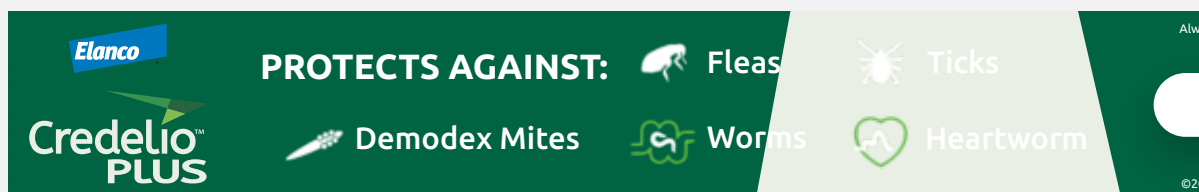


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Cops on high alert as controversial UK women's rights campaigner who has been slammed as 'transphobic' prepares to give speeches on tour of Australia



- Kellie-Jay Keen is coming to Sydney
- Controversial activist campaigns against trans rights
- LGBTQ+ groups are planning counter protests

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Police are on high alert in [Sydney](#) as a controversial anti-trans rights campaigner prepares to give a speech on Saturday.

UK-based activist [Kellie-Jay Keen](#), who also goes by the name Posie Parker online, believes it's impossible to change sex and campaigns to exclude trans women from

female-only spaces.

Mounted horse and public order riot police are expected to be deployed, with Sydney's Pride in Protest among the groups preparing to counter protest the rally at Victoria Park, Camperdown.



The right-wing campaigner, who has built a following in the UK with transphobic campaigns under the guise of **women's rights**, will go on to do a 'Let Women Speak' tour across Australia.

Speaking on **2GB** with breakfast host Ben Fordham on Friday, Ms Keen described herself as a 'transphobe' but argued that she's 'not scary' because she's 'really small'.

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Pride in Protest say they will be protesting her 'vile bigotry'.

'TERFs/SWERFs in an anti-queer culture war. This far right politics needs to be stopped,' the group said in a **Facebook post**, referring to acronyms for 'feminists' that exclude trans women and sex workers from their activism.

Ms Keen has come under fierce criticism from many groups, including **for allegedly posing with a campaigner who celebrated Winnie Mandela's death and called the anti-apartheid fighter** 'a whore' and 'white farmer murdering c***'.

She has also been slammed by a British MP for saying **access to abortion and**

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Ms Keen also raised eyebrows recently after she criticised British MP Jess Phillips **for reading out the name of a teenage trans murder victim Brianna Ghey** in the House of Commons during an International Women's Day speech.



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She has also spoken alongside a number of figures in far-right groups, including **Christopher Barcenas, a member of the Proud Boys**, who was deposed by the US government due to his presence at the January 6 Capitol riots.

The National Union of Students has also called for a series of counter-protests against Ms Keen.

'We are protesting Keen's speaking events for two reasons - firstly, because these events are demanding the removal of trans rights, and we strongly support transgender people,' a spokesperson said.

'Secondly because these events are supported and attended by the political right.

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Ahead of her travel to Australia, Stephen Bates, the Greens spokesperson for LGBTIQ+ issues, **wrote Immigration Minister Andrew Giles asking him to revoke her visa.**

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Mr Bates argued that Ms Keen had a long history of 'promoting or excusing hate and

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In her 2GB interview, Ms Keen argued people had 'attempted to cancel her' and that she 'does nothing to invite controversy' but she's 'so influential, trouble follows her'.

'I'm not scary. I'm really small as well,' the British commentator told Fordham.

When asked by Fordham why people were scared of her, Ms Keen said: 'It's my ability to speak directly and speak the truth.'

'I think that's quite frightening for some people. We've lost the ability both in the UK and Australia and elsewhere, to just speak plainly, just to speak the truth.'



Trans rights supporters have also protested Ms Keen's rallies in the UK. Pictured, a group in London's Hyde Park

'In today's money, because being transphobic means that you say "a woman doesn't have a penis", and probably I am a transphobic.'

When asked if she's an anti-trans activist, she replied: 'I am a woman's right activist' and that she defines a woman as an 'adult human female'.

'Because so many people are complete cowards, social media has been able to manifest into a mass silencing tool,' Ms Keen added.

'There's a weird social currency of acceptance. And I think underpinning that is really

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When asked what she would say to people who were born male, and feel like they're trapped in the wrong body and they want to be a female, Ms Keen said: 'There's plenty of people that feel things that aren't true. We don't then say that they're a different category of person.'

She said that she has 'no objection' to people 'doing what they want in lives' but that this shouldn't 'impinge on her'.



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She added that she also has a problem with calling trans people by names and pronouns that don't align with ones they were born with, because it 'opens the door' for more trans rights.

When questioned by Fordham why she then goes by the name 'Posie' instead of her birth name 'Kelly', she added: 'If I wanted to be called John, it would be difficult.'

'I'm so influential. Trouble just comes along. I do nothing, I really do nothing to invite it,' she added.

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'What's happening in a country like this, the state is gaslighting women into pretending they cannot see the truth in front of their eyes and they can't name it.'

Ms Keen announced her Australian and New Zealand tour earlier this month. She will visit Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne before heading to Hobart, Canberra, Auckland and Christchurch.

NSW Police have warned protests must be done lawfully.

'The NSW Police respects the right of individuals and groups to protest; however, those involved must do so peacefully and in compliance with the law,' a spokesman said.

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Kellie-Jay Keen (Posie Parker)

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