

To: Damiya Hayden - Convenor, Greens NSW

17 December 2021

Complaint about behaviour of Anna Kerr

Dear Damiya,

In accordance with Section 6.6.1 of the Greens NSW Constitution (the "Constitution"), we the undersigned wish to make a formal complaint about the following member of the Greens NSW: Anna Kerr.

This member has engaged in behaviour that is in contravention to Greens principles and policies as well as disrupting Greens actions and discussion groups with transphobic and trans exclusionary views. These actions have inflicted direct harm towards other members and created unsafe spaces within our party. This member has acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Greens NSW.

While we recognise that not all members of the Greens NSW will agree with all elements of our policies, and that there are different interpretations of our principles and how they intersect and apply, what is clear is that certain views and certain behaviours cross a line.

It is our view that the public and internal actions of the above named member has crossed that line.

These include actions that prevent Greens spaces from being safe and productive for our members and actions that are counter to the public work of our members and elected representatives. We have included with this correspondence examples of such actions by this member. This is by no means a comprehensive list.

We would not tolerate anti-refugee actions or commentary, we would not allow climate deniers the space within the party to initiate, overtake and dominate discussions with their unproductive views, and nor should we allow anti-trans and hurtful views about the trans, non-binary and gender diverse community to go unchecked.

As such, we request that the above named member is immediately suspended from the Greens NSW and is removed from all internal party communication platforms. Given the nature of the remedy sought by this complaint, we request that the Convenor refer the matter to the Conflict Resolution Committee (CRC) in accordance with Section 6.6.9 of the Constitution.

Prior to the end of this suspension, we request that the member be required to make a pledge that they recognise the Greens NSW is a trans inclusive organisation and commit to not publicly undermining the actions and statements of our elected representatives in connection with trans issues, and commit to not sharing or engaging with trans related debates in the party in a negative way, nor sharing content within the party that could be deemed transphobic. Further, should this member not be willing to provide this undertaking, we request that you terminate their membership.

We request that you act swiftly on this complaint and that you ensure that all members listed below are communicated with directly about the actions you are taking.

Yours sincerely,

1. Abigail Boyd MP, [REDACTED]
2. Jenny Leong MP [REDACTED]
3. Evan Gray, St George Greens, [REDACTED]
4. Jordanna Moroney, Fairfield-Liverpool Greens [REDACTED]
5. Erin Moroney, Macarthur Greens, [REDACTED]
6. Rachael Jacobs, Petersham Newtown Green, [REDACTED]
7. Tristan Ryan, South Sydney Greens, [REDACTED]
8. Alysha Hardy, South Sydney Greens, [REDACTED]
9. Lydia Smithers, Sutherland Greens, [REDACTED]
10. Rochelle Flood, Ryde-Epping Greens, [REDACTED]
11. Mercurius Goldstein, New England Greens (Glen Innes Region), [REDACTED]

Date	Description of Incident	Concerns
8 December 2021	Anna Kerr is quoted in a Daily Telegraph article criticising the actions of Greens MPs in seeking to amend legislation to replace “pregnant person” with “pregnant woman”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anna Kerr is quoted as saying she was “extremely disturbed” by the amendments sought and that she would have to reconsider her “ongoing support for the party”. ● Anna Kerr is then quoted using transphobic language - namely that only women can be pregnant and that “efforts to obscure this biological reality by the NSW Greens damages more than just their credibility. The profitable sex-change industry is actively harming many vulnerable people, including children”. ● Anna Kerr was then quoted reflecting negatively on Greens processes: “Despite the Greens commitment to grassroots democracy, I don’t think the general membership is aware of the extent of harm being done by extreme trans ideology because all debate on this subject is actively suppressed”.

