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## **People power needed to protect the King**

People power is needed to protect the long-standing custom of honouring the Monarch on the lowest denomination banknote, according to FamilyVoice Australia spokesman David d'Lima.

“The Australian people should make very clear to the Reserve Bank that the portrait of King Charles should feature on the new five dollar note,” said FamilyVoice spokesman David d'Lima.

“Last year’s rejection of the Voice to Parliament showed the people overwhelmingly are not impressed by governments messing around with our civic arrangements.

FamilyVoice Australia points out that the five dollar note already provides aboriginal recognition.

“The note depicts parliament’s forecourt mosaic that is based on a Central Desert dot-style painting,” David d'Lima said.

“And the floor plan of the parliament as depicted on the banknote also shows the two sweeping curves that are based on two boomerangs.”

FamilyVoice Australia is concerned the move towards indigenous recognition has a hidden agenda.

“The planned removal of the Monarch’s image is a wretched example of republicanism by stealth,” David d'Lima said.

“It should be resisted vigorously as ordinary people make their views known during the Reserve Bank’s consultation on the imagery that should be used on the new design of the five dollar note.

“It almost beggars belief that in the year King Charles had hoped to visit Australia, and coincident with the disturbing news about His Majesty’s precarious health situation, the Reserve Bank and its political puppet masters in government would push for His Majesty’s non-recognition.

“We urge ordinary Australians to make very clear representations to the Reserve Bank



consultation that it's time to retain worthy traditions such as the Monarch's image on the lowest denomination banknote, and to desist from republicanism by stealth.”

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