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AUSTRALIA'S youngest MP has lashed out at a news channel after a doctored image showing her with enlarged breasts and an exposed midriff was broadcast on TV.

Georgie Purcell, who appeared on Nine News to criticise Victoria state parliament's decision not to outlaw duck shooting, shared the image alongside the original photo to show how it had been changed.

'I endured a lot yesterday. But having my body Photoshopped by a media outlet was not on my bingo card,' the 31-year-old posted. 'Note the enlarged boobs and outfit made more revealing. Can't imagine this happening to a male MP. What gives?'

The heavily tattooed politician also said the image could not be real as she had her stomach inked four years ago.

'Hot tip 9 I've got my whole stomach tattooed,' the Animal Justice Party MP

News channel sparks sexism row by doctoring image of female MP

added. Hugh Nailon, of Nine News, said: 'Our graphics department sourced an online image of Georgie.

'As is common practice, it was resized to fit our specs.

'During that process, the automation by Photoshop created an image that was not consistent with the original.

'This did not meet the high editorial standards we have. For that we apologise to Ms Purcell unreservedly,' he added.

Ms Purcell, a former stripper and top-

less waitress, is the second youngest person ever to be elected to Victoria's legislative council.

The MP had told Daily Mail Australia she was open about her experiences as 'politics is so vicious and brutal' and wanted to stop opponents exposing her past.

'After I shared my story, I felt the weight was lifted off my shoulders. I became a new person, gained self-confidence and two years later I am an elected MP. It has been a whirlwind experience,' she added.



Spot the difference:

Doctored image of MP Ms Purcell (left). Right, original photo she shared to expose 'sexist' TV executives