

Compulsory military training needed

Compulsory military training is needed to renew Australia's defence capability and equip young people as responsible adults, instead of recruiting non-citizens from overseas, according to FamilyVoice Australia spokesman David d'Lima.

"The federal government should renew the defence force and equip young people as responsible citizens through compulsory military training," said FamilyVoice spokesman David d'Lima.

"A two-year training program would solve problems of illiteracy, obesity, delinquency and unemployment, while helping young people develop citizenship values greatly needed in Australia," he said.

FamilyVoice believes compulsory military training is necessary to renew the shrinking number of police and defence personnel, and it has no confidence in today's announcement by the federal government that defence will undertake a workforce plan, and possibly recruit non-citizens from overseas.

"We don't need to import soldiers and police when we can train our own young people," David d'Lima said.

"And since we specify all citizens must help defend Australia, if called upon, we must take steps to sensibly train young people for that purpose, and for their benefit and that of society.

"Many other nations run successful programs of compulsory military training, and it's time our politicians had the courage to stand up for the meaning of Australian citizenship."

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