

# YOORROOK JUSTICE COMMISSION SUBMISSION FORM

The Yoorrook Justice Commission is looking into historic and ongoing systemic injustice experienced by First Peoples in Victoria since colonisation. You can make a submission on any aspect of injustice that you have experienced.

## **Making a Hard-Copy Submission**

To make a submission, fill-in this form, then mail it to:  
The Yoorrook Justice Commission  
Locked Bag 7777  
Collingwood, Victoria  
3066

Or scan and email to [enquiries@yoorrook.org.au](mailto:enquiries@yoorrook.org.au).

## **Help to Make a Submission**

If you would like help to fill in this form or with any other aspect of making a submission, you can call 1800 966 775 or email [enquiries@yoorrook.org.au](mailto:enquiries@yoorrook.org.au).

## **Getting Support**

You can get free, confidential and safe social and emotional wellbeing support before, during and after you make a submission. To speak to a counsellor, please call 1800 966 775 or email [sewb.yoorrook@fphw.org.au](mailto:sewb.yoorrook@fphw.org.au).

You can also get free, confidential and independent legal advice about sharing your story safely with Yoorrook. For legal support, please call (VLA) 8610 9830 or email: [lotjpa@vla.vic.gov.au](mailto:lotjpa@vla.vic.gov.au) or (VALS) 9418 5999 or email: [lotjpa@vals.org.au](mailto:lotjpa@vals.org.au).

## **About the Submission Form**

There are three sections to this submission form:

PART A asks for basic information about you, and any support you would like

PART B asks you to share your story

PART C asks about how you would like your information protected

Questions with an asterisk (\*) need to be answered.

## PART A – INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

**\* Question 1:** Do you identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, First Nations or First Peoples?

Yes

No

**\* Question 2:** Who is making this submission?

Me

A family or community group (please write the name of the family or group below)

A Victorian Traditional Owner Group (please write the name of the Traditional Owner Group)

**Question 3:** What is your name? (leave blank if you prefer not to say)

First Name

Last Name

Preferred Name

**Question 4:** Who is/are your mob/s? (leave blank if you prefer not to say)

Name

**Question 5:** What is your current postcode?\*

**Question 6:** What is your age?

I am under 25 years old

I am between 25 – 65 years old

I am over 65 years old

Prefer not to say

**Question 7:** What gender do you identify as?

Female

Male

Other (please specify if you would like to)

Prefer not to say

**\* Question 8:** We may need to contact you to check information in this form or provide you with support that you've requested. Please provide the details of your preferred contact method.

Email

Phone

Text message

Post

I do not want to be contacted

**\* Question 9:** Yoorrook can connect you to a range of free and confidential support. Please indicate any support you would like. You may choose more than one.

I do not require support

I would like support to complete this form

I would like social and emotional well-being support (we will provide your details to First Peoples' Health and Wellbeing to contact you to provide social and emotional well-being support)

I would like legal support (We will provide your details to the Lotjpa Independent Legal Service to contact you to provide legal support)

## PART B - YOUR SUBMISSION

Yoorrook is looking into historic and ongoing systemic injustice experienced by First Peoples since colonisation. You can make a submission about any aspect of injustice that you have experienced. Please make sure you have consent from any person or group whose truth you are sharing.

You can make a submission in whatever form you prefer. You can write your submission below. If you need more space, you can attach more paper. If you would like to make your submission in another form (e.g. a video or audio recording), please contact 1800 966 775 or email [enquiries@yoorrook.org.au](mailto:enquiries@yoorrook.org.au) and we will get in touch with you.

\* **Question 10:** Write your submission here:

## PART C - MANAGING & PROTECTING YOUR INFORMATION

Indigenous Data Sovereignty asserts the right of Indigenous Peoples to own, control, access and possess data that derive from them.

The Yoorrook Justice Commission applies Indigenous Data Sovereignty protocols to the collection, storage, and use of First People's information. These protocols respect the decisions you make on how your information is used, protected, accessed, and shared now and in the future.

The following section asks you questions about your decisions.

**\* Question 11:** Yoorrook will use your submission in its inquiry work and subsequent reporting. We will not use your submission for any other purpose without contacting you for permission.

Do you agree to Yoorrook identifying you (including your name, or your group's name) when using your Submission?

Yes, I agree to Yoorrook identifying me (including my, or my group's name) when using my submission

No, Yoorrook can only use my submission anonymously

**\* Question 12:** Yoorrook is publishing many submissions on our website. Published submissions may be read by the public. It is your decision if you want your submission to be published or not.

Do you agree to Yoorrook publishing your submission?

My submission can be published, including my, or my group's name

My submission can be published anonymously without my, or my group's name included

Do not publish my submission (Yoorrook will still read your submission but will not publish it on the Commission's website)

## NEXT STEPS

Thank you for taking the time and effort to make this submission. Your knowledge and experience will help Yoorrook to document the impacts of colonisation, recommend changes to promote truth and justice for First Peoples and create a better shared future for everyone.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact Yoorrook on 1800 YOO RRK (1800 966 775) or at [enquiries@yoorrook.org.au](mailto:enquiries@yoorrook.org.au).