

**Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission****From: Anonymous 1097****Dated: 2 November 2024****Submission:****What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

Mass death/genocide of First Nations people. Illegal "treaty". First Nations were tricked into giving land near Merri creek.

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

Not at all. I was schooled in the 80s and 90s and learnt very little about the impact of colonisation on First Nations. Some education about indigenous culture, but quite superficial (eg boomerangs etc).

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

I would be lead by First Nations people and what they feel is most important for them. But I would like to see more factual information given about history and then the impact on future generations. And focus on more local events, rather than generalised events.

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

Listen to First Nations people. Educate themselves if further information is needed to understand. Have open and honest conversations with other non-first nations, particularly children.

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

Signage with information regarding significant events and places. Treaty Local festival

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