeming correspondence

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John Pesutto

Leader of the Victorian Liberal Opposition

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*Cc Moira Deeming, MP in Victorian Parliament*

Dear John

I write regarding your intention, along with three other men from the Liberal leadership team, to expel Moira Deeming from the Liberal Party. The reason you provide is the crashing of a pro women's rights public meeting on 18 March by a gang of neo Nazis. As you are aware, the Australian Jewish Association (AJA) has made a public statement condemning the fascist invasion of the women's rally. The AJA has supported women's right to meet peacefully.

You must be either extraordinarily naïve or extremely Machiavellian to use this to expel a woman who has drawn admiration and support from women across the political spectrum because she publicly defends our rights to single sex spaces and our children's and grandchildren's safeguarding. I find it difficult to believe you are naïve. Which leaves only the second option. It is likely you have joined the likes of Vic Premier Dan Andrews and Greens leader Adam Bandt because you are as opposed as they are to women's and girls' basic rights. That is horrifying. If you had the tiniest support for women's need for single sex spaces such as DV shelters, swim pool changerooms and public toilets you would be standing in solidarity with MP Moira Deeming.

Why are you not raising questions around the Vic Police's facilitation of the nazi gatecrash of a women's rights rally? The Police were able to keep the TRAs away from the women and then they accompanied the Nazis to invade the women's space. Why are you not asking questions of Dan Andrews about this? Andrews is complicit – and you are supporting the likes of Dan Andrews and Adam Bandt in their ongoing campaign to erase women's basic rights.

If a family in a suburban area has a party for their friends and employs many security guards to provide security and the party is crashed by two separate groups of violent men, and one group of violent men is invited into the party by the security guards employed to keep them out, would you condemn the family? Or would you seek answers from the security company about why they invited one group of violent men into the party?

You have claimed the women who spoke at the Let Women Speak rally are nazi sympathisers. Watch the footage! I watched the full livestream. These are everyday women who don't want their children being told they can 'choose' their sex (biological impossibility), they are survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence who know it is wrong for men to be invited into rape survivor support groups. They are grandmothers who know it is wrong for the State to support men who want to share teenage girls' showers and changerooms at the pool or gym. They are women who breastfeed their babies and object to being told by the likes of you they must be called 'chestfeeders', that our vaginas must now be called 'front holes', that we are 'uterus havers' not women.

I am a 70 year old left wing Qld woman. Until the most recent Qld State election and the most recent Federal election, I have always voted Labor. No more, now I vote Informal with pride. Because Labor abandoned its previous support for women's rights. I was an active trade unionist all my working life. I have been involved in solidarity groups for Cuba and Latin America. I have actively supported the Palestinian struggle to regain their homeland. I have been a refugee rights

campaigner, advocating against Liberal Party policies in this space. For 40 years I was an abortion rights campaigner until Qld women won abortion decriminalisation in 2018. How dare you suggest women like me, and Moira Deeming, and the woman who spoke at the Melbourne rally on 12 March, are Nazi sympathisers? How. Fucking. Dare You?

In 2019 I established the annual Eva Bacon Award which is made each year on International Women's Day in Brisbane to a woman who has gone above and beyond in the defence of women's rights. Eva Bacon was a young Jewish Socialist who fled Nazi occupied Austria in 1939 and ended up in Brisbane. She fought for peace, Aboriginal land rights and women until she died in 1994. How dare you besmirch Eva's Jewish background, her commitment to peace and women's and children's rights by associating women's rights with Nazism?

The neo Nazis who invaded the women's rights rally in Melbourne on Saturday 18 March are at one with the TRAs who came to disrupt the women's event and hurt women (one woman ended up in hospital because of the trans violence). Both the TRAs and the neo Nazis have contempt, often violent contempt, for the basic rights of women, girls and especially lesbians. That's not opinion, it's evidenced fact. Instead of throwing Moira Deeming under the bus, you should be highlighting the commonalities between gender identity ideology and fascism. You ought to be standing with Moira Deeming not joining men like Dan Andrews and Adam Bandt who seek to remove women's rights.

I seek your responses to the following six questions:

1. Why do you support the Andrews Govt in its insistence that a convicted male rapist, who demands to be called a woman, is housed in a women's prison?
2. Why do you consider the women who are kept in the Phyllis Frost prison, who wrote to the Andrews Govt pleading for the male rapist to be removed, should have no rights?
3. Why do you and the other three men of the Liberal leadership team prioritise the demands of AGP men who demand to be able to shower with teenage girls in swim pool changerooms, over the needs of the girls for privacy and safety? DV shelters etc.
4. The social contract that has long, until 5 minutes ago, agreed that women and girls need some single sex spaces, is now being overturned by the State and the corporations who are removing single sex toilets, sports, educational and other awards. Why does Liberal Party leadership support this?
5. Why are you supporting the efforts of Dan Andrews and Adam Bandt to erase women and girls as a sex class, as evidenced by their latest smearing of women like Moira Deeming, everyday mothers and grandmothers?
6. Are you using the failure of the Vic Police to remove one of the two groups of violent men from a peaceful women's rally as an excuse to send a message to female MPs that there is no place for women in the Liberal Party?

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