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Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (9.27 pm): The Greens political party have abandoned every founding principle they once claimed to stand for and are now completely bereft of any credibility. The Greens political party began as a single-issue environmental movement, but now it has mutated into a hard left-wing ideological outfit driven by Marxist activism and anarchist disruption. The Greens political party have even attempted to expel their own co-founder, Drew Hutton, in a decision that was criticised by former Greens federal leader and former senator Bob Brown. Their ideological decay is not abstract. It plays out in real communities including the western suburbs of Brisbane where division, bitterness and hostility have been actively encouraged by elected Greens representatives and by the extreme fringe they attract.

One of the most visible examples of this toxic culture is a prominent Greens political party aligned supporter and booth worker, Peter Jack King, otherwise known as Jack King. Jack King has held senior roles in major media organisations, including the BBC and the ABC, as a TV producer. Jack King is an active supporter of some of the most divisive, destructive and socially corrosive content circulating in our community. His social media posts and other commentary have included material that many Queenslanders view as racist, openly anti-Semitic, hostile to the LGBTIQ community and dripping with contempt for basic democratic values. These are not the views of someone committed to community building; these are the views of someone intent on tearing communities apart.

Jack King has publicly amplified extremist groups and causes, including material supportive of Palestine Action, which is a proscribed terrorist organisation in the United Kingdom. He has promoted rhetoric that excuses and celebrates violence, that demeans minority groups and that fuels anger rather than understanding. He has also amplified authoritarian regimes overseas, including seemingly promoting individuals who have seized power through coups, suppressed freedoms, targeted critics and criminalised entire communities, including the LGBTIQ community.

This is someone embraced by and applauded by elements within the Greens political movement. His language is their language. His hostility is their hostility. His division is the predictable product of the political culture the Greens political party has created. When a party deliberately cultivates rage, when it rewards agitation over contribution, when it treats hatred as a political weapon, it creates space for contemptible individuals to thrive.

Queenslanders reject this brand of politics. They reject the extremism, they reject the division and they certainly reject the toxic influence of individuals like Jack King who embody everything that is wrong with those who support the modern Greens political party. For the benefit of the House, I table the following articles and social media posts.

Tabled paper: Bundle of social media posts and media articles regarding Jack King 1972.

I will always call out such disgraceful behaviour which is not in the interests of a civic and civil society.