

**Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission****From: Anonymous 1442****Dated: 26 November 2024****Submission:**

Thankyou for the opportunity to share. I personally have not experienced racial injustice. But it angers me that so many 1st nations people have, & so many white fellas seem to either not understand or (worse) are so apathetic about the stories that need to be told. I remember being in a history classs at school in 1988. I remember the teacher telling us to turn to a page where there was a painting of British soldiers raising the Union Jack and in the background were a group of Aboriginal people holding spears. The teacher asked the class if anyone had a comment to make and I put my hand up, "who are those people with spears?" I asked. The teacher told me to keep asking the question, "don't stop asking that question" he said. That was the beginning for me of wanting to know more. I have watched a number of people appear before this Commission. I have been shocked, angered, sadennned and yet hopeful that with the leadership of this Commission together with the whole process through the Treaty negotiations there can be further education of the story of this ancient land. That truth and treaty will be realised.

**END OF SUBMISSION**