Information

Community leaders, APY, Anangu Service Providers and Government have been talking together about the possibility of a Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) for the APY Lands. Meetings about the RPA were held in Adelaide in November 2011, and in Alice Springs in February 2012.

The next step will be talking to Community Councils and you about what you think. In May we will be visiting your communities to give you some information about the proposed Regional Partnership Agreement, and to hear from you about what you want for your communities.

May will be the first time we meet in Community to talk about the Regional Partnership, we plan to come again in July this year to provide you with more information and again talk about what you believe a Regional Partnership Agreement could deliver for your community.

Some of the areas we would like to talk to you about in May are:

Partnerships

Would a group where Community Council, Service Providers, Governments and APY Executive could come together to talk improve governance and empower people in your community?

Could better governance structures improve the way your needs are identified? How?

Could better governance structures improve the way services are delivered? How?

Leadership and accountability

What is important for strong Leadership and Governance in your community?

The success of the Regional Partnership Agreement will depend heavily on the community and community leaders' support. Is your community prepared to commit to being a partner of the RPA?

Do you understand your role in a Regional Partnership Agreement?

Services

What services work well and what could be improved?

What services are important to you community?

Do you think that a Regional Partnership Agreement that encourages all groups to work more closely together could assist in improving the delivery of services to Anangu?

Decision Making

Would your Community Council be supportive of a body similar to Tjungungku Kuranyukutu Palyantjaku (TKP) overseeing Regional Partnership Agreement actions and providing a forum where all parties can come to talk and make decisions?

How could this decision making body work? What is needed?





Regional Partnership Agreement Fact Sheet

What is a Regional Partnership Agreement for the APY Lands?

A Regional Partnership Agreement is a plan of action to improve the health, safety and well-being of Anangu, particularly children. Partners to a Regional Partnership Agreement are equal and will work together to:

- involve Anangu in decisions about their services and programs;
- coordinate and improve services;
- encourage and support individuals, families and communities to live a strong, healthy and independent life; and
- establish strong governance, leadership and representation across the APY Lands

A Regional Partnership Agreement for the APY Lands is not about:

- New programs and more money
- A government, or an APY Executive take-over
- MUNS going back to Community Councils

Why is my community council holding a meeting about the RPA?

Community meetings have been arranged because we want to talk with Anangu about:

- how services could be improved and better coordinated across the APY Lands,
- how government, service providers and Anangu could work better together, to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of Anangu, particularly children,
- what Anangu value in strong leaders,
- what Anangu value in the organisations that work in their communities,
- how a Regional Partnership Agreement could support Anangu to set a direction for the future of their communities.

Who could be involved in a Regional Partnership Agreement?

Partners to a Regional Partnership Agreement for the APY Lands could include: The Commonwealth Government, the South Australian Government, APY Executive, Community Council Chairpersons, NPY Women's Council, Regional Anangu Service Aboriginal Corporation, Nganampa Health Council, Mai Wiru, Outback Stores, Anangu Ku Arts, as well as other councils or Anangu organisations.

A Regional Partnership Agreement will need everyone to be involved, all Anangu. All Partners to the agreement will be equal and will all work together on a Regional Partnership Agreement.

Where could I get more information about the proposed Regional Partnership Agreement?

The May consultations are the first round of information sessions. We'll be visiting your communities again in July and hope to talk with you in more detail then.



