

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 1138****Dated: 6 November 2024****Submission:****What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

First peoples were evicted from their traditional lands and relocated to reserves and missions where colonists denied customs and traditions. First peoples were subject to mass killings. Cultural practices, traditions, language, stories and family structures were lost as a result.

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

Very little back in the 70's and 80's. I have learnt much more through work.

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

Clearly more education. Acknowledgement of Country is at risk of getting old. Like saying good morning to a stranger in the street - it may be genuine or good manners but do you really care, do you think about that 'good morning' later in the day and really hope that that stranger actually had a good day. Hopefully the Yoorrook Justice Commission can take us all past the pleasantries of acknowledgement of country and provide a roadmap of tangible actions.

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