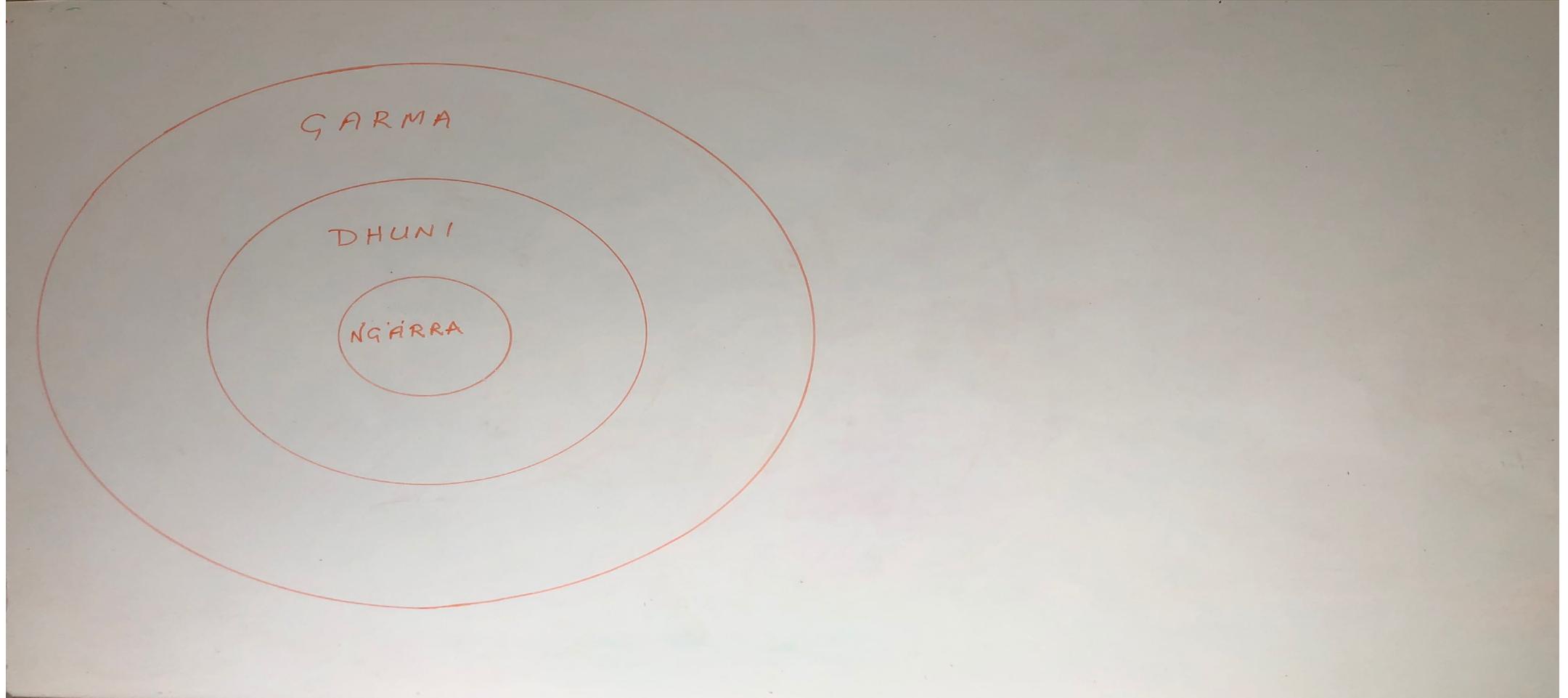
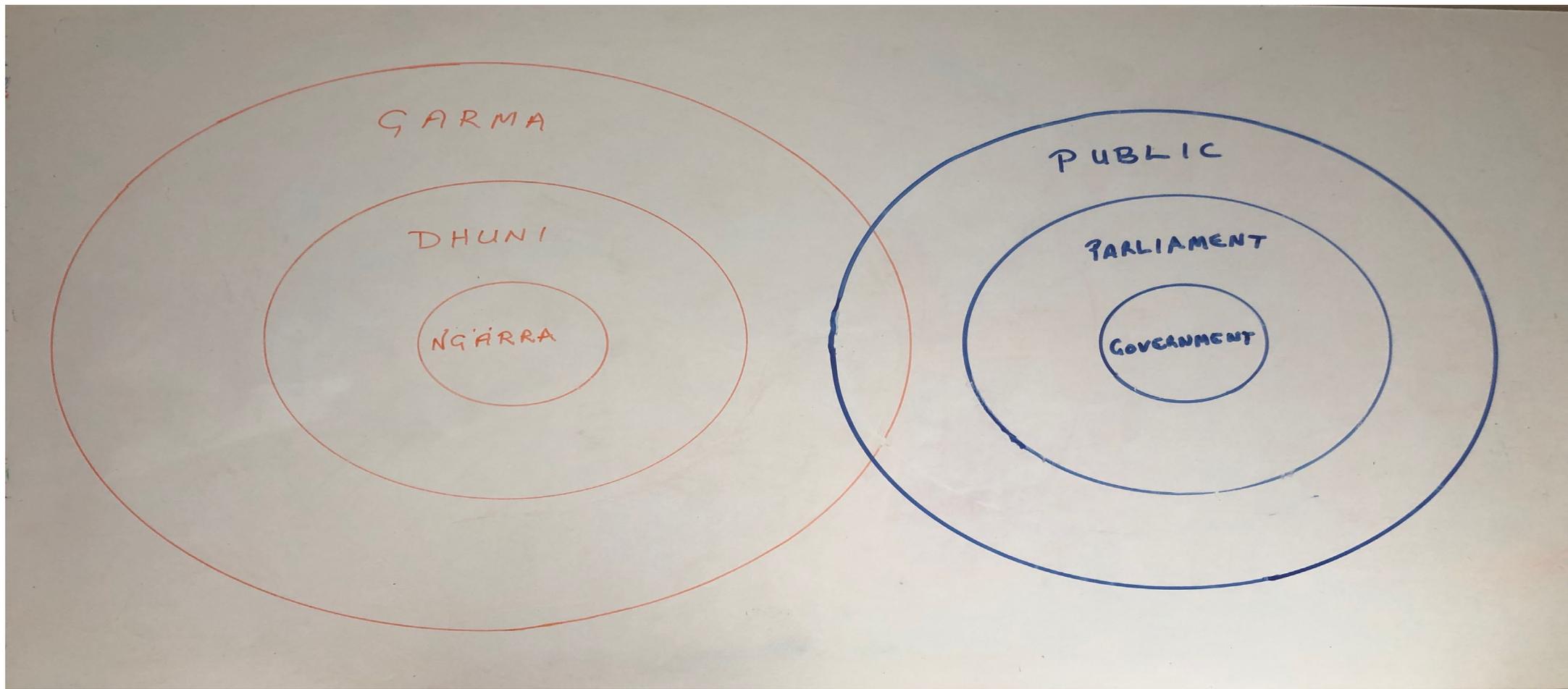


Community resilience and cultural authority – Galiwin'ku, Northern territory

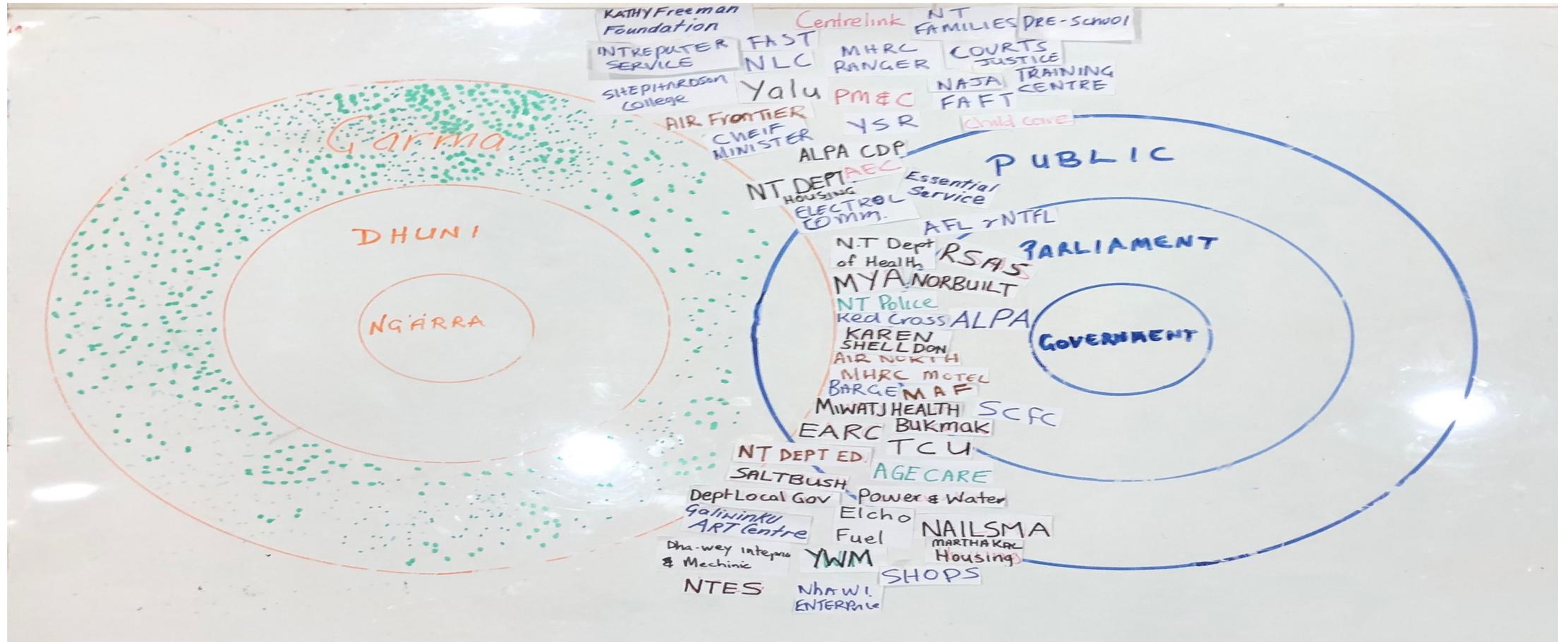
Ted Gondarra, on behalf of clan leaders at Galiwin'ku.



