



A whip smart bunch of women, many of whom were the Government's natural supporters, got together in the week that the Government announced that some of their poorer paid sisters were going to lose the chance of a pay rise , and decided to strike back on behalf of their kids who have become addicts to a very nasty substance called Social media-itis. The marketing experts among them conjured up a nifty title for what has been rapidly building into a mass movement called B416 and invited one of their number, Erica Stanford to join the meeting and bring along the PM.

And so, it came to pass. A week after he had announced that a Private Member's Bill would have all assistance from his government short of actual support, he came from a B416 meeting after executing a 180-degree change in attitude. HE WAS PERSUADED BY THE B416 WOMEN THAT THE BILL WAS absolutely NECESSARY NOW AND not just Nice-To-Have and IT HAS NOW BECOME A GOVERNMENT BILL. **BOY IS HE RED-FACED.**



As Kate Shepherd might have said (and Germaine Greer Oz feminist certainly did) "Never Underestimate the power of Woman". Mrs. Luxon no doubt hid a smile.



Mainly male caucuses on all sides of the Parliament have for 10 years been booting the issue of the rampant abuse of the young and vulnerable through online sexploitation, bullying, stalking, and threats to kill by rich, powerful and personally odious American media squillionaires, into touch.

The Women of NZ have decided ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

And May The Force Be With Them

ALONG WITH THE CLEAR SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HARMS TO KIDS, SOCIAL MEDIA ARE ALSO AWASH with Hate Speech against women who aspire to positions of responsibility. The social media attacks on Wellington Mayor Tory Whanau have been merciless and she has stepped down. National Minister for women Nicola Grigg last week declared "The phenomenon of on-line abuse has the very real potential to deter women from stepping into leadership roles and engaging in public and political life".



HYPOCRISY ABOUND HERE. Out of one side of his mouth the ACT leader David Seymour lauded in Parliament colleague Brooke Van Velden's protests against the on-line abuse she receives, while out of the other side he supports social media Hate Speech on the grounds of Freedom of Expression.



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