<p>23 February 2021</p>	<p>Greens Member Anna Kerr was part of a group protesting against an action organised by Community Action for Rainbow Rights . Jenny Leong MP, the Greens NSW Sex, Sexuality and Gender Identity Spokesperson was participating at and speaking at the CARR event, which was also attended by other Greens members.</p> <p>The altercation between these Greens members and the trans rights protesters was reported in the media.</p> <p>Further, Anna Kerr was quoted in and listed as a media contact on a media release in which she states that “The recent protests directed at McIver’s Ladies Baths constitute an attack on the human rights of the women who use the pool, many of whom have nowhere else they can swim”, which was picked up by The SMH in their article ‘Why single-sex spaces are a battleground for transgender rights’.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendees of the anti-protest yelled abusive questions at Jenny Leong when she walked into the council chambers to speak with two other Greens councillors inside ● Attendees of the anti-protest tried to interrupt the rally in support of Trans rights, and the police intervened to get them to move back ● Attendees of the anti-protest filmed participants of the Trans rights protest in a manner that was threatening ● The actions of Anna Kerr at this event were not only contrary to Greens policies, they sought to disrupt a Greens-endorsed rally and a Greens MP’s work in supporting that rally
<p>2nd December 2020</p>	<p>Emails to the Education Working Group e-list: <i>“Educating children to believe that they can change sex and placing them on puberty blockers and hormones that cause irreparable harm is a form of child abuse. The Greens are involved in supporting these practices.”</i></p>	
<p>30th and 31st August 2020</p>	<p>Emails to the Education Working Group e-list: <i>“I have children attending public high schools and trans ideology is actively promoted during “Wear it Purple” day.</i></p> <p><i>The concerns I originally expressed did not relate specifically to anything said by members of this group but to the general issue of disseminating material through schools which</i></p>	<p>Anna Kerr has repeatedly posted on the EdWG elist about trans-related issues. She has been asked to stop, and told that her remarks are harmful, yet continues to dominate elist discussion with these topics. The moderator has had to shut down the elist at least once to prevent harm continuing to trans members of the EdWG.</p>

	<p><i>suggests that it is ever feasible or desirable to change sex.</i></p> <p><i>Indeed there is growing concern within the LGB community that the medical transitioning of young people is a form of conversion therapy and is causing irreparable harm to gender non-conforming children."</i></p>	
2nd February 2017	<p>Emails to the Women's Working Group e-list: <i>"Will you include in the media release the numbers of women who are quietly unsubscribing or openly resigning in protest against the travesty of appointing a man to convene a woman's group?"</i></p> <p><i>I was going to send this message to you privately out of courtesy to Michaela's feelings. However, I feel there is a need to act in solidarity with the women who have been brave enough to openly protest. These women are not "transphobic" or unsympathetic to Michaela - they just don't agree that he is a woman. They are now being treated as pariahs."</i></p>	
12th March 2021	<p>Email to Rachael Jacobs as Senate preselection candidate:</p> <p><i>"Do you believe that male-sexed people should have the right to undress and shower in communal changing rooms reserved for women and young girls?"</i></p> <p><i>I am in touch with many women for whom this raises concerns, including women who are survivors of sexual assault and other male violence, mothers of young girls, women with disabilities rendering them vulnerable, lesbian women concerned at the loss of female spaces and women with restrictive religious or cultural</i></p>	<p>Questions over email and in the survey were loaded with transphobic language and transphobic connotations about sex and gender</p>

	<p><i>beliefs.</i></p> <p><i>As Australian contact for the international Women's Human Rights Campaign, I would also be grateful if you could complete the following short survey form:</i></p> <p>https://form.jotform.com/210443050490039</p>	
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Relevant Greens policies:

Greens NSW [Sex, Sexuality and Gender Identity policy](#):

Principle 3. "The Greens NSW ... Do not tolerate a person being harassed, abused, vilified, stigmatised, discriminated against, disadvantaged or exploited because they are, or are perceived to be, intersex, transgender, bisexual, gay or lesbian."

Greens NSW [Women policy](#) explicitly acknowledges trans women as women:

Principle 2.2. "Including first Australians and other women who experience added barriers, such as women with disabilities, trans women and women from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, acknowledging that these women often face intersectional discrimination."

Australian Greens [Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex policy](#):

Principle 6. "People have the right to self-identify their gender, which is integral to people's lived experiences as citizens and members of the community. We recognise transgender and non-binary gender identities exist and are valid."

Principle 12. "Trans and gender diverse young people should have the freedom to affirm their gender. Any medical interventions involved in this process should be guided by the young person, their families and their medical specialists."

Aim 14. "Intersex, transgender and gender diverse people to be able to alter their sex or gender on all official documents, consistent with how they live and identify, irrespective of their marital status, without the requirement for gender affirmation surgery or hormonal therapy."



Women's Human Rights Campaign

Monday 22 February 2021

Protests about McIver's Ladies Baths are attacking human rights of vulnerable women

The recent protests directed at McIver's Ladies Baths constitute an attack on the human rights of the women who use the pool, many of whom have nowhere else they can swim, according to Anna Kerr, Principal Solicitor of Feminist Legal Clinic.

