



Land, sky and waters submission form

Making a submission will help Yoorrook recommend changes to right the wrongs of the past and make a better shared future for everyone in this place we call home.

You can answer as many questions as you like. Questions that require a response will be marked ***(required)**.

- **PART A** asks you to share truths about Land, Sky and Waters
- **PART B** asks for basic information about you
- **PART C** asks about how you would like your information protected and used.

PART A: Truths

You can answer as many questions as you like.

What does country mean to you?

Land and waters where we live, work and enjoy our day to day lives.
Our traditional country and other mob's country

What has happened to your mob and to country because your land was taken?

Restricted access, permission and rights
Removal of self determination
Loss of cultural practice and connection
Loss of recognition of our values.

What are some examples of good practices or programs happening on country that could be adopted more widely?

Community cultural focussed programs run by Winda Mara, DWCH and
funding Murrumbidgee Dance and Language. Family camping and trips on
country and to significant sites and places. Return to country for
families and individuals. Revival of lost customs and practices.

What changes to laws or attitudes about land, sky and waters would you like to see?

Access to practice culture
Recognition of our people and history in our landscape today
Respect and consideration of cultural knowledge

IMPACT OF COLONISATION

- Ongoing
- Celebration of Colonisation
- No mention or visualisation of Gunditjmana in today's landscape



GOVERNMENT LAWS, AGREEMENTS & POLICIES

- World heritage
- IPA's
- Ranger programs

ONGOING CONNECTION TO COUNTRY

- Always having to prove this.
- New connections in new ways
- "Country for the sake of country"
- Forced onto mission
- Mission divided up and given out
- No soldier settlements
- Stolen generation

Culture

- White Australia
- Stolen generation
- Land rights
- Not allowed (100 years ago)
- Fight for rights (50 years ago)
- Privilege to continue (now)

- Self determination
- Practicing culture



ROLE OF GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONS & INDIVIDUALS

• "Reconciliation" to two-sided

• We need to be listened to



WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE



HUMAN & CULTURAL RIGHTS