

Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission**From: Dr Jillian Garvey****Dated: November 2024****Submission:**

Over the last >20 years of my work in Cultural Heritage Management in Victoria I have seen the devastating impact that invasion and colonisation has had on tangible cultural heritage across the state. Important cultural landscapes and Aboriginal places and sites have been destroyed, and continued to be destroyed by development. The current focus on renewables continues to impact Country and cultural heritage, with the current legislation not allowing Traditional Owners to have a strong enough voice in protecting, healing and managing their lands. While it has been a privilege to be invited to work alongside Victorian Aboriginal communities to record and research their cultural heritage, it is distressing that our current Aboriginal Cultural Heritage legislation doesn't do enough to protect what is left.

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