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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

eral Party I joined and which I am now horrified to be a part of. I must strive to represent all Victorians.

Regardless of religious faith, race, sexual preference or gender, Victorians everywhere should know that the Liberal Party is inclusive and can be a voice for them.

After what our background we all share the need for a sense of an essential humanity.

In the face of opportunity, the benefits to each and a growing culture, the security that comes from the strength which stems from families and communities that can live together in search of progress while sharing in Victoria's prosperity, must be available to all people who reside in our land.

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