

IS IT HELPFUL TO COMPARE?

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THE QUESTION FOR THIS PRESENTATION

- (how) can we usefully inform policy and practice through such diverse ‘case studies’?
- Comparisons within one project may already be too difficult... not very helpful...
 - “Northern communities, provincial governments, and the mining life cycle”
 - Mix of cases and policy analysis
 - About half way through – meaning each team member has done a lot of what they are doing, but the ‘bringing together’ is still at a surface level
 - So this presentation is to help us with that process

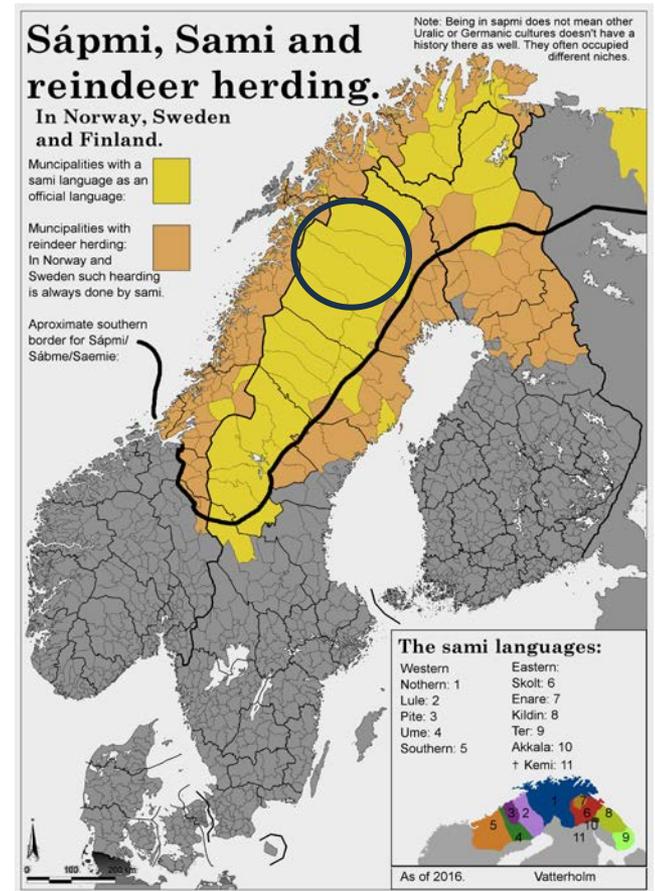
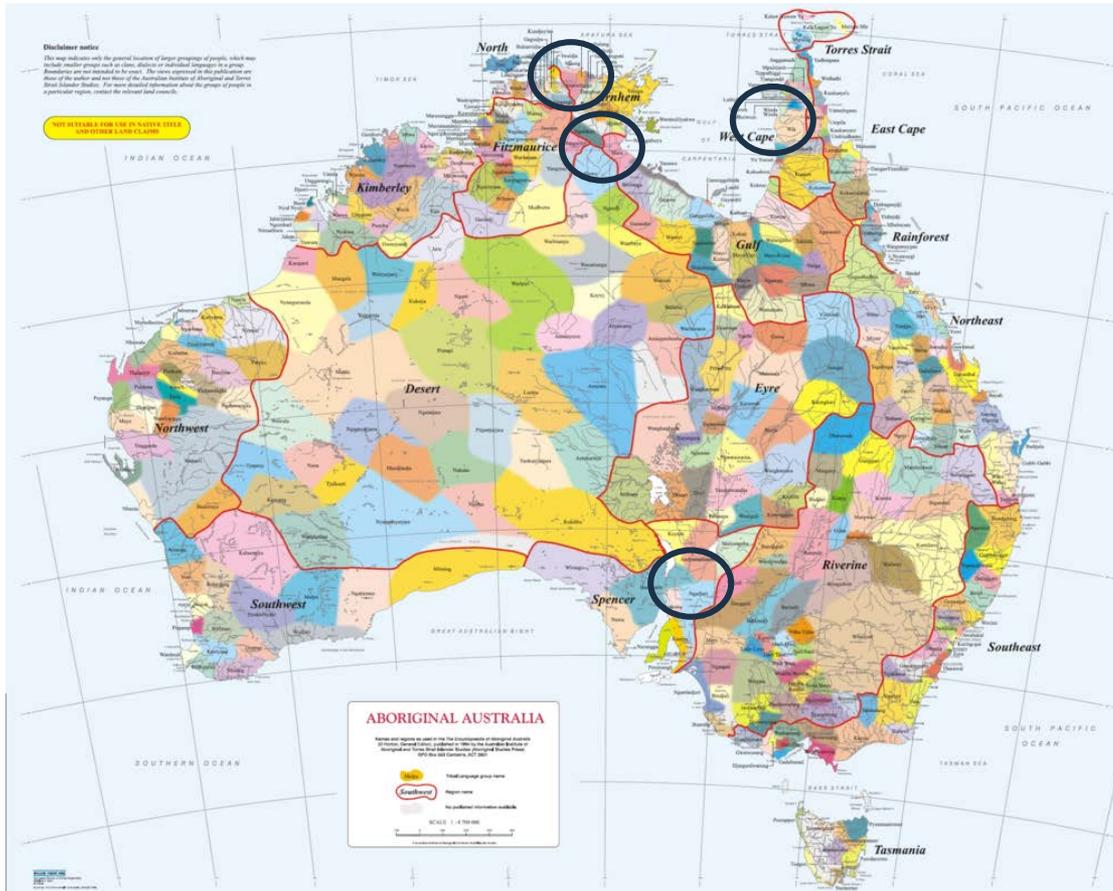


