

Letters Ed
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Dear Sir

Your editorial refers to Malcolm Turnbull's "bizarre claim in London that he was dumped last August because conservatives in the party feared he would win the coming election". But you overlook that he also presented publicly a damning critique of the government now operated by his former Treasurer, Scott Morrison.

You also ask if Turnbull has learned "the lessons of the Rudd-Gillard-Rudd imbroglio from 2009 to 2013". But Turnbull's earlier attempts to join the Labor Party and the leftist moves he made as Coalition leader suggest he did not fear an imbroglio, rather the contrary. Wentworth was such.

His behaviour as Liberal Party/Coalition leader, combined with the London episode, comes close to being beyond the pale and should certainly now result in his expulsion from that party.

Yours faithfully

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