

Amendment to General Business Notice of Motion No 1212

As listed on page 15-16 of today's Notice Paper in the name of Senators Bernardi and O'Sullivan

To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) New South Wales (NSW) Greens MP, Ms Jenny Leong, used parliamentary privilege to call on fellow NSW Greens MP, Mr Jeremy Buckingham, to step down as a candidate at the NSW election due to an alleged 'act of sexual violence' and aggressive, intimidating behaviour,
 - (ii) Mr Buckingham has been the subject of allegations that he inappropriately touched former staffer Ms Ella Buckland in 2011,
 - (iii) former Greens staffer and journalist, Ms Lauren Ingram, alleges she was violently raped by a Greens party ~~volunteer~~ **staffer** in 2015, which she says she reported to the Greens and heard nothing for months, so she tweeted pictures of her bruising from the incident, drawing a response from the Party in June 2017,
 - (iv) former co-convenor of the NSW Young Greens in 2017, Ms Holly Brooke, says a male party member indecently assaulted her, trying to force his hand down her pants and alleges the Greens' response was to suggest she teach a consent workshop to the perpetrator, a response she said was 'more traumatic than the instance itself',
 - (v) it has also been alleged that former Victorian Greens party leader, Mr Greg Barber, had a 'men's-only room' in his office, and settled out of court with a former female staffer about sex discrimination and bullying,
 - (vi) Victorian Greens candidate, Mr Angus McAlpine, has refused to resign despite rapping about date-rape and domestic violence, and has been defended by Victorian Greens leader, Ms Samantha Ratnam,
 - (vii) another Victorian Greens candidate, Mr Dominic Phillips, has liked one Facebook page called 'Period Pains, Try waiting for your porn to download' and another with a title so inappropriate it has been deemed unparliamentary,
 - (viii) a former Greens volunteer alleges she was sexually assaulted by another volunteer in the back of a car in Canberra on the night of the last Federal election,
 - (ix) Young Greens members wrote an open letter to their party in August demanding it reshape its culture around sexism within the party, with dozens resigning in disgust over handling of sexual misconduct allegations,
 - (x) lawyer, Mr Rory Markham, says he is advising a number of women who say the Greens party mishandled their complaints of sexual assault and harassment arising in Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory,
 - (xi) the Greens have 10 federal members of parliament, federal party status, 27 state members of parliament, the attendant staffing resources, and have received at least \$28.5 million in federal election-based public funding since 2001, and millions more in state and territory election-based public funding, and
 - (xii) Greens Senators Di Natale, Siewert and Hanson-Young have all used the phrase "the standard you walk past is the standard you accept";
- (b) calls upon Senators Di Natale, Siewert, Steele-John, Hanson-Young, Rice, Waters, Faruqi, Whish-Wilson and McKim to make statements to the Senate condemning predatory and criminal behaviour within the Greens party, and apologise to the **alleged** victims; and
- (c) calls upon the Federal Government to write to all Greens Party branches providing details of support services, and advice as to the means to report inappropriate and potentially criminal behaviour.