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Illegal and unpatriotic action to vandalise a statue of Captain Cook reveals faults in parenting and schooling, according to FamilyVoice spokesman David d'Lima.

“FamilyVoice Australia thoroughly condemns the illegal and unpatriotic action of vandals who have damaged a statue of Captain James Cook, and we question what values are communicated by parents and schools,” he said.

“The action proceeds from ignorance, since Cook’s visit in 1770 is not to be confused with the arrival of colonists in 1778.

“Cook should be revered not reviled,” he said.

“The vandalism also betrays contempt for legal process, whereby people might raise concerns without offending.”

FamilyVoice Australia underscores the enlightened instructions given by King George III to Captain James Cook, that included the responsibility to “cultivate a friendship and alliance” with Indigenous people he may encounter.

Cook enlisted a Pacific Islander navigator who cheerfully assisted the exploration of the region, and smoothed negotiations as Cook and his crew journeyed across Oceania.

“We wonder how many students learn such facts, and we question whether parents are properly training their children as law-abiding citizens.”

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