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United against racists

Another act of trolling and racist abuse directed at a footballer surfaced on the weekend. Michael Frederick was the target on this occasion. It is quite staggering to think that at any time, the racist element of Australian society lies just one wafer thin layer below the surface.

For those of us who are people of colour, this is a daily reality. For our Aboriginal brothers and sisters it is not simply a daily reality, but it is also one that has persevered for 230 plus years. At what point will the targets of these racist diatribes and vilifying abuse be able to be accepted as equal members of our multicultural society?

It is also self-evident to point out that the perpetrators of this abuse will never make as much of a contribution to our society as will the targets of the abuse. People such as Frederick, Eddie Betts Nick Naitanui are all far greater contributors to our society than will all of the white supremacists combined.

It is important that members of our government at both the State and Federal level call this out at every opportunity they can. It is certainly hoped that our parliamentarians will do this.

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