

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 1249****Dated: 18 November 2024****Submission:**

My mother and her siblings were totally abandoned by both sides Aboriginal and white. My mother and her siblings were born in [REDACTED] and were [REDACTED] on their maternal side. My grandmother [REDACTED] was abandoned by her mother when she was [REDACTED], and she was raised by her grandparents. She grew up on country. She married my grandfather, and they moved to [REDACTED]. My grandmother passed away on the [REDACTED] when my mother was [REDACTED] old. The girls were then taken back to country [REDACTED] and raised by their white grandmother. The Aboriginal family totally ignored their existence. When my mother was [REDACTED], she married my father and moved to [REDACTED]. We used to go to [REDACTED] as children but never met any Aboriginal family. My mother was raised white and knew nothing of her culture therefore she couldn't teach us. The white side of the family were racist as was my father who already had seven children to his first wife who passed away. We grew up not knowing either side of the family.

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