

Regional Partnership Agreement

Consultation Summary

A Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) to benefit people living and working on the APY Lands was proposed in late 2011.

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

In May 2012, Minister Macklin visited the APY Lands and announced that she wanted officers from her Department to work with other potential partners to undertake formal community consultations on the APY Lands about the RPA and income management.

In May we began the first round of consultations. We visited communities to provide information and answered your questions about the proposed RPA. We were there to hear what you want for your communities.

We talked with you about how an RPA could help improve communication between Anangu, government and organizations working on the APY Lands, and also enhance regional governance arrangements.

What you told us

Many Anangu said that governance and funding arrangements for the APY Lands could be improved. You told us Community Councils need more support, and that governance is related to people looking after themselves and their business.

Some Anangu said Community Councils need more funding. Other people questioned the current level of support and capacity for Community Councils.

You told us Anangu value strong male and female leaders.

Anangu also said that realistic job opportunities are needed on the APY Lands. You said:

- while some jobs are available, many of the opportunities are given to people who are not from the APY Lands. This results in Anangu becoming disengaged with employment
- local initiatives and proper jobs with proper wages are needed. An employment strategy and jobs package for the region could help address the current situation.

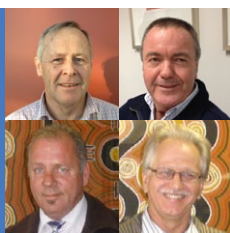
Some people told us they were concerned about the management of homelands across the APY Lands. People said:

- homelands are important and need to be supported
- homelands and land management should be addressed in any discussions about an RPA.

Some people said night patrol was needed to help improve community safety on the APY Lands.

What happens now?

The APY Executive, the Commonwealth Government, the South Australian Government, Community Councils and key service providers will keep talking with Anangu about whether an RPA is a good idea, what should be in it, and how an RPA could help with some of the problems you raised as concerns in the meetings in May.



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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
- 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
- Municipal and Essential Services (MUNS) going back to Community Councils

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 and 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 RPA will be equal and will all work together.

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 soon to talk more about the RPA.



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