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Don't cut off the king's head

In a move that can only be described as republicanism by stealth, the Reserve Bank and the federal government have colluded to remove the sovereign's portrait from the five dollar note, according to FamilyVoice Australia.

"The long-standing tradition to feature Australia's monarch on the lowest denomination banknote has been broken in a form of republicanism by stealth, and allegedly to better provide indigenous recognition," said FamilyVoice spokesman David d'Lima.

"This decision to attack on the Crown must be rescinded and the currency should not be used to advance a political agenda."

As part of its work to enrich the entire community, FamilyVoice Australia regularly encourages indigenous people, and is keen to preserve our time-tested system of constitution monarchy for the benefit of all Australians.

"In our dealings with Indigenous people, we largely observe respect for the Crown and we perceive no serious ambition to remove the King's image from the five dollar note," David d'Lima said.

"The banknote honours the indigenous people by depicting the boomerang-shaped curves of Parliament House on the five dollar bill.

"But abandoning the King's portrait would destroy the banknote's illustration of section one of the Constitution, which is quoted in microprinting on the five dollar note as follows: 'The legislative power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in a Federal Parliament, which shall consist of the Queen, [or King] a Senate, and a House of Representatives.'"

FamilyVoice Australia has also produced curriculum materials for use by school students, that have to be revised in response to the ongoing mainly unhelpful changes made by the Reserve Bank.

"The current banknotes lack the Commonwealth Coat of Arms that appeared as a shadow image on the previous designs, and the Federation Star security feature has also been removed," David d'Lima said.

"Those features and the king's image should be returned.



“Curriculum-writers and their students, who must now forget their lessons, are losing patience with the meddling action of the Reserve Bank.”

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