

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 967****Dated: 23 September 2024****Submission:**

██████████ is an Aboriginal woman with no connection to country or wherever her family comes from. ██████████ was born "apparently in northern ireland" however it is quite clear he was an aboriginal child adopted into a white irish family. There is no record of where he ame from or who his real family is. If they lived or died or whether he was stolen from it.

Interestingly there is no record of him through stolen generations etc. ██████████ lived on to paint her face white and beat up ██████████ when she asked her why she looked the way she did and was told to never talk about. ██████████ is now an alcoholic and compulsive smoker with severe depression and many other signs of inter-generational trauma.

██████████ also shows many of the same signs, ██████████ in some ways thankfully feels little connection to her aboriginal heritage and therefore does not experience much trauma, apart from a longing for knowledge and resolution about where she comes form.

This is obviously unfortunate as I wish that she was able to have this connection. We made a decision when ██████████ was born not to list her as aboriginal, even though she has the heritage, due to colonial influences the cultural identity is so lost in each generation it didn't feel right.

Yes I know that means that the policies of assimilation etc "won" but how can we put that on her - with no connection to language, culture or people.

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