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Opposition Leader John Pesutto will move to expel Moira Deeming from the parliamentary party room following her 'organising, participating and promoting' a rally whose organisers associate with far right-wing extremists. @7NewsMelbourne

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

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### 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

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

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