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## **FamilyVoice applauds SA Libs on the Voice proposal**

FamilyVoice Australia has welcomed a decision by the South Australian Liberals to oppose a State government plan for a “voice” to Parliament.

FamilyVoice spokesman David d’Lima has applauded the decision of the State Opposition to reject the voice to Parliament proposal.

“While fully seeking to advance all South Australians, including the Indigenous people, we award full marks to the Liberals for opposing the voice to Parliament,” said FamilyVoice spokesman David d’Lima.

“The principle of equal democratic representation would be undermined if the First Nations Voice to Parliament proposal were to grant one section of society parliamentary and executive access beyond that enjoyed by other groups,” he said.

“We want prosperity to come to everyone in South Australia, including Aboriginal people, but we also want to preserve equality within the democratic process.

“It is patently unfair if one group in society has special access to Parliament and to the ministry.

FamilyVoice seeks the highest good of all South Australians and connects regularly with Indigenous people to encourage their hopes for the future.

“A further difficulty with the proposal is that it would set a precedent for other groups to demand special access,” David d’Lima said.

“Since all legislation potentially impacts Aboriginal South Australians, all legislation could be subjected to extensive scrutiny by a group separate to the Parliament.

“This is likely to exacerbate the already protracted nature of law-making and parliamentary proceedings.

“Parliament through its enquiry and committee processes already provides excellent opportunities for groups seeking to make their case, and no change to legislation or parliamentary procedures is warranted.”



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