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My suggested re-draft below

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Dear Colleagues

In March, I attended a women's rights rally to support the right of women and girls to safe, single-sex spaces. Due to other attendees at the rally, I was subject to a motion from the Liberal Leader, John Pesutto to expel me on the grounds that I had brought the Liberal Party into disrepute.

In the party room meeting that followed, that motion was withdrawn by the Leader and encouraged by colleagues to help him save face, I agreed to accept a nine-month suspension (without a formal motion or indeed ANY grounds given on which the suspension was based) in exchange for a joint statement from the Leader and me that exonerated me from these false allegations and that allowed me the return, after the suspension, to the party room.

To date, I am the only one who has honoured that agreement. I am under suspension but there has been no joint statement nor confirmation of my return from the Leadership.

Since March, I have tried through a mediation process and with the support of good colleagues like Kim Wells MP, to resolve the impasse and ensure the Leader delivers on the commitment that was made when I accepted the suspension.

I am sorry to say that these attempts have failed.

In light of the fact that the terms of the suspension have not been honoured, I don't feel it is fair or just that I continue to sit outside the party room, nor do I believe a

suspension is actually in force, despite the fact that I sit on the cross bench as instructed.

I indeed I listened carefully to the Leader's comment today in his press conference that "there was nothing in the dossier that ever accused Moira Deeming of being a Nazi or having any neo-Nazi sympathies". If that is the case, then why I am suspended? And to even attempt to suspend someone on a poorly constructed dossier built off the back of other people's social media and a wikipedia page that doesn't even relate to me, is hardly the due process and natural justice that should be expected of the Liberal Party. I might also add, that comments by the Leadership in the media immediately after the rally, are as I am advised, defamatory.

But despite all that, I have continued to try and work from within to resolve this issue. I have kept on doing the things I've been asked to do - I have not criticised the leadership publicly and done my level best to support the Liberal Party at all times. Unfortunately, it is the Leadership team that have chosen to run these issues through the media. So far, I have not sought a right of reply but I am now in a position where continued silence is damaging my name and reputation, that of my family and my mental health. To any reasonable observer, my treatment as a new MP has been appalling but as Renee Heath has said on Tuesday, she has been subject to similar poor treatment and that is disappointing and wrong.

As Liberals, we do ourselves a disservice when we cannot resolve this impasse after almost two months. If we want to be a viable alternative to the Andrews Government, then how we conduct ourselves inside and outside the parliament and amongst ourselves, says everything. I know our supporters want us to do better.

I hope I might have your support for an immediate return to the party room given that the Leadership did not make the statement of exoneration, or confirm my return, as was promised.

Yours sincerely

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On 4 May 2023, at 1:37 pm, Moira Deeming  
<[Moira.Deeming@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Moira.Deeming@parliament.vic.gov.au)> wrote:

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Dear Colleagues,

It pains me to have to write this email to you all. I feel that the instability and confusion surrounding the issue of my suspension must be resolved if we are ever to be able to move on together as a team and focus on being the opposition that Victorians need us to be.

I hope that you will understand my position. I was hoping that I could find a solution through mediation, but unfortunately mediation has not been successful.

I agreed to endure a nine-month suspension but only if my name was cleared of the allegations made against me through an official statement by the leadership. I have kept on doing all the things I have been asked to do - like not comment in the media; and to not criticise the leadership publicly; to take my beloved Liberal logo off my name and to endure sitting on the crossbench for nine months. The leadership I have not exonerated me, but they have continuously referred to the 15-page Wikipedia dossier as justification for my suspension. They have been free to speak about this in the media and free to criticise me in the media. And this week, when I finally thought it would be sorted out, the Minutes of the last meeting to suspend me, couldn't even be agreed upon. I would like to formally challenge my suspension and ask for a do-over of the meeting because it seems to me that due to the leadership not honouring the original suspension terms of agreement, I am not even suspended at present and yet I sit on the crossbench.

\*\* I don't believe that I am legally suspended right now yet I have lost reputation, status within the community and money.

**Kind Regards,**

**Moira Deeming MP**

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