TEAM AND CASES

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 - Storuman municipality
 - Rönnbäcken
 - Svartliden
 - Barsele
 - Blaiken
 - Malå/ Lycksele municipality
 - Kristineberg
 - Adakgruvan
 - Jokkmokk Municipality
 - Kalak
 - Australia
 - Queensland
 - (Western Cape)
 - Northern Territory
 - Nhulunbuy
 - Ngukurr
 - (fracking)
 - South Australia
 - Leigh Creek/ Copley





WHAT ARE WE COMPARING?

- Scale of development – **small** vs big
- Structure of actor networks – **local** vs distant
- Life cycles – legal vs **actual**
- Construction of ‘Indigenous’ – legal vs **actual**
- Indigenous role – legal vs **appropriate**
- And...?



SCALE

Big	Small
Nhulunbuy	Ngukurr
Kalak	Barsele
Rönnbäcken	Svartliden
Leigh Creek	Leigh Creek



ACTOR NETWORKS

- Local (meaning what?) : strong role for local (municipal) government in Sweden, less so in Australia
- Regional : ‘cities of the north’ as political centres, or not (Nhulunbuy not, Ngukurr more so; Umeå not much, Luleå quite a bit) (Linus)
- Jurisdictional (can also be regional) : what happens in Cairns?
- National
- Beyond (Jesse)



LIFE CYCLES



	Benefit	Burden	Bridge
Pre-development	Improvements to roads and other infrastructure	Ceding land	Developing skills for complex negotiations and knowledge of legal and regulatory processes
Early period	Construction jobs	Increased traffic and disruptions to daily life	Developing local (often contracting) businesses
Middle period	Royalties	Restrictions on access to sacred sites	Maturation of community leadership organisations
Decline	Company-community partnerships for community and economic development projects	Uncertainty about economic future	Opportunity for constructive planning
Transition	Hand-over of (some) infrastructure	Loss of jobs and royalties	Establishing desired conditions for future projects



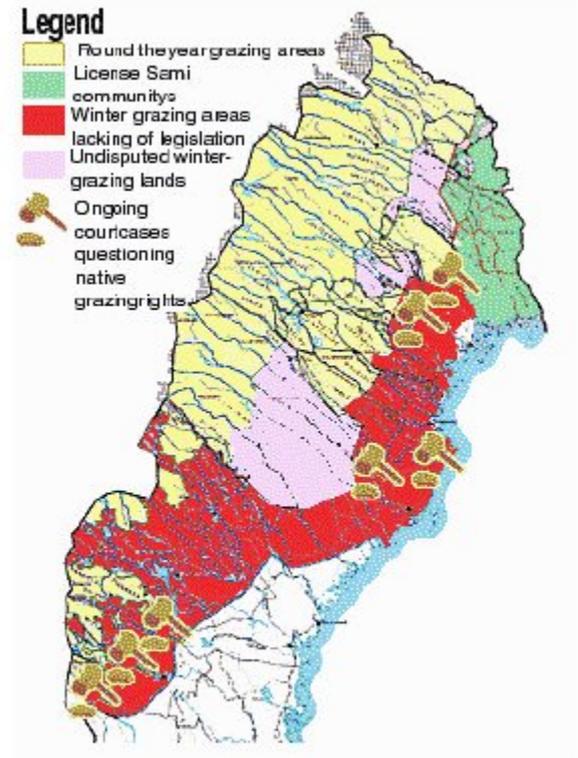
RECOGNISING 'INDIGENOUS'

- Traditional owners, others with a local interest?
- Reindeer herders, voters, others?
- Complex colonisation histories – how do we avoid neo-colonialism (forced settlement, forced resettlement)?
- Representative bodies, unheard voices
- Legal 'owners', hidden populations



INDIGENOUS ROLES AND RIGHTS

- Formally have some sort of land tenure (Western Cape, Ngukurr)
- Devolved land owners (Nhulunbuy)
- Contested rights (Sweden)
- Rights not recognised (Sweden, Leigh Creek)



Current Court Cases Against Native Grazing Rights



OUR INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS

- Mine (ha ha) is big, yours is not
 - Mine is on native title, yours is not
 - Mine has clear 'local' Indigenous stakeholders, yours does not
 - Mine is a legal question, yours is not
 - Mine is focused locally, mine takes place a long way away...
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- In what contexts should you advocate for big rather than small scale development?
 - Should Indigenous people be engaging locally, or bypassing local systems?...



SO – IS COMPARISON WORTH IT?

- Documenting the differences in context is critical (and Sweden in particular adds value to this)
 - MDSD – what stays ‘true’ even under the most different of circumstances?
- These differences also provide ‘quasi-experiment’ conditions
- But recognise the limits – it is not about ‘mine mine is better than yours’, but about ‘universally, Indigenous people have this in common and this not in common in experiences with mining’
- All be thinking about this for WP1 – it’s valuable to have rogue cases!



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