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Subject: Reject sexism in Gellibrand

Dear Member,

I'm disgusted at some of the malicious, nasty and false materials that have been distributed in the last days of the preselection campaign, in what has otherwise been a hard fought, yet dignified, contest.

It is frustrating that every time a capable woman puts up her hand to run for office, she has to deal with false allegations about her sexual history. We might expect this misogyny and sexism from our Liberal opponents, but surely it has no place within modern Labor?

It is also well known that Katie was one of 22 ACTU campaigners, each employed by different unions across Australia but reporting to the ACTU. Their campaigning and skill helped us win government in 2007 and their important work that should not be maligned.

If you, like me, reject this sort of horrid campaigning, a vote for Katie will make this point loud and clear.

I hope on Sunday and Monday we have a sensible approach to voting and that members make a free choice between good candidates.

Yours in friendship,

Nicola Roxon

P.S. It important to ensure this message is read by any branch members not on the email list, so if you want to forward it to others ALP members in Gellibrand, please do so.

P.P.S. Don't forget to bring photo ID with you for voting.