

Transcript

Title: Lidia Thorpe - 2021 Social Impact Award Finalist

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Senator Lidia Thorpe is a proud Gonnai Gunitjmarra and DjabWurrung woman who was the first Aboriginal woman to be elected to the Victorian Parliament and is now the first federal Aboriginal Senator for Victoria.

She is a lifelong activist who graduated from Swinburne in 2007 with a Diploma of Community Development. Since then, Lidia has had significant impact, doing everything from managing community health initiatives and being an adviser on Aboriginal employment to being the Indigenous Program Leader for Amnesty International and the Managing Director of the Taungurung Clans Corporation.

But it is as an elected representative where Lidia is having her greatest impact. Her powerful position, combined with her lived experience of adversity as an Indigenous woman is helping to keep the conversation going around the uncomfortable truths our nation needs to face in order to achieve true reconciliation.

Lidia is a powerful voice for those who deserve to be heard in our national conversation, providing positive ways forward for our whole community.

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