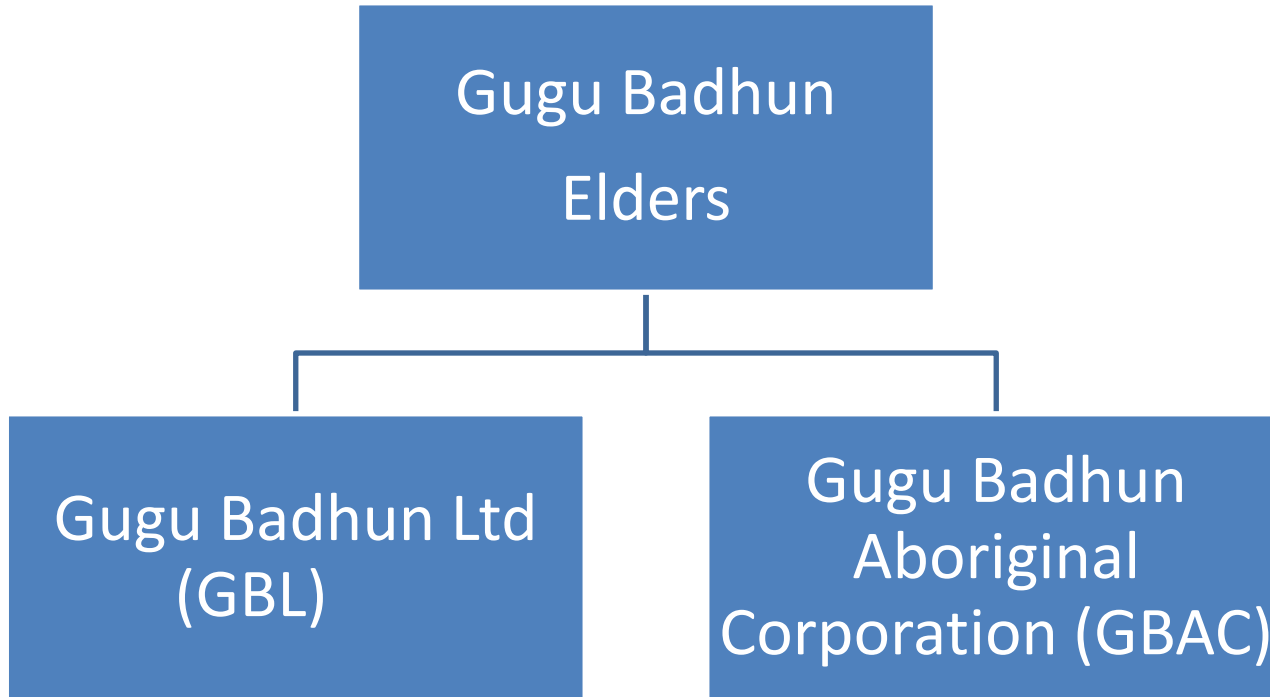


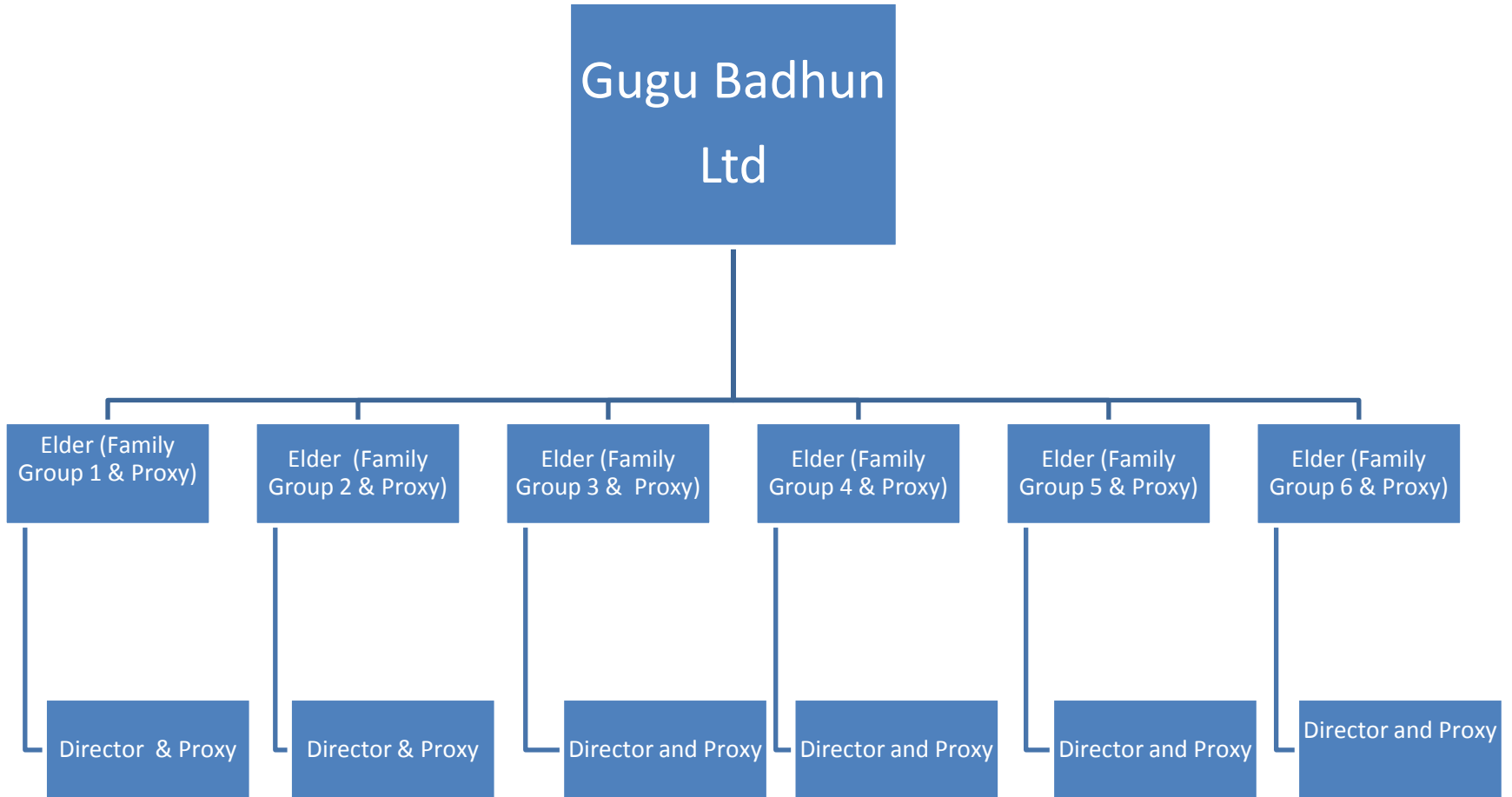
# Who are Gugu Badhun people?

- Traditional Owners of the Upper Burdekin River and Einsleigh uplands region approximately 300klms north west from Townsville – North Queensland
- Core country claim covers an area approximately 6,520klm<sup>2</sup>
- Gugu Badhun means ‘proper speech’

