

Protesters clash at anti-trans rally in Sydney

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Activists clashed with an anti-trans rights group during the first public speaking event of outspoken UK feminist Kellie-Jay Keen.

Ms Keen, a women's rights campaigner who argues it's impossible to change sex and wants to keep female-only spaces, spoke at Victoria Park, in inner-city Camperdown at midday on Saturday.

The event attracted supporters and activists rallying against the talk.

Members of the trans advocacy groups waved LGBTQ+ flags as they chanted: "Posie Parker you cant hide, you've got Nazis on your side".

Ms Keen, who founded UK group Standing for Women, has been attacked as a "transphobe" for opposing puberty blockers, opposing gender self-ID, transgender women in female sports and the opening up of female bathrooms to biological men.

Public order riot squad teams and mounted horse police were at the event to ensure it remained civil between both sides.

Ms Keen told the crowd trans people were trying to take "every tiny little bit of the world that women have carved for ourselves".

Former Warringah candidate Katherine Deves, who co-founded Save Women's Sport, also spoke at the event.

"We will not be silenced. We will stand our ground. I am still fighting the fight," she said.

Ms Keen's Australian tour "Let Women Speak" began in Sydney on Saturday, she will also visit Brisbane, Perth Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart and Canberra before heading to New Zealand.

Her tours and rallies have made headlines in both the UK and US after public clashes between counter-protesters and supporters.

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