

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 1105****Dated: 1 November 2024****Submission:****What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

It was unjust and fraudulent and introduced disease to the local population. It was a license to kill indigenous people whose land was in the name of capitalism. The English regarded themselves as superior and took no notice of 1000s of years of culture they destroyed.

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

I only have some understanding because of my own curiosity. It is a haphazard process gathered over time.

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

a comprehensive program could be introduced delivered by first Nations people in primary schools. Not just about didgeridoos but about the inherent laws that govern their culture. These laws could be incorporated in hours. Namely respect tolerance and generosity.

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

The truth lies not in generalisations but in family stories. No Matter how harrowing They must be told, warts And all. The stories of those youth in Detention needs to be made public so that compassion and understanding can occur.

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

I live in a privileged in an urban community that is aware of some of these issues. The presence of first Nations people in positions of educational authority are the most likely to best promote the history and culture in Victoria

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