

**From:** Nina Vallins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 March 2023 1:33 AM  
**To:** John Pesutto  
**Cc:** Moira Deeming  
**Subject:** Moira Deeming

Dear Mr Pessutto,

I refer to the Let Women Speak event held in Melbourne on Saturday 18 March 2023 and to your press release indicating your intention to seek Moira Deeming's expulsion from the Party.

I note that your press release states that Ms Deeming was involved in a rally associated with far right-wing extremist groups including neo-Nazi activists.

This is completely false. The rally was organised by Kellie-Jay Keen, a former member of UK Labour, but now politically unaligned. Her organisation, Standing for Women, is also politically unaligned. Ms Keen and her organisation are certainly not far right or neo-Nazi.

You clearly were not at the rally, whereas I was, so I'll describe what happened.

By 11:15, there was a group of people, mostly feminists and other ordinary people concerned about women's and children's rights and health, plus an odd mix of "freedom activists" to the north towards the Parliament Gardens. At the south-east corner of the Bourke and Spring St intersection was a loud group of gender activists, being kept away by police from the Let Women Speak rally.

At some point, a group of men dressed in black came up Bourke St and police moved them up Spring St towards the north end of Parliament. They stayed on the other side of the "freedom activists." Police stood between them and the "freedom activists".

A short time later, a second group of gender activists arrived, coming down Nicholson St. Police on horses stood between them and the men in black.

I did not know who the men in black were, but as they were 20 metres away from us with police lines on either side of them, I was more concerned by the gender activists shouting rape threats only five metres away from us.

I encourage you to listen to the videos of women speaking from the heart about our need to have women's only spaces and women's only opportunities. This was a rally in which women spoke about women's issues. [Let Women Speak Australia - Melbourne #LetWomenSpeakMelbourne #LetWomenSpeak - YouTube](#)

The attempt to paint our rally as a neo-Nazi event is wrong. As a Jew and a feminist, I find it deeply offensive.

You give the Nazis strength and power by saying that this was a Nazi event. There were 20 evil men there, who have all been masturbating over the media reports exaggerating their presence and impact; and you give them the extra present of they're now you blame Ms Deeming

Ms Deeming was not at a rally organised by neo-Nazis. She was at a rally organised by women, for women. She did a great job. Your party is better for having a woman like Ms Deeming as a member, considering her commitment to women.

For you to seek expulsion from your party would be a gross travesty, a destructive act based on a falsehood.

I look forward to receiving confirmation from you that you will drop the attempt to expel Ms Deeming.

Regards,  
Nina Vallins