

**Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission****From: Anonymous 1181****Dated: 12 November 2024****Submission:**

I am a white 32 year old man, from a colonial/settler family of slavic and anglo origins. I have always lived on Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country. I have always felt so sad and uncomfortable, since I was a kid, with the unfair injustices that we see in this state and country as a result of colonisation. It deeply hurts me every day to live in a state and country that perpetuates so much violence and harm against First Peoples. My suffering is absolutely negligible compared to that of the First Peoples of this Country. At the same time, I do not feel complete living like this and I experience a lot of moral injury because of this. I would much prefer to live in a state and country that has signed meaningful Treaties with First Nations peoples everywhere, and would love to live in a country that honours the wisdom, culture, languages and practices of First Nations peoples. I want Truth, Treaty and self-determination and sovereignty for First Peoples here in so-called Victoria and for First Nations people all across so-called Australia. I would like to express my deep thanks to everyone involved in the Yoorrook Justice Commission for their work. Thank you for trying to heal this state and country for First Nations peoples and for all of us. The future you are creating is the one I want to live in.

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