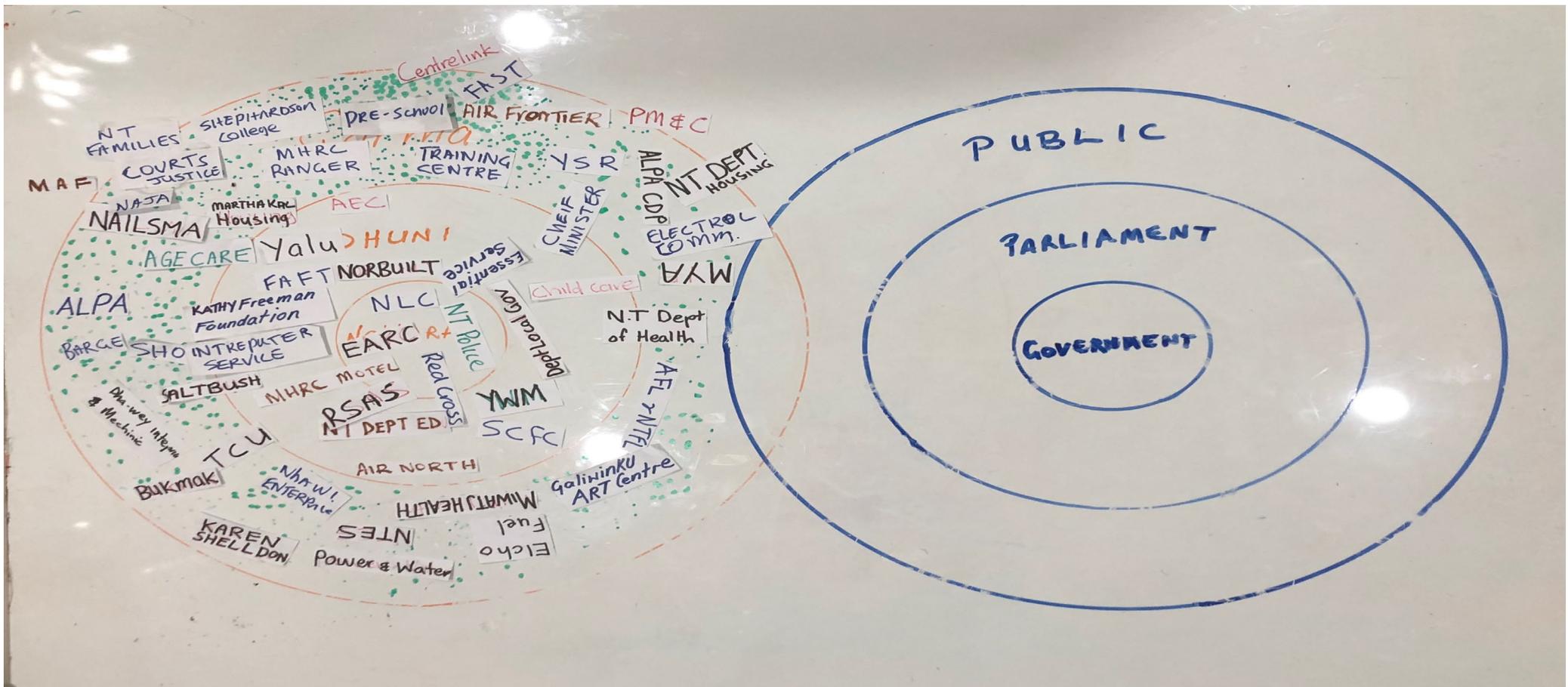
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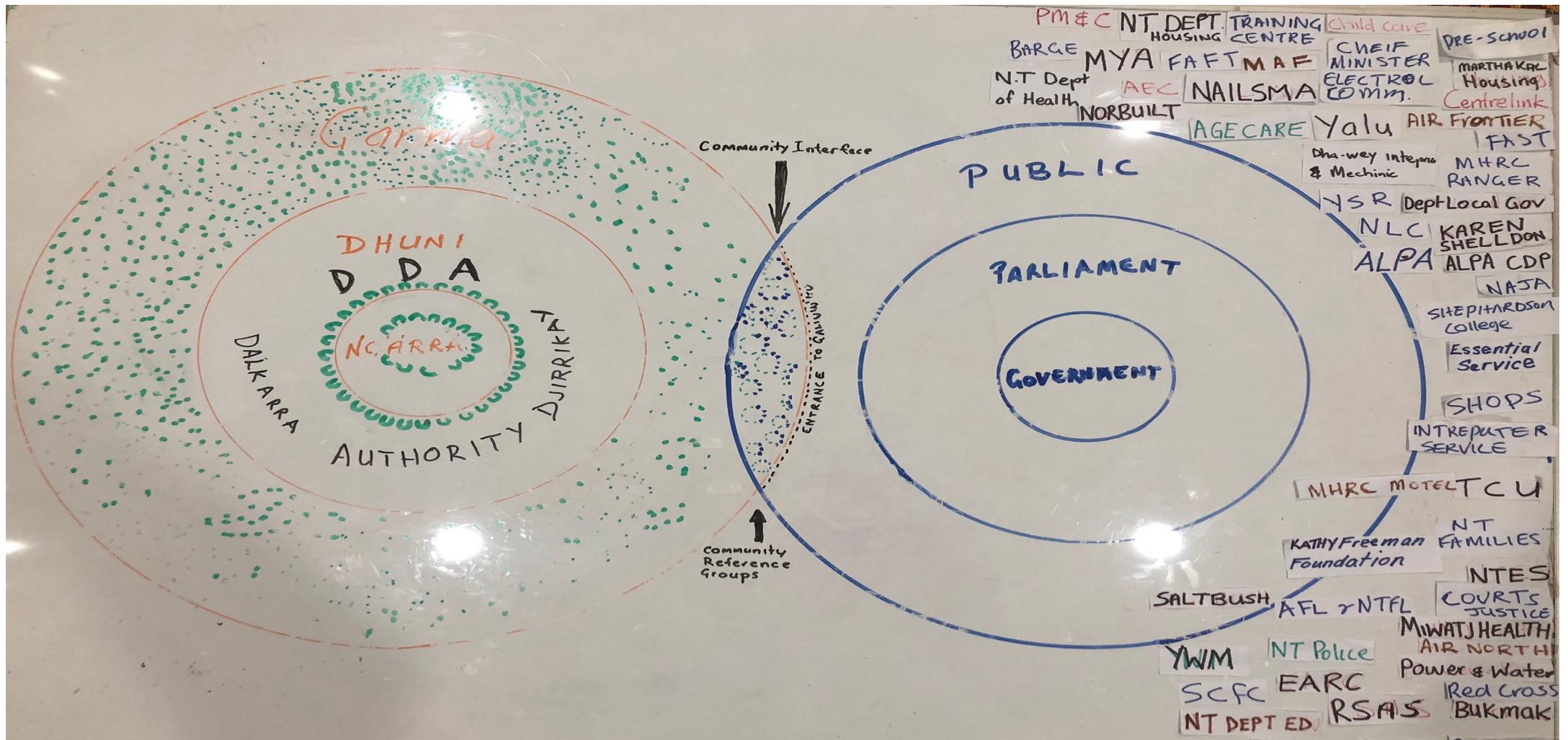
This picture shows similar patterns in Yolngu and mainstream governance systems