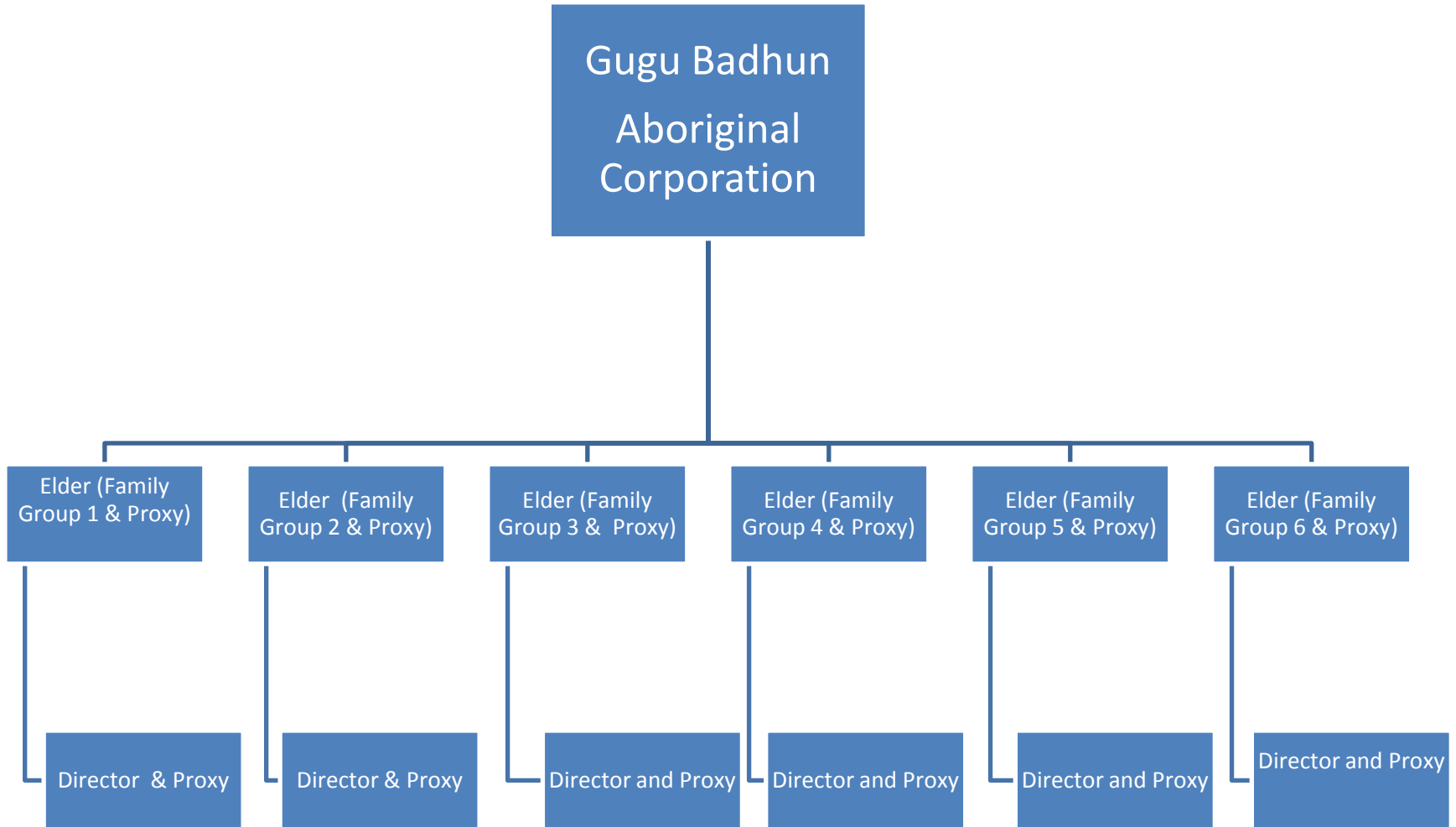
# Gugu Badhun Structure



# Gugu Badhun Ltd (GBL) Structure



# Gugu Badhun Aboriginal Corporation (GBAC) PBC Structure



# Background

- Late 1990's Chevron Gas Pipeline – gas from Nui Guinea to Central Qld
- Catalyst which brought us together as a group and development of formal decision making and administrative structures through Gugu Badhun Ltd (ASIC).
- After Chevron withdraw their pipeline plans in very early 2000, Gugu Badhun negotiated some small country claims and ILUAS for specific mining operations and leases.

# Background

- 2005 core country claim lodged in Federal Court
- Elder from each family group represented in claim documents.
- Determination given August 2012, 7 years later
- 30 ILUA's registered – 20 pastoral, 5 Regional Councils and 5 state statutory authorities

# ILUA Negotiation Teams

- Through this time from lodgement to determination Gugu Badhun concurrently negotiated two significant ILUA's with mining interests.
- Where possible we had a family member from each group and an Elder/s.
- Each family group nominated their representative and also a proxy back up.
- Each family group member reported back to members of their family group and Elders.
- Regardless, any decisions on cultural matters deferred back to Elders by negotiation teams.

# Benefits of Structure

- Cultural decisions are always deferred back to Elders
- Empowers Elders and family groups
- Ensures family groups have input into decision making
- Provides timely responses to deadlines
- Develops capacity and experience within family groups.
- Gugu Badhun makes decisions about issues affecting us
- Unity – one voice



# Challenges

- Life after determination
- Governance - Flying Minutes
- Finance – volunteer work and limited income
- Keeping families connected and informed
  - Use of emails
  - Texts
  - Social Media – Facebook
- Survey Monkeys
- Planning for the future – Community Plan

The Constant!

Elders!