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Response to racist video game a positive sign for reconciliation

The more than 80,000 signatures to a petition calling for the removal of racist video game, *Survival Island 3 - Australia Story 3D*, shows that reconciliation is strong and robust.

Reconciliation Australia is pleased that the online game was removed from sale on Saturday, after thousands signed a petition that raised concerns of violence, racism and discrimination.

Reconciliation Australia CEO, Mr Justin Mohamed, said games that promote racism and negative stereotypes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are not acceptable in Australian society, or any society.

“It is incumbent upon us as a nation, and as individuals, to reject such abhorrent games,” said Mr Mohamed.

“Games like *Survival Island 3* perpetuate and undermine the horrific injustices Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have faced since colonisation, including massacres, the removal of children from their families and the denial of basic citizenship rights.

“Reconciliation Australia welcomes Communications Minister Mitch Fifield’s announcement that his department will investigate the circumstances that led to the game being made available for download.

“We are heartened to see so many Australians taking a stand against racism by signing and sharing the petition.

“In the lead up to the referendum on constitutional recognition, we must continue to ensure positive representations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and work toward new reconciliation milestones,” said Mr Mohamed.

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