

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 991****Dated: 8 October 2024****Submission:****What does it feel like to be an Aboriginal person living in Victoria?**

Unsafe and that we are the other. There are some great allies and well meaning people, however we are still a problem to be solved.

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

I'm mixed race so I have to deal all my life about the way I look and but you are only half. Having to deal with the ignorance and racism because I'm fair skinned is sometimes unsafe and exhausting. I grew up with traumatised parents as well from WW11 and their experiences of racism and being marginalised.

What does self-determination look like to you?

We are in control of what happens to our families and our country. Aboriginal knowledge and ways of being and viewing the world is valued and in fact included in decision making of government.

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

They are safe and free from all forms of racism. They are truly connected, happy, healthy powerful being

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