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Sent: Thursday, 27 April 2023 1:13 PM
To: Kim Wells; David Southwick
Subject: RE: Draft email to Moira Deeming

Hi David,

Just providing a progress report with regard to the Letter to the Minutes.

This is Moira's letter:

Letter to the Minutes 27 /3/2023

The meeting to expel Moira Deeming on 27/3/2023 requires clarification and this is to be read in conjunction with the minutes.

- 1. The motion to expel Moira Deeming was never formally put to the meeting and was in fact, withdrawn in full at that meeting.*
- 2. Separately, John Pesutto moved that Moira Deeming be suspended from the Parliamentary Party for a period of 9 months after which she would be automatically reinstated, and in return Moira Deeming was to be publicly exonerated of all imputations made against her, in particular, all imputations of 'violence, prejudice, hate, odious actions' and associations with 'far right extremist groups including neo-Nazi activists'. This was agreed to by the Party Room.*
- 2. In the lead up to the expulsion meeting on the 27/3/2023 and in the weeks following it, members of the Liberal Party Leadership continued to make public media statements associating Moira Deeming with 'violence, prejudice, hate, odious actions', and 'far right extremist groups including neo-Nazi activists'. These statements were made without any basis and are retracted unequivocally and in full.*
- 3. Conclusion: The Parliamentary Liberal Party of Victoria affirms that all claims, accusations and imputations of guilt contained in the email (Appendix A), the expulsion notice (Appendix B), and in all statements subsequently made by members of the Liberal Leadership team in the media, implying or claiming that Moira Deeming brought the Liberal Party or Parliament into disrepute, or which associate Moira Deeming with 'violence, prejudice, hate, odious actions' were made without any basis and are retracted unequivocally and in full.*

Renee Heath
Liberal Party Secretary
On behalf of the Liberal Party.

And this is my letter:

Letter to the Minutes 27 /3/2023

The meeting to expel Moira Deeming on 27/3/2023 requires clarification and this is to be read in conjunction with the minutes.

The original expulsion motion referred to Moira associating with certain people who associated with Neo-Nazis and far right-wing extremist groups.

There is no suggestion whatsoever that Moira has anything to do with, or any connection with Neo-Nazis or far right-wing extremist groups.

There is no suggestion whatsoever that Moira had anything or any connection to do with disgraceful comments directed at our LGBTQIA+ community.

Conclusion: Moira has been exonerated from any accusation that she associated with Neo-Nazis, extremist right-wing groups and did not make any disgraceful comments about our LGBTQIA+ community.

*Renee Heath
Liberal Party Secretary
On behalf of the Liberal Party.*

In response to various emails, Moira said that **“if the expulsion motion was withdrawn in full doesn’t appear in the letter, it will be all over”**.

I will keep you posted regarding the progress.

Kind regards,

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David,

After some time, this is an agreed position with Moira and myself.

Your thoughts please.

The letter to the Minutes is proving significantly more difficult.

Dear Moira,

I write in my capacity as your mentor and set out expectations that are expected from you whilst you are on suspension. The following have been approved by the Leadership team.

- a) When Moira's suspension is completed on the 27 December, she will automatically be reinstated into the Party Room and the Parliamentary Liberal Party.
- b) Whilst on suspension, Moira will have a free vote in the Legislative Council, without any consequences or criticism if she votes against the Liberal Party. Kim Wells will assist with the decision-making process if required.
- c) Moira will be able to invite Liberal MPs and Liberal Shadow Ministers to the Western Metro, who themselves will not be subject to any restrictions on supporting Moira's events.
- d) Moira will be expected to fundraise during this time and transfer the balance of funds to her Liberal Party Bank Account once the suspension is completed.
- e) Moira will have access to her Liberal Party email and other Liberal HQ resources available to other Liberal MPs. Leadership will write to the State Director to ensure that all access to these resources is restored immediately.
- f) Kim Wells, along with the Leadership team, will work with you to find a satisfactory communication strategy for the Leadership team's public messaging around the events surrounding the suspension motion, and of the Liberal Party team's messaging around Moira's views in the future.

If you wish to clarify any issues, please contact me.

Kind regards,

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