

Can we really decolonise the institutional space?

# Research: Indigenous

# Acknowledgement of Country



# Positioning self

- Aboriginal
- Woman
- Daughter
- Aunty
- Listening ear
- Solutions provider



- Teacher
- Researcher
- Academic
- Colleague
- Educator
- Political entity
- Disruptor

# Overview

- Indigenous Research
  - Imposter syndrome x2
  - Indigenous research methodologies
  - Indigenous research and the institution
  - Decolonising the institution

# Indigenous Research

I am an imposter : Am I an imposter?

As a PhD Candidate:

- Waiting for that tap on the shoulder – “We was jus’ gammon!”

As an **Aboriginal** PhD Candidate:

- Identity politics and all that jazz

# Indigenous Research

Where am I in the research methodologies??

- The continuing saga of the contentious space
- The strength and force of the Western institution
- Lack of Australian Indigenous Research Methodologies/Theoretical Frameworks

# Indigenous Research

The differing knowledge systems and the fight

- Challenging the institutional and societal norms
- Challenging the assumptions
- Finding a space



# Research Indigenous

## Decolonising the institution

- How is this possible when the institution can't (won't) acknowledge their Whiteness?
- How can it occur when the space is 'spewing' over with the value of Western knowledges?
- Whose responsibility is it?
- In Australia, how can it be considered when Indigenous voices are being silenced by government?



# Research Indigenous

Indigenous peoples are the most researched in the world

Step by step

Increasing Indigenous representation in the academy is allowing  
Indigenous voice on Indigenous issues from an Indigenous  
perspective

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