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FamilyVoice “deeply concerned” about First Nations Ambassador

Christian advocacy group FamilyVoice Australia is “deeply concerned” by the Federal government’s appointment of a First Nations Ambassador, according to spokesman David d’Lima.

“Appointing a First Nations Ambassador is fraught with difficulty and represents yet another ill-considered aspirational decision by the government,” David d’Lima said.

“It is patently unclear whether the ambassador represents the government or the Indigenous people, and we are deeply concerned by this development,” he said.

“Since ambassadors advocate for the commissioning organisation they represent, the question is whether a First Nations Ambassador will promote the government’s indigenous policies or those of a yet-to-be defined political entity within Australia.

“If the ambassador is merely a mouthpiece of government, no separate appointment beyond the minister is required, but if he represents another body, the ambassador may contradict the government and the minister.

“Any ambassador who seeks to advocate for Indigenous people in ways contradictory to government policy will only bring frustration to those who have placed their hope in the ambassador’s hands.

“On the other hand, an ambassador who merely endorses government policy will only deliver more of the same failures.

“While fully endorsing the advancement of all Australians, including the Indigenous people, FamilyVoice sees the ambassadorial appointment as a step towards a loss of sovereignty that would further divide the Australian community and bring no practical help to anyone.”

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