

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Kaarii****Dated: 15 November 2024****Submission:**

Back in March 2022 we started our journey with The Justice Commission into our history in this state and crossing the borders. My Mother, now in the dreaming was an Aboriginal Ward of the state. So deemed not eligible to raise her children, so in turn we were taken and raised in an Orphanage in NSW. Border rules changed, birth certificates altered to suit adoption processes and lives and families changed forever. Each family member having their own pain of injustice and separation and this holds true on a cellular level today. Always searching to find yourself, searching in a career path and in your own family life. For me personally, I work hard to be positive to carry myself professionally, in the workplace, even in the face of being called a blak bitch or references made - " She wasn't part of the Stolen Generation - she was only institutionalised " Truth telling is powerful, empowering and knowing that someone is really listening.... #truthtelling #justice #workculture #foodserviceculture

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