

## **Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**

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My truth telling relates community lateral violence because of the fact that my Ancestral Grandmother, who was kidnapped by Sealers from Point Nepean and taken against her will to Bass Strait Islands, my identity as a Bunurong woman is often questioned. This creates more trauma for myself and my family.

My family is often told that we don't belong in Victoria and to go back to Tasmania, yet in Tasmania, those who identify as Bunurong are told that they cannot claim Bunurong as they grew up in Tasmania and to be Bunurong you have to live in Victoria. It's extremely condescending repeatedly being told by particular families, for their political gain, that you aren't Bunurong, yet my family have always acknowledged our Bunurong / Port Phillip bloodlines and Ancestry. My family are extremely proud of our heritage yet there are still particular families who continually and repeatedly question our identity.

What can be done to support my family by the Yoorrook Commission.