

Protest on parliament steps

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Moira Deeming,

Do you have any idea of what you are doing?

How can you possibly support the likes of Posie Parker and the socialist fascist group of men who stood on the steps of parliament giving a Nazi salute? These people hate you, because you are a woman. That is what this group of fascist men are about. They use you simply to get a voice, a voice which only spouts hate; hate for everyone.

Posie Parker pretends to be a feminist, yet is an anti-trans activist. You have no idea about transgender issues, nor the problems and trauma they have. The LGBTIQ+ community are not your enemy. Your lack of understanding and empathy for anyone who is different is disheartening, especially as you represent all communities and cultures as a member of parliament.

To stand with a group who publicly hate and demonstrate in support of Naziism is shameful. Do you know what these people represent; the hate, the violence, the propaganda they spread? Back in WWII, based on your looks, you too would have found yourself persecuted, because your brown hair, eyes and gender did not confirm to Hitler's ideals - blue eyes, white, blonde. You really need to look inside yourself and decide what and who you represent. You certainly do not represent the majority of the Victorian public.

You are the mother of four children. One in three children in Australia will identify with the LGBTIQ+ community and that could be one of your children. When they identify as part of this community, will you cease to love them? Will you turn your back on them? Will you disown them? As a mother, I think not. Our love is perpetual.

The trauma your stunt has caused will continue to have effects across all communities. The cost to health care, emergency services and the economy continues because these events trigger horrible consequences and those of us who support our loved ones must act immediately to provide support, ensuring they stay safe. This means staying off work, to ensure someone is available 24 hours per day, just to keep someone safe. The pressure on the health system increases because others will need immediate support through psychologists and mental health specialists. Then, the worst cost to our emergency services; when they have to tend to a person who has taken the ultimate step because they can no longer cope with people who do nothing but spread hate, intolerance and prejudice.

So, grow a spine, stand on your own, ask questions and find out what it means to be a transgender person. They are not a threat to you, your community, your gender, sexuality, or your culture. You obviously have never looked into a mirror and had the thought that what you see does not match what you think and feel. You don't wake up one day and decide to be transgender, gay or lesbian; this is who you are, how you were born. They are courageous people who want to live their lives in a safe environment, with no intent of hurting anyone; unlike the people you support, who are cowards and fueled by hate and fear.

I believe you should publicly apologise for standing with a group of Nazis and gender hating cowards, including this purported feminist.

Believe me you will change your tune when one you love chooses not to die, but to live as their authentic self. They are courageous, brave, strong and bold.

I strongly urge you to contact members of Transgender Victoria and the Victorian Pride Centre and gather factual information about people in this community. Ask questions with an open mind, be prepared to listen and learn. You will find the LGBTIQ+ community to be normal people living life the way they were supposed to. They are kind, passionate and will welcome you if you choose to listen and learn.

Become a champion for this community not a persecutor.

I also note that your email address linked on your government profile under 'contact' leads nowhere. Perhaps this should be fixed.

Kathleen and Peter Andrews