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To:

Subject: Re: robertson pre selection

I am a supporter of Deb O'Neil, and will vote for her in the pre-selection and the election itself.

For that, it seems, Kate Smith, the president of Robertson FEC, in an hysterical letter to members, lumps me and every one else who believes in our democratic right to decide which candidate for preselection we will support, as a member of some imagined "mob" who stand on the sidelines and cheer as the media reports on the activities of her preferred candidate.

We stand accused, without any evidence whatsoever, of leaking information and lies to the media, and of resorting to threats against "a senior Labor official". She rants of "the vile conduct of those who support the candidate". We have supposedly subjected Branch members to "racist remarks and vilification", and "resorted to gutter tactics". She claims without any justification that Deb O'Neill "knows what they are doing and by her silence tacitly supports it."

I challenge Ms. Smith to back her hysteria with some facts.

1. Who are the members of this "mob" who "leak lies and innuendo to the media" to the media? Does she have the courage to name them?
2. What information or lies have been leaked?
3. Why does she believe Deb O'Neill is aware of these fairy-tale lies and innuendo?
4. And, importantly which are the lies and which is the truth in the recent media reportage on Belinda Neal?

I, and I have no doubt, the many other members who support Deb O'Neill because she is the better candidate, are disgusted that the President of the FEC would disseminate such a vicious, unsupported farrago of insult against all of us who do not toe her own line.

It is she and her own clique who by doing this are resorting to innuendo, vilification, and gutter tactics.

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