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Mini Submission - General

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)**.

There are three sections to this submission form:

PART A asks for basic information about you

PART B asks you to share your truths

PART C asks about how you would like your information protected and used.

PART A: About you

Q1: Name?

Leave blank if you prefer not to say

Courtney Grace

Q2: Who is/are your mob/s?

Leave blank if you prefer not to say

PART B: Truths

Q3: What does it feel like to be an Aboriginal person living in Victoria?

~ Being an Aboriginal women in Victoria who is fair skinned it's hard to engage with culture without negative comments or unnecessary questions. Finding my culture while not being exposed to it in earlier life, is hard we need to have more culture within schools and communities.



Q4: What are the most important things you want people to know about your experiences?

My experiences have truly defined who I am and where I want to be. ~~Being~~ coming from a family violence household and starting my early life in a chaotic environment. This alone had my views on police and services in a negative light.

Connecting with an indigenous lead service made me feel safe and fueled my fire to continue that work and join viceda myself.

Q5: What does self-determination look like to you? self-determination to me is ~~not~~ striving for better and not allowing how long it took or if how I thought it was going to play out ~~that~~ ^{doesn't} happen that I don't allow any hiccups diminish my self-determination.

Q6: What changes do you want to see for your children and grandchildren?

I want to see massive cultural change. Schools properly learning about aboriginal culture and language. Starting those community connections for those kids who may not have access to that at home. We are Australia and this is aboriginal land, our kids should know the history of our beautiful country.