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**Submission of Jason Gamble
(shearwater Muttonbird) palawa uncle
to the Yoorrook Justice**

I am making this submission to the Yoorrook Justice Commission because I am First Nations and was born in Tasmania as my family name's go back to the days where it all started year 1803

Yoorrook is very important. We were sold out and I'm pleased it is being looked into.

Mannalargenna cut off his hair draped with ochre

Pronounced you are killing my Pouple

I want to make this submission because I'm concerned about culture and heritage and being free to live with the land

Because of the genocide in Tasmania I feel isolated.

I feel isolated from mainland Aboriginals/First Nations

People don't accept Tasmanian Aboriginals. My heritage and lineage goes very deep but most of my family is dead.

Condemned to pages of the Tasmanian Museum

My Grandmother and Grandfather recently died.

And had to fight for my grandfather's military funeral

But we are a lot more connected than people understand.

I grew up Railton Tasmania (grandparent's farm)

At the end of a road named after them ([REDACTED] rd)

Was known as the Aboriginal family at the end of the road

We had two heads and eyes in the back of them

(As the story goes)

The impact of the genocide in Tasmania continues.

My family life was hard.

Lived with no power til the 90s

Moving to Melbourne my brother used drugs and killed my mother. (IN MELBOURNE)

I live a very simple life with my animals on my land and don't take from anyone.

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I've never been on a holiday, never been to a nightclub.

Although I live on less than what the dole is,

Approximately 8 years ago I bought some land at [REDACTED] Road, [REDACTED].

Named it the Boomerang Farm

It's my property, my land, I bought it.

I live in the bush backing on to National Park.

It's remote.

It is pretty hard to get hold of me.

I can go walkabout for days at a time to gather food go hunting to feed my dogs and myself as I back on to National Park.

I'm very happy as I'm living on the land.

I could live in the bush and stay there 100% of the time but now 8 years on the [REDACTED] Council have come to control my life try to control my use of the land and to kick me off my land.

They say I'm just a (ground's keeper) So I just do not understand

So how are they?

They've harassed me and impeded me so much that to care for myself is hard as I am the land and living off the land

This they do not understand.

Nothing should impede your enjoyment of land.

A lot of city slickers, people that do not live with the land, they've got no common sense.

They've got different rules for different sides of the fence.

They fly drones over my land.

They have sent the Police, they've sent up to 20 Council officers, they've taken me to VCAT and to Court many times.

All to intimidate me on my own land.

This takes up so much of my time and energy.

Energy I should be making for myself too keep warm and feed myself.

This they do not understand.

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Duty of care they just don't see (no they just take the duty with no care for me)

██████████ Council that has been insolvent and under administration

The State of Victoria has been shut down with covid.

Yet they've continued to pursue me.

Not to run around in circles is all I wish for me.

I only have a fireplace to keep warm and cook so need to spend lot of time gathering firewood food and looking after my animals

I get stuck in a legal roundabout and still end up acting for myself.

I have dyslexia and find it difficult to read and write.

I don't have access to electricity or a personal computer.

I rely on my mobile phone.

I can't even get someone to fill out a form for me.

From VALS to Legal Aid to every other place in between they say no funding for this, we can not help you for anything with Council.

I need to apply for Planning Permits.

The Council is meant to be at community level but there's no sense of community.

They don't want to help people they just want you to jump through hoops. And take take take.

When I've been to Court, I haven't done any good.

I thought possibly they'd try to listen. And maybe understand this is my land

The fines they have given me, I'm not ever going to earn that. The system is broken.

I don't blame the Council. As they're just a company.

I just blame them for interfering in my life and stuff they didn't need to try to understand.

The English way has no moral compass. They do it under the claim of they're just doing their job but don't ask is this the right or wrong way to go.

I want people to learn from my experience and to empower people.

fight for who you are!!!!!!

I was lightning before the thunder and this is my land

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My story is about a lack of cultural and community understanding. I want to ensure people get basic assistance to engage with government and the legal system, so they don't have so much time wasted and so much unnecessary intrusion into their lives.

And then berated by the whole Court system from the judge to clerk to the barristers to the lawyers how they just run around in circles

I live in the bush with limited resources

No electricity no water

I live very culturally holistically With and off the land!!!!

One of the terms Tasmanian Aboriginal people used when referring to themselves was 'Palawa'.

This was the name of the 'first man', who was created from the kangaroo by a creation spirit. Little has been written about the way Palawa people see the world.

I live off the land

No one can impede your enjoyment of your land

Who's the authority? You're looking at him.

Shearwater Muttonbird. My name.

They neither listen, nor try to understand.

First Nations. I am.

In Community.

With brother. Sister.

Fire. Earth

Sand and stone

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We are man
Together.
None are separate.

We are the Land.

Public official or employee acted with the intent to do something unlawful

Malfeasance

Unsolicited malfeasance

I do hope you understand 🙏