

Response from David Wilson, Managing Partner, Watercooler Talent:

The podcast conversation Jessica Rowe had with Ms Hanson was not about politics or policy. Those issues were not discussed at all. Jess has had robust debate about those issues with Ms Hanson in previous media interviews over the years.

On this occasion it was a conversation around Ms Hanson's mental health, family, time spent in jail, personal relationships and life experiences.

The decision to remove the podcast episode last week was Jessica's alone, which SCA/LiSTNR respected and supported.

That decision was made by Jess out of respect for those who were clearly affected by the episode featuring Ms Hanson being promoted and acknowledging valid points made by a number of community leaders that Jess admires, some of whom engaged in on-going and respectful conversations with Jess, offline.

It is not our view that Jess was a victim of cancel culture on this occasion. The wider so-called "social-media mob pile on" did not influence the outcome. It was informed by considered, measured discussion with a number of community leaders and personal insight.

Jessica's wish is that we all keep working towards finding more respectful ways to discuss our different opinions.