McIver's Ladies Baths is an ocean pool near Sydney's Coogee Beach, carved out of the sandstone rocks at the bottom of the cliffs in 1866, and has historically been reserved for women. Prior to colonisation the natural pools were also frequented by Aboriginal women of the Eora nation who used the waters for bathing and as a sacred birthing place.

According to Kerr *"Regular patrons of the pool include women of faith such as Orthodox Jewish and strict Muslim women who are prohibited by the rules of their religion from disrobing with males present, as well as other vulnerable women, such as those who have been victims of sexual assault and do not feel safe under the male gaze."*

In 1995 the facility was granted a formal certification pursuant to section 126A of the NSW *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* to operate for the exclusive use of women and girls as well as boys under 13 years of age. This exemption was granted in recognition that the Baths service the special needs of women. Section 23 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* defines woman as *a member of the female sex irrespective of her age*. There is also a specific exception from transgender discrimination provisions for sport under section 38P of the Act.

McIver's Ladies Baths is unique; it is the only remaining women's and children's Baths in the Southern Hemisphere. It is celebrating its 100th year of operation.

According to a [petition](#) circulating which is entitled "Keep McIver's Ladies Baths Women & Children Only": *"McIver's is the only one that operates as a single-sex pool, allowing women of all cultures and body types to swim freely without men present. Wylie's Baths is one of the other 34 mixed-sex pools available to the public and is only a short stroll from McIver's. It is three times the size of the ladies baths, with many more facilities than the very basic ones available at the smaller ladies pool."*

McIver's Ladies Baths is not operated by the Randwick Council, but by the Randwick & Coogee Ladies Swimming Association (R&CLSA) which is a not-for-profit organisation and falls under exceptions to the discrimination legislation for voluntary bodies.

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Grim Greens bid to wipe out women

CLARISSA BYE

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In the final sitting days of the NSW parliament, Greens MP Abigail Boyd tried to amend the Crimes Legislation Amendment Loss of Foetus Bill by axing every reference to a "woman" and substituting it with "pregnant person".

"There are people other than women who have the potential to have a foetus," she said.

"The amendment seeks to change 'woman' to 'person' throughout the Bill in recognition of trans and other people who have the capacity to become pregnant."

She told parliament she

had thought an agreement had been already reached among MPs to remove the word "women" and "it is very disappointing to see this creeping back in again".

Sydney lawyer Katherine Deves, co-founder of Save Women's Sport, said the Greens had tried to silence women standing up for female rights.

"We should not be erasing women for a very demanding and vocal extremist minority group that want to devalue the importance of biological sex in favour of a personal belief about gender identity," she said.

"These are issues that pertain specifically to women, to the female sex. It appears the

Greens are enthralled to gender ideology."

Women's Forum Australia chief executive Rachael Wong said there had been a concerted effort across the board to eliminate women in order to be "inclusive" of trans or non-binary individuals.

"But using terms like 'pregnant person' attempts to obscure the immutable biological reality that only women can become pregnant and give birth," she said.

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Anna Kerr – herself a member of the Greens party – said

she was "extremely disturbed" about the move. "As a long-term member of the NSW Greens, I am having to reconsider my ongoing support for the party," she said.

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Ms Boyd has been contacted for comment.

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Greens provoke outrage for ‘erasing’ women in pregnancy



FLC Admin

December 9, 2021

Australia, Reproductive Rights, Transgenderism

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“The profitable sex-change industry is actively harming many vulnerable people, including children.”

“I have been actively involved as a human rights lawyer in opposing the introduction of Zoe’s Law over many years and I am also a member of the NSW Greens Women’s Working Group.”

She said she was not consulted about the attempt to delete “women”.

“Despite the Greens commitment to grassroots democracy, I don’t think the general membership is aware of the extent of harm being done by extreme trans ideology because all debate on this subject is actively suppressed.”

Source: <https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/gender-ideology-claims-over-nsw-greens-push-to-remove-women-from-laws/news-story/8fe6238582f81fbb982598d87338f4c4>

From: <women-bounces@lists.nsw.greens.org.au> on behalf of Anna <anna@feministlegal.org>
Organization: Feminist Legal Clinic
Reply-To: <anna@feministlegal.org>
Date: Thursday, 2 February 2017 7:13 am
To: Annie Bradley <anniphil@bigpond.com>, Greens Women's List <women@lists.nsw.greens.org.au>
Subject: Re: [Women] Election of Co-convenors: Abigail Boyd and MichaelaSherwood

Hi Annie

Will you include in the media release the numbers of women who are quietly unsubscribing or openly resigning in protest against the travesty of appointing a man to convene a woman's group?