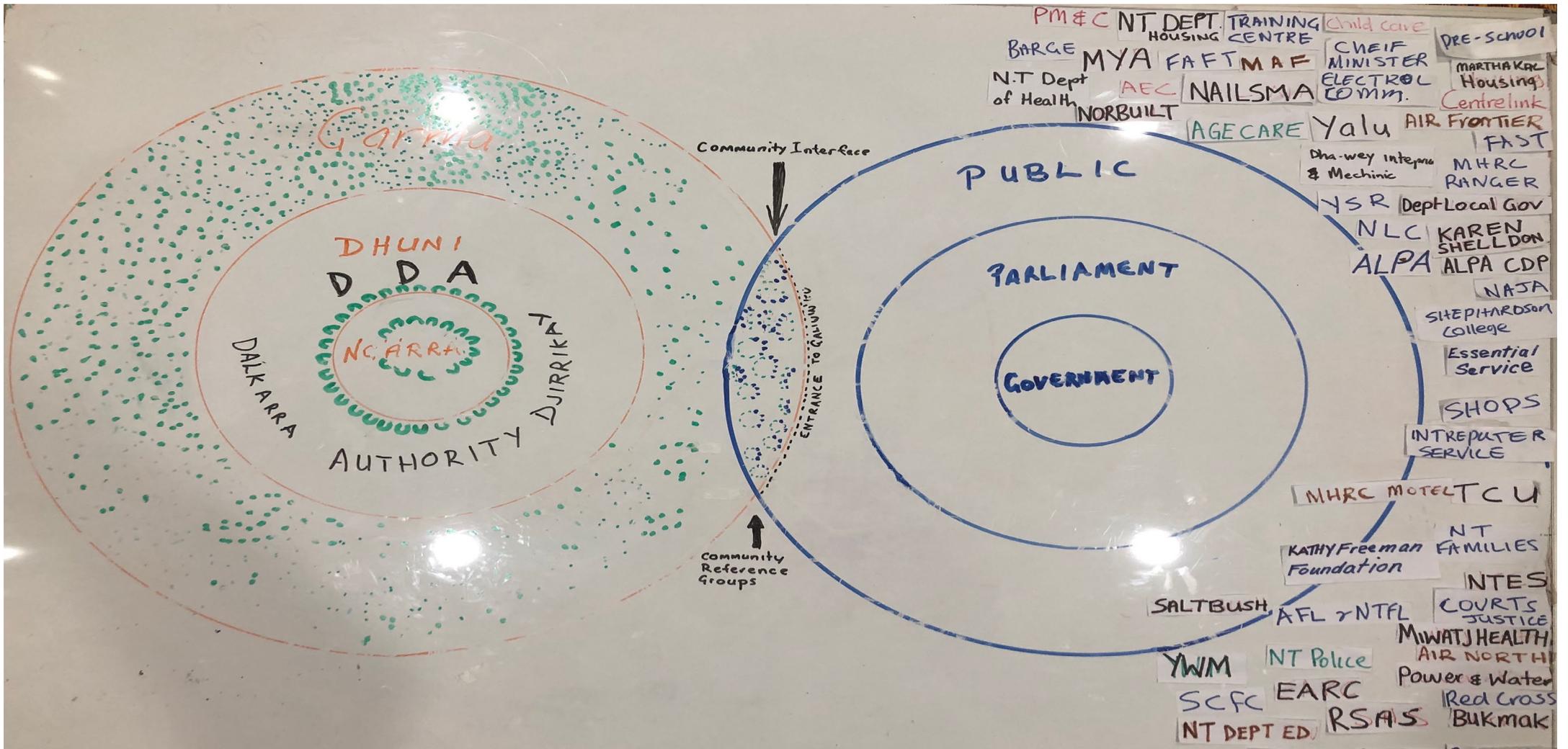
There are more than 50 service providers needing or wanting to work at Galiwin'ku. They all have their own agendas. There is a lot of pressure on Yolngu authority structures. (The green dots represent the Yolngu residents of Galiwin'ku)



