



Reconciliation Victoria statement on the neo-Nazi attack on Camp Sovereignty 31 August 2025

Reconciliation Victoria, along with all Allies of First Peoples, is appalled and horrified by reports and vision of the invasion of Camp Sovereignty by neo-Nazis on Sunday 31 August. Prior to the attack, the neo-Nazis played a prominent role at a large anti-immigration march in Melbourne.

At Camp Sovereignty, innocent people were assaulted and injured while peacefully gathered at this sacred site of great significance to Aboriginal people. An Aboriginal flag was stomped on and a sacred fire was trampled.

It's chilling to realise that such racism and violence lies just under the surface in Victoria - the most progressive State in Australia. Aboriginal leaders have called this terrorism and a hate crime – and that's exactly what it is. It's an attempt to terrorise Aboriginal people and intimidate their Allies.

It won't succeed. Aboriginal people have always shown incredible strength and resilience in the face of hate and racist violence.

Reconciliation Victoria and Ally groups across Victoria stand with First Peoples. We offer our heartfelt support and our wishes for a speedy recovery to those injured in the attack.

This outrage is a wake-up call to the increasing rise of extremism in our State. The Government and Opposition have both condemned it. It is now up to them to ensure that nothing like it ever recurs, and for Victoria Police to swiftly apprehend and bring the perpetrators to justice.