

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: The Royal Society of Victoria****Dated: 15 November 2024****Submission:**

In outstanding truth-telling initiative by the University of Melbourne recounts a history of disrespectful relationships, deeply racist attitudes and poor scientific practices by regional scholars with regard to Indigenous peoples in Australia. This directly intersects with our own small institution's leadership and scientific publishing history, particularly in the 19th and early 20th centuries, when the University was the sole higher education institution in Victoria and the main source of the Royal Society of Victoria's membership and authorship. We recognise and take responsibility for the part the Royal Society of Victoria has played in this history, convey our genuine remorse and apologies to Australia's First Peoples for committing these wrongs, and commend the work of Professor Marcia Langton, Dr James Waghorne and Dr Ross Jones in compiling a work of great value on the road to restorative justice for and Treaty with First Peoples in Victoria.

END OF SUBMISSION