

## **Resist republican revenge**

FamilyVoice Australia spokesman David d’Lima has slammed the federal government for persisting in “republican revenge” as the Reserve Bank pushes ahead with no monarch on the five dollar note.

“Despite overwhelming public support for Australia’s system of constitutional monarchy, and widespread affection for the royal family, the federal government remains determined to remove the monarch’s portrait and replace it with indigenous imagery on the five dollar note,” David d’Lima said.

“The government hoped indigenous constitutional recognition would occur in 2023, as a stepping stone to a republican referendum, but with those possibilities utterly dashed, we are now seeing government pushing ahead with the imposition of indigenous images at the price of recognising the King of Australia.”

FamilyVoice Australia holds the view that removing the monarch’s image is really ALP revenge for the Whitlam sacking and is tantamount to promoting republicanism by stealth.

FamilyVoice believes the failure of the Voice referendum should give a clear signal to government that it should promote the needs and aspirations of all people, indigenous or not, and that the Crown is endorsed and celebrated by all cultural groups in Australia including by the aboriginal people.

“Interestingly, the largely forgotten one dollar banknote carried both indigenous depictions and the image of Queen Elizabeth, so clearly there need be no conflict between such portrayals.

“If the government remains doggedly determined to devalue the five dollar note, we will call upon the people of Australia to resist the ALP’s attempted republican revenge and boycott the fiver’s usage, such that the notes will be recalled and consigned to the Reserve Bank’s recycle bin where they belong.”

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