I am also happy to resign in protest at this outcome - and now I can see there are other women who share my feelings and many others who are keeping quiet as this is just not a safe place to air these opinions as can be seen by the bullying comments that have just been shared on the list.

I was going to send this message to you privately out of courtesy to Michaela's feelings. However, I feel there is a need to act in solidarity with the women who have been brave enough to openly protest. These women are not "transphobic" or unsympathetic to Michaela - they just don't agree that he is a woman. They are now being treated as pariahs.

With this decision, the women's working group has set itself at odds with the many radical feminists who have previously supported the Greens. It has also shown the women's group as an environment in which difference of opinion is not tolerated and where bullies flourish while others quietly acquiesce. I certainly do not want to be associated with such a group.

Anna

On 27 October 2016 at 12:19, Anna <anna@feministlegal.org> wrote:

Thanks Darelle for the important work you have done here and I am sorry to see you are being criticised for working to ensure adherence to the women's affirmative action policy. Its a tough job when you are having to convince not only men, but also other women, of the importance of electing women to parliament.

Anna

I am connected with many radical feminist groups around the globe and I am not aware of them receiving any funding. Please send through the link to your source. However, I am aware of the furor within feminist circles when a number of [radical feminists spoke on a panel hosted by the conservative Heritage Foundation](#). This decision was clearly borne of desperation with having been deplatformed everywhere else and has been subject to much debate. Their speeches and the headlines at the time made it quite clear that the women in question were refugees from the left and definitely not right wingers (eg: [Washington Post Conservatives find unlikely ally in fighting transgender rights: Radical feminists](#); NBC: [Conservative group hosts anti-transgender panel of feminists 'from the left'](#)).

Other feminists find they can only get their articles published in right wing publications. This includes Jennifer Bilek who has had a number of important articles published in the Federalist documenting the extensive [funding of transgender ideology by rich white men](#). It is very sad that the left is censoring this very important information and instead marginalising and casting aspersions upon the political allegiances of the many volunteer female activists blowing the whistle on this well orchestrated international scam to undo the work of second wave feminists. This is a perfect example of the DARVO strategy habitually used by male perpetrators of violence - Deny, Attack and Reverse Victim Offender.

Anna

Radical feminism has never been a right wing ideology and many of the women I am in contact with are disenchanted Greens who have left the party over this issue. Can you please stop bullying women out of expressing their views on this list? I was directly responding to comments made by others in relation to higher education.

I would like people to stop using this list to disseminate damaging and aggressive trans ideology but I am also a believer in the importance of free speech and open debate, so I do not threaten people for having views with which I do not agree and which offend me. TERF is a slur and is typically associated with threats of violence against feminist women.

Anna

On Mon, Dec 14, 2020 at 10:03 AM Anna Kerr <anna@feministlegal.org> wrote:

Great to finally see a little coverage of the issue in the SMH.

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/my-child-is-transitioning-gender-but-i-feel-the-system-makes-it-too-easy-20201211-p56mqe.html>

And yes, it is relevant to education. The writer states: *We consented to testosterone treatment at the start of this year after some awful fights, and because the school support worker, whose judgment I trust, said the most important thing I have with my child is the relationship between us, and this was becoming seriously in danger.*

The information provided through schools is crucial to children and families making these decisions.

Anna

I think when considering this issue and how to respond, it useful to consider the [Asch Conformity Experiment](#). Trust your own judgement rather than yield to what appears to be majority opinion. They might later prove to be paid actors.

Anna

On Wed, 2 Dec 2020 at 13:22, Anna Kerr <anna@feministlegal.org> wrote:

This UK High Court case handed down today relates to treatment of non gender conforming children. The case, which can be accessed [here](#), details how Keira Bell was bullied at school for gender non-conformity and how she and other young girls like her are referred to the Tavistock Gender Clinic, often by educational professionals. There they are fast tracked onto experimental medical treatment. The Clinic is now under extensive investigation.

Astrid, my aim is not to increase your workload by raising a controversial topic. However, this is a political forum and controversy is to be expected. You might notice I did not include unnecessary commentary with my original email. However, since I am being reprimanded, I maintain that this is an important case for education professionals to know about. Due to extensive media censorship on this topic it is uncertain to what extent this case will be reported in our local media.