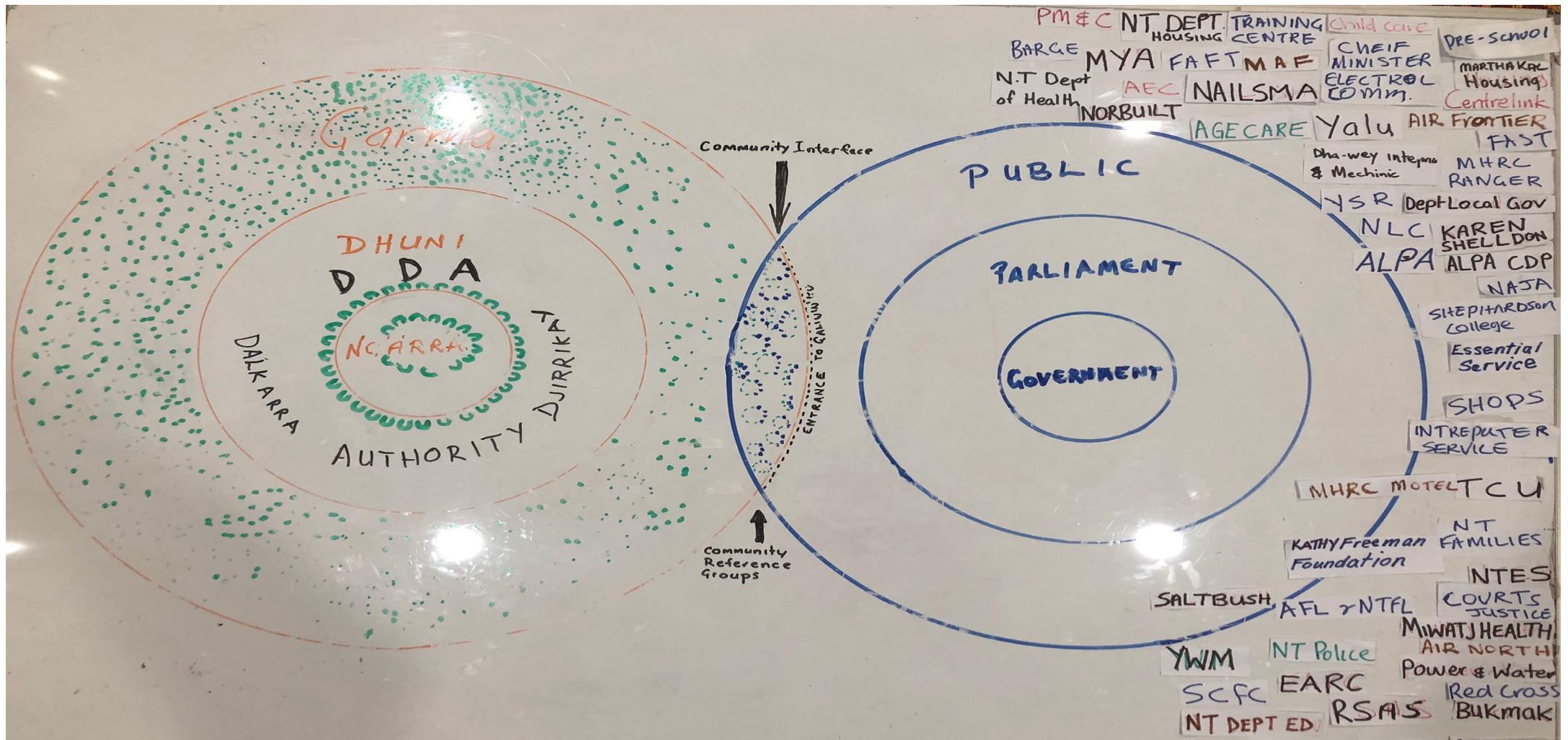
The current 'Free for All' of Service Providers at Galiwin'ku is causing Chaos and confusion. Service Providers are operating at Galiwin'ku without respecting or even seeing the Yolngu governance system underneath.



Yolngu are trying to reclaim their authority in community management. Their governance is based in Yolngu law and is relevant to today's complex community situation. Service Providers must respect our systems.



Service Providers should not come charging in. They must engage the community at the community interface before coming into Galiwin'ku to deliver services. This gives Yolngu some space and allows leaders to help service providers.

