

Hello,

My name is **Sam Bennell** and I am a **Noongar content creator from Western Australia** who produces educational online content about Noongar culture, knowledge systems, and connection to Country.

I am submitting the attached document as part of the **Parliamentary Inquiry into Racism, Hate and Violence directed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.**

The submission contains screenshots and evidence of racist comments I regularly receive when sharing cultural education posts online. My intention with these posts is to educate the public about Aboriginal knowledge systems such as seasonal tracking, cultural burning, astronomy, and traditional ecological knowledge.

However, whenever I share this educational content, it often attracts racist and degrading comments that dismiss Aboriginal culture, insult Aboriginal people, and spread misinformation about our knowledge and history.

I believe it is important for the inquiry to understand the type of racism Aboriginal educators and creators can experience when sharing culture publicly online.

Thank you for taking the time to review my submission.

I have thousands of racist comments added up amongst my posts I've only been a online noongar education content creator since January and the amount of racist abuse I've encountered isn't funny.

Kind regards,

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