ANMATJERE:
REPRESENTATION ISSUES 
IN A REGIONAL AREA
THREE WAYS OF SEEING ANMATJERE

- A federation of wards. 10 wards over 7 pastoral leases.
- A regional centre with outlying settlements
- As an Indigenous nation
Policy and Practical Challenges

- A region (even one defined constitutionally) is a complex system
- Different tensions between the various outliers and the centre (hub and spoke).
- These tensions are dynamic and evolve: population mobility, leadership changes
- Reluctance, however, to change rules (e.g., quorum) once set
- Issue of representation - whose interests? Not necessarily clear-cut
- Recognise and respect the diversity of Indigenous experiences of Aboriginal land.