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Greens Spin on a Party of Peace & Nonviolence

The Australian greens website states: *“The Australian Greens are deeply committed to the principle of nonviolence, as essential to the prevention and reduction of conflict.”*

<http://greens.org.au/policies/peace-non-violence>

In a 2013 speech, Senator Rhiannon stated: “There is strong Greens support for public investment in sustainable transport infrastructure across the world. The Greens is a global political movement whose philosophy arose from four different social movements: the environmental movement, the labour movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement.”

Greens policies are based on four policy pillars –

- Social and economic justice
- Environmental sustainability
- Grassroots democracy
- Peace and Non violence

These are a foundational statement of Green politics and form the basis of many worldwide Green parties. They guide elected Greens representatives and Greens in government around the world.”

<http://lee-rhiannon.greensmps.org.au/content/speeches-parliament/speech-regional-aviation-summit-2013>

If Senator Rhiannon is so concerned about peace and nonviolence would she again host a meeting in the federal parliament as she did when she was a state MP? Attendees at the NSW parliament meeting included people with a history of organising violent protests.

Why was Ms Rhiannon not prepared to give straight answers to the questions put to her about the purpose of the meeting she hosted in the NSW parliament building?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoiZ4DGAbw8>

“Indeed, history is both in the past and it comes into the present as well,” is not a straight answer.

NSW greens upper house member David Shoebridge has given active support to protestors who do not adhere to the principles of peace and non-violence. Despite his claim that justice is the single thing that defines his political life, not once has he spoken out about the behaviour of his supporters involved in forest protests.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6tU8JWv0Cg>

The ultimate test of direct action protests is when the tables are turned, as happened at Kate Faehrmann’s greens rally in Wahroonga on 1 July 2012. An attendee at the rally was exercising his right to free speech, a right strongly defended by the greens party. Unfortunately, the right to free speech only applies if you support the greens point of view.

In an attack more fitting of a gang of eco-fascists than peaceful greens supporters, this protestor was silenced by physical violence. So much for the spin of “peace and nonviolence.” No wonder the green leadership wants firearms restricted, if this obvious lack of self-control is widespread in the green political movement.



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Free Speech Begins, But Not For Long



Eco-fascist Victory Salute



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Right Coloured Sign – Wrong Message



Peaceful Hindering Begins



The Hindering Gets Serious



The Spitting Nutty Nana Attacks

