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## **Bombers Should Stick To The Footy**

The “forced resignation” of Andrew Thorburn as CEO of Essendon Football Club is “the latest example of intolerance in the name of tolerance”, according to Christian advocacy group FamilyVoice Australia.

“As a Christian advocacy group, FamilyVoice Australia utterly condemns the effectively forced resignation of a thoroughly competent CEO simply because he holds conservative views,” said FamilyVoice spokesman David d’Lima.

“It the latest example of intolerance in the name of tolerance,” he said.

FamilyVoice is disturbed that Essendon and the AFL are keen to affirm same-sex relationships and abortion instead of concentrating on sporting excellence.

“The Bombers should stick to the footy,” David d’Lima said.

“The forced resignation of Andrew Thorburn takes intolerance to a higher level as it makes clear that conservative Christian people can expect to be vilified and shamed simply for holding faith-based views on matters of sexuality and morality.

“We call on everyone who loves footy and freedom to urgently demand the re-instatement of Andrew Thorburn.

“And if that doesn’t occur directly, Essendon members should express a collective vote of no-confidence in the Club’s leadership by resigning their club membership.”

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