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## **Scrap the Voice and protect the Constitution**

FamilyVoice Australia is urging State Parliament to scrap the divisive Voice to Parliament and pass legislation requiring the consent of voters to any proposed change to the South Australian Constitution.

FamilyVoice spokesman David d'Lima says State MPs should respect the overwhelming result of the recent referendum and scrap the South Australian Voice to Parliament.

“Voters have utterly slammed the door on the very concept of enshrining an Indigenous Voice within the Federal Constitution and they cannot possibly support a similar mechanism for South Australia,” he said.

Premier Malinauskas has ruled out scrapping the SA Voice to Parliament and the Liberal Opposition is yet to commit itself to either keeping or removing the SA Voice to Parliament.

“This divisive structure will undermine democracy, subvert representative government and erode the sovereignty of Parliament, all at massive taxpayer expense,” David d'Lima said.

“Taxpayers cannot be pleased that the Voice will establish a new layer of bureaucracy that will cost \$10m over the next four years.

“Voters would surely want that money to be spent on worthy causes, such as better safeguarding children in State care.”

FamilyVoice is also concerned that parts of the SA Constitution can be changed by Parliament, without reference to the people.

“It is time for State Parliament to hand to the people the power to change the State Constitution, as MPs have proven themselves to be overwhelmingly out of touch with the wishes of the voters.”

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