

**Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission****From: Peter Long****Dated: 16 November 2024****Submission:**

I am a white man who grew up in suburban Melbourne in the 1960s. At my primary school there were four houses – Batman, Mitchell, Henty and Flinders. We were taught to respect these men as our founders, pioneers, brave explorers. It is only recently that I have come to understand that these men were invaders, destroyers and (in three out of four cases) murderers. It is fundamentally important for the whole of our society that the truth to be told – for the indigenous community of course, but also for the descendants of colonialists and settlers so that we can feel at peace in this place.

**END OF SUBMISSION**