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Subject: Betrayed by your motion to expel Moira Deeming and efforts to smear my 16 year old daughter, my husband and I  
To: <[john.pesutto@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:john.pesutto@parliament.vic.gov.au)>

Dear John

I am a member of the Liberal Party (Member [REDACTED]) and member of the Sandringham Branch.

My husband Tim and I were booth captains in November and were aided by our 16 year old daughter who was there with us all day (with only 2 hours off for an audition) and who joined us in scrutineering into the night.

[REDACTED] cannot vote but she believes in liberal values and was proud to campaign for Tim Wilson last May and Brad Rowsell last November – at an age where this makes her an anomaly from her peers.

On Saturday she chose to attend the Let Women Speak rally in Melbourne with Tim and I.

I attach a photo showing her on Saturday, and her in November campaign for our party.



Last night I learned that you have abandoned liberal values and rushed to label us, including [REDACTED] as “associating with people whose views are abhorrent to my values, the values of the Liberal Party and the wider community”

You went on in our statement to say that "The Liberal Party .... must strive to represent all Victorians .... is inclusive and can be a voice for them." And yet you have rushed to judgment without viewing the evidence, without asking questions, and smeared and your own members.

Our rally was hijacked by intruders. Rather than sympathising with us, offering us a voice, your actions seek to shame and silence us. This is completely wrong.

I feel utterly betrayed by your actions. Below is a recount of Saturday which I shared with members of my local branch.

Please retract your foolish, knee jerk ill-informed and ill-conceived reaction.

Moirra gives voice to so many women and so many families.

I am utterly ashamed to be a Liberal. Please be the bigger person here. View the evidence.

I am happy to meet with you to share my experience.

If you would like to hear from [REDACTED] can ask her to meet with you – but would seek your assurance that you will not smear her further.

Rae Clark

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Email sent to others in my branch

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I am horrified that John Pesutto is moving to expel Moira Deeming and that The Age is reporting that "*The leadership team, made up of Pesutto, David Southwick, Georgie Crozier and Matthew Bach, were adamant Deeming's views were incompatible and she must be expelled from the party room.*" and that "*The leadership team is confident more than 50 per cent – the minimum required – will support the motion.*"

How do I make my voice heard as a member that I was there. That the Neo Nazi intruders were nothing to do with us. That this action is totally contrary to all liberal values and a betrayal of members.

Here's my story:

On Saturday Tim, [REDACTED] and I attended the Let Women Speak event on Parliament Steps.

We were a group of very peaceful, mostly middle aged women in sun hats, listening to other women speak about the impact of sex based rights being destroyed.

It became very frightening with violent activists across the road on Spring street being held back by police - 3 thick with horses - yelling sexual abuse about wanting to rape



us. The police kept being moved towards us and even told a mother with her three young children to leave as they were worried about her safety. Ultimately the event finished suddenly and early as the police were concerned they couldn't maintain the line against activists punching their horses.

To our left up Spring Street (towards Nicholson Street) there was a party with red flags - the socialists - and a group in black t-shirts, black shorts and black masks. They later unfurled a signed saying something about "paedos" - and then the police marched them along Spring street in the buffer zone between the women's group and the trans activists across the street and they saluted the trans activists.

This happened very quickly and I didn't even see it as I was watching the women speaking.

Imagine my absolute horror then to see the press reports show-casing the "trans rights" protestors, totally ignoring those of us there to hear women speak, and describing the group in black as a Neonazi group associated with the Let Women Speak group. I saw Josh Burns post this. Then Adam Bandt, then Dan Andrews. I was aghast.

But what has made this absolutely devastating is seeing the statement by John Pesutto last night.

We were in no way associating with new Neo Nazis. These guys hijacked our right to hear women speak. They turned up and we are being blamed and shamed. And now a motion will be moved to expel Moira Deeming from the party.

Moira invited all MPs to attend the rally and hear women speak. Clearly John did not attend.

Here is a short video by Reak Rukshan with an overview of what happened from an independent observer viewpoint:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPEBatfcaok>

There is full length video available at a number of sources which should clearly show how peaceful we Let Women Speak group were and how we had nothing to do with the intruders:

Kellie Jay Keen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9o47VZvDgAA>

Stone the Crone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDCd5xBnRFY>

Real Rukshan full length: <https://www.facebook.com/therealrukshan/videos/229529329488872/?app=fbl>

I attach a photo of me chatting with another mum I met - incidentally we are standing right at the edge - the edge where the "neo nazis" later came and stood - note there is no sign of them. This is the mum who was advised to leave by police as the activists across the street threatened to break police lines.



What can I do? How do we get the "leadership team" to listen to us?

Any suggestions would be gratefully received

Thanks and regards

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