

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Anonymous 1418****Dated: November 2024****Submission:****What do you know about the colonisation of Victoria and its impacts on First Peoples?**

The colonisation project was devastating and brutal and to a large extent destroyed an incredibly rich and diverse pathwork of cultures that lived with a great understanding of the land and how to manage resources. Over the years I've learnt more but mainly through reading and exhibitions. Colony exhibition at the NGV was really good. One thing I learnt only recently was how different the landscape looked due to the management pre colonisation was and just how well managed it was by First Peoples

What has been your experience learning about First Nations history and culture in Victoria's education system? Do you feel it was comprehensive?

No

What changes would you like to see in Victoria to promote better understanding and respect for First People?

It would be great to move it further depoliticise it and move it away from being a left wing thing into just a general understanding of Victoria and reality and truth.

In what ways do you think non-First Nations Victorians can contribute to the process of truth-telling and treaty?

No sure

In what ways could First Peoples history and culture be promoted in Victoria?

Assesable history and personal accounts. Art, historical exhibitions... film and TV including documentry and fictonlised accounts based on the real history.

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