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Call to keep Cook's cottage open for future generations to enjoy

FamilyVoice calls upon Melbourne City Council to retain Captain Cook's cottage as it's a unique part of Australian history and our cultural heritage.

FamilyVoice Victorian State Director, Alan Barron said, "At a time when indigenous culture artefacts are being preserved, why not preserve our own cultural or sacred sites?"

Mr. Barron called on Melbourne City Council to resist pressure from minority groups and to protect our cultural icons which the vast majority of Australians would support and value; "The Cottage was given to Melbourne as a gift in 1943 and it would be an insult to return it to England as most Melbournians and Victorians, enjoy visiting Cook's Cottage. Council has a sacred duty to preserve and protect our heritage and culture" Mr. Barron said.

"It really is absurd. If Captain Cook's cottage has to go because it represents 'Colonialism' then the Melbourne Town Hall would have to go too."

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