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Protect parental ambition

FamilyVoice spokesman David d'Lima has rejected the recommendations of a South Australian Royal Commission that calls for a ban on smacking and the removal of the common law defence available to parents who lovingly apply physical discipline to their children.

“Parental ambition to lovingly correct young children by smacking should be protected and encouraged in law, but instead it’s completely slammed by a Royal Commission’s report,” David d'Lima said.

“Abusive parents are totally ignorant of the common law defence against possible criminal charges, and they are not emboldened by that provision.

“No good purpose would be achieved by legislating against a defence which has been used successfully once only in our State’s legal history.”

FamilyVoice Australia rejects the report’s recommendations that are ideologically driven with a strong reliance on trends rather than evidence.

“The report cheerfully heeds the United Nations’ attempts to impose directives on Australia and it must not be endorsed by government or society,” David d'Lima said.

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