

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 1114****Dated: 4 November 2024****Submission:****What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

The massacres documented in the Colonial Frontiers Massacre Map by Prof Lyndall Ryan give a most accurate portrayal of the resistance of the First People to colonialisation. Sovereignty was never ceded by Aboriginals.

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 educated in the Tasmanian education system, in primary school during the 1970's. I learnt very little about Aboriginal people and culture. My memories are mostly through the museum, rather than being taught about the living culture.

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

I would like to see Aboriginal words and languages more widely adopted throughout Victoria. Having travelled in Wales and New Zealand I have witnessed how important language is in signalling the open acceptance of culture and acknowledging first people.

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

We can listen and support a treaty process. We can support in ways that Aboriginal people request.

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

Provide more services and support to Aboriginal communities to address social disadvantage and close the gap. Education about Aboriginal people and culture through the education system.

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