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State Liberal candidate was deemed 'too extreme' for Scott Morrison's campaign

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KEY POINTS

- In March, the Victorian branch's administrative committee voted for Moira Deeming to run for the Liberals in the lower house seat of Gorton at the federal election.
- But Scott Morrison's office believed that Deeming's stances against COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine mandates were likely to generate controversy.
- Another vote was conducted and a different candidate picked, according to five sources speaking anonymously because of party rules.
- On Saturday, Deeming was chosen by Liberal Party members to replace outspoken MP Bernie Finn in the contest for the upper house western metropolitan region seat in the state election.

An anti-abortion candidate for the Victorian Liberal Party who opposes the rights of trans people was deemed too risky to run as part of former prime minister Scott Morrison's election team this year.

Melton City councillor Moira Deeming was [preselected on Saturday to replace conservative MP Bernie Finn](#) on the state upper house ticket, months after she was rejected as a candidate for the federal election for the Liberals in the lower house seat of Gorton.

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