Educating children to believe that they can change sex and placing them on puberty blockers and hormones that cause irreparable harm is a form of child abuse. The Greens are involved in supporting these practices. I don't want to be associated with the likes of the [Challenors](#) who were able to disseminate this damaging and dishonest ideology from within the UK Greens and encourage kids onto the [puberty blockers train](#) (I am not linking this to be offensive, it contains some very important information in a digestible format).

I am very willing to stake my membership of this group and the Greens on ensuring this issue at least receives some consideration. This Greens should not be facilitating these infringements of children's human rights. Think carefully before you censor. One day you might have a young person like Keira Bell ask you how you let it happen.

Anna

Perhaps its a poor choice of words, but I am aware that being trans does not necessarily mean that an individual agrees with the excesses of aggressive trans activism. For example, Cate McGregor does not claim to be an actual woman, does agree with men identifying as women playing women's sport or support children receiving stage 2 hormones or surgery (see [here](#)). To that extent, trans identity and trans ideology are distinct matters.

Anna

On Mon, 31 Aug 2020 at 12:52, Anna Kerr <anna@feministlegal.org> wrote:

Hi Mercurius

I have children attending public high schools and trans ideology is actively promoted during "Wear it Purple" day. I appreciate this is largely the decision of the individual School Principal and varies from school to school and I accept you may not have encountered it. My youngest child does not report anything on this at his school.

The concerns I originally expressed did not relate specifically to anything said by members of this group but to the general issue of disseminating material through schools which suggests that it is ever feasible or desirable to change sex. I accept that this working group might not feel equipped to weigh the medical issues involved. However, I do think members should be aware of these concerns and understand that sexuality and gender identity need to be separately considered.

I am completely in agreement about the prevention of bullying and supporting children to be who they are and express their identity freely. For me, this does not involve encouraging them into life long dependency on hormones and other harmful medical interventions.

It is also worth being aware that often a perpetrator will claim their victim is the bully. I'm sure you will agree that it is important to be aware of this in any situation, even within the Greens.

Regards

Anna

On Sun, 30 Aug 2020 at 18:47, Anna Kerr <anna@feministlegal.org> wrote:

Hi Mercurius and others

I think its important to be aware of global developments in relation to the treatment of children for gender dysphoria. The Department of Education needs to consider its duty of care and ensure that harmful propagandising serving the interests of the powerful medico-pharmaceutical industry is not finding a backdoor into our schools through well-intentioned initiatives such as "Wear it Purple". The rise in Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria (ROGD) is of significant concern and the role of social contagion cannot be discounted. Claims that the risk of suicide is reduced by the use of hormones and surgery are largely unsubstantiated and ignore the growing numbers of detransitioners who are speaking out about their experience and the harm it has done them.

Several Scandinavian countries and the UK are already engaged in a reconsideration of their policies in this area. Homosexuality and gender identity are quite distinct concepts and should not be bundled together. Indeed there is growing concern within the LGB community that the medical transitioning of young people is a form of conversion therapy and is causing irreparable harm to gender non-conforming children. Certainly Iran regards "gender affirming" surgeries as a "cure" for homosexuality which carries a death penalty (see [here](#)).

I don't think this Education Working Group can continue to ignore what is shaping up to be a global medical scandal involving significant infringements of the human rights of children. For those interested to inform themselves about this complex topic here are just a few links:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-51676020>

<https://www.segm.org/>

<https://www.genderhq.org/>

<http://gdworkinggroup.org/>

<https://www.piqueresproject.com/about.html>

<https://rxisk.org/transgender-meds-a-call-for-reports/>

Regards

Anna

-----Original Message-----

From: Women <women-bounces@lists.nsw.greens.org.au> On Behalf Of Anna Kerr

Sent: Tuesday, 22 December 2020 9:20 AM

To: women@lists.nsw.greens.org.au

Subject: [Women] Rape Victims given the right to ask for female forensic team in Scotland

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/rape-victims-given-the-right-to-ask-for-female-forensic-team-p0wrc2xnb>

Sad to see the Scottish Greens lose members who care about the rights of women.

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/andy-wightman-quits-scottish-greens-over-intolerance-trans-issue-3073097>

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Tue, Dec 10, 2019, 8:38 PM ☆ ↩ ⋮

Dear Abigail

I don't think it is appropriate to provide a workshop that provides only one perspective in relation to questions of gender identity. This is a very contentious issue and there has so far been a failure to provide balanced debate on this within the Greens. It is a topic which has been subject to significant censorship not only within popular media but within the Greens and this has already resulted in the alienation and loss of many Greens women as members.

