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Health Minister slams Liberal Party's choice of Melton anti-abortion councillor Moira Deeming

After expelling anti-abortion MP Bernie Finn the Victorian Liberals have preselected a woman to replace him who claims abortion is a "terrible evil".

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Controversial MP Bernie Finn was voted out of the Liberal Party. Picture: David Crosling

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Victoria's health minister has slammed the Liberal Party's decision to put forward anti-abortion crusader Moira Deeming to replace controversial MP Bernie Finn.

Mr Finn, a long time Liberal MP, was booted from the party in May for disobedience, which included a series of offensive social media posts.

Mr Finn is also outspoken in his opposition to abortions, having called for them to be banned in Victoria.

But his replacement for the upper house seat of the Western Metropolitan Region, Ms Deeming, who is a Melton City councillor, has also come under fire for her extreme views on abortion.

Writing in a Christian News online forum last year, Ms Deeming said abortion is a "terrible evil".

"Each one wounds a mother and father, murders an unborn child, and ends a whole family line," she wrote in the Daily Declaration.

"And that is not to mention the wider wounds to the losses felt by siblings, grandparents and barren families that would have given anything to have a chance to love and raise that child.

"Yet, in our culture, the abortion industry is powerfully seductive.

"It promises us with shiny human rights posters that we deserve to keep using sex selfishly and without consequence.

"It promises to keep our darkest secrets forever away from the light. It promises to put an end to our deepest tragedies and even to heal us from them."





"It's this type of extremism that doesn't help us," one party source said.

"We don't want another Katherine Deves type candidate. We don't need that in Victoria.

"People are furious. There's widespread dismay."

But opposition leader Matthew Guy defended Ms Deeming's right to her own views.

"She's expressed her views, as far as I can see, in a fairly respectful way and she's entitled to have a different point of view from a lot of people," he said.





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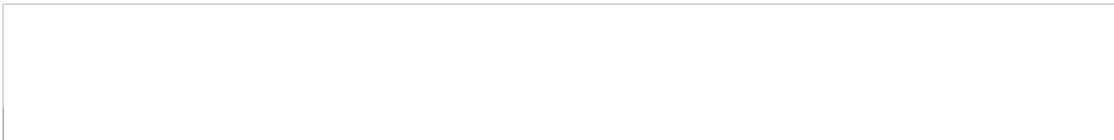
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