

**Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**

**From:** Tiggeress In honour of my sis whole passed 10/7/24

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**What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

Our past was dust in the wind for all of them Afor they never wanted truth and that is we are the First Nation for we are and always will be the first on this land this is our home and most of us have never left our country for it's our connection to our history our alters past present and future will grow if we keep standing up for our people Remember black woman maid us

**What has been your experience learning about First Nations history and culture in Victoria's education system? Do you feel it was comprehensive?**

I was told I can't be aboriginal I'm white i cant me No my melanin was tampered with due to the raping of my alders aunties sisters my tiddas White man tried to make it thats men are the importants in the house the work the make money For us no respect your woman (mother sister cousins aunties ) don't respect women don't expect respect or honour from us I was thought out side of school schooling isn't a thing history class there's no talk of Dreamtime or warnings to females do not touch a didgeridoo unless you want problems having kids or not able to have them at all I was also thought not too be ashamed of my Ancestors past or my mob I was warned they will call me names pick on my white skin might even get a more fisical response but never throw fisical violence breath and be the bigger person you know your fatta mikkies yallkas see straight

**What changes would you like to see in Victoria to promote better understanding and respect for First People?**

More housing for homelessness at risk abuse survivors First Nation people arnt all beautiful dark skin we are all colours we should all treat each other like we are one family for the respect they want they must give it back as well 2 wrongs don't make a wright

**In what ways do you think non-First Nations Victorians can contribute to the process of truth-telling and treaty?**

Stand with us talk too us listen learn about the ways of First Nation the ones that are truly connected to earth sea and sky don't make fun of our dream time yarnning if you want fair ness and more respect please listen too every words that are spoken don't just listen out for what you want too hear actually listen fight with us for a better tomorrow

**In what ways could First Peoples history and culture be promoted in Victoria?**

Our Painting classes food shop with bush tukker natural art(okara weaving baskets fem only ) how to carve art (Waratahs boomerang male only)ask what too do dont just do what you want everyone has there spots and should know what they can and can't doo

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