Just this week it has been reported that: "*The Australian Press Councils resources are being swamped by a little-known transgender lobby group responsible for almost half of all complaints lodged against the nations major media outlets.*" According to this article it seems that this organisation, Rainbow Rights Watch, is responsible for what effectively amounts to censorship of media reporting relating to the transgender community. I note that Twenty10's Board includes a past Director of Rainbow Rights Watch.

For balance, can you please provide an equal opportunity for speakers on the negative impact of zealous trans ideology on the human rights of women and children? I believe it is important to provide an environment that is also safe for women to ask questions about how changes to the laws are impacting on women and children's safety and well being. It is a sad thing that all discussion of this topic has been driven underground.

Women should also be made aware of how things are playing out in other parts of the world, since there has been limited media coverage here in Australia due to extensive silencing of the Press. I recommend that people view the recent documentary in relation to the experiences of the UK Greens with the Challengers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHk_tdn-ga0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2gDufHCBGsZZm-b2SnYdqhW10lbsbbNolp7t8fTXQ9zlhUgslzwVV8xTc

The continuing exploits of Jessica Yaniv in Canada (finally being picked up by 7 News) also illustrate how well-intentioned changes to the laws for the purpose of inclusivity can be abused by those with harmful motives.

<https://7news.com.au/news/social/trans-activist-who-sued-beauticians-for-not-waxing-her-male-genitalia-now-taking-on-a-gynaecologist-c-588934>

I am not implying that all trans individuals are going to offend in this manner, but when significant changes to the law are being passed so rapidly it is important to consider the potential for unintended negative consequences. It is also important to consider the nature of any vested interests.

Regards

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Wed, Dec 11, 2019, 12:00 AM ☆ ↩ ⋮

Dear Abigail

Many women want to argue against Greens policy in this area (specifically self-identification of sex), but understandably have not felt safe to do so. I have seen veteran Green activists treated as bigots and ostracised for daring to even question.

Conflating the concept of biological sex with socially constructed gender has many implications which are damaging to women and girls. After many years as an active Green I toyed with giving up my membership in disgust at the bullying and failure to engage in any meaningful consultation or consideration of the impact of changing the definition of woman.

I have since been approached by a number of Greens women (and ex Greens women) with similar feelings and have become aware that I am not alone. In view of this I have rejoined this list with a view to sharing information and opening some discussion. I am now suggesting that any workshop on this topic should allow for full discussion rather than the one sided presentation being proposed. Can you please let me know what procedures I should follow to facilitate this? Will there be time on Saturday to hear from other speakers?

There is no chance of changing a policy without the opportunity to first educate members by providing access to otherwise suppressed information. Is there a reason why the concerns recently expressed by various members in posts and articles are continuing to be subject to censorship?

No one wants to hurt anyone's feelings but this is a political party and it is essential that the implications of our policies are open to discussion. It is also worth noting that not all transgender individuals agree with self identification of sex and are beginning to sound the alarm at the human rights implications of extreme trans ideology, [including children being fast tracked into medical interventions](#). Cate McGregor is saying "[extreme trans activists are dangerous](#)" and [others are blowing the whistle on the mantra that transwomen pose no risk to women](#). The [lack of support for detransitioners](#) is also a concern and should be canvassed in any exploration of this topic.

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I certainly wasn't suggesting a "straight woman panel." I would have suggested inviting Margot Oliver, the author of the suppressed Greenmail article to speak, and she is a lesbian. Anyhow I thought we were discussing "gender identity" and not sexuality.

It is interesting that you would not accept a white panel on race issues but you will apparently accept a biological male telling a group of women what it means to be a woman.

Anyhow it is clear that the lived experiences of women like Margot will not be given equal time and any "frankness" will be severely policed out of sensitivity to individuals identifying as trans and non-binary with no sensitivity for the concerns of women whose lives are being negatively impacted by extreme trans ideology.

Last time I raised this issue at a local branch meeting I was told by young woke blokes that "I was on the wrong side of history". I do not intend to put myself again in the position of being lectured by individuals with absolutely no "lived experience" of being a woman or understanding of the legal implications of the policies they are driving.

This is clearly a matter that should be debated within the Women's Working Group but yet again those controlling this group are working to ensure that only one side is presented. The suggestion by Abigail that I have caused harm by speaking up is itself harmful as it will ensure no one else has the temerity to speak out for fear of being similarly accused. This guarantees that the feelings of many other vulnerable women will continue to be hurt and ignored.

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