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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

Olivia Bonanno

Q2: Who is/are your mob/s?

Leave blank if you prefer not to say

Wergaia + Wamba Wamba

PART B: Truths

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

I feel like my experience is unique as a fair skinned Aboriginal person. I encounter a lot of indirect covert racism around me.

I also feel a lot of pressure by non-Indigenous peers to know everything and be an expert on all things culture!



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

- Everyone's experience is unique as a Blackfella
- Fair skinned Aboriginal people experience racism too
- I'm not an expert, and I'm not responsible for educating you

Q5: What does self-determination look like to you?

- Services for mob being designed and led by mob
- ~~Being~~ Being able to stop fighting and advocating for equity

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

- Change in curriculum in schools to accurately teach our youth about the true history and ongoing atrocities against our people
- ~~More~~ A Voice to Parliament
- More engagement and involvement from young mob in policy + government
- Reclaiming white spaces like gov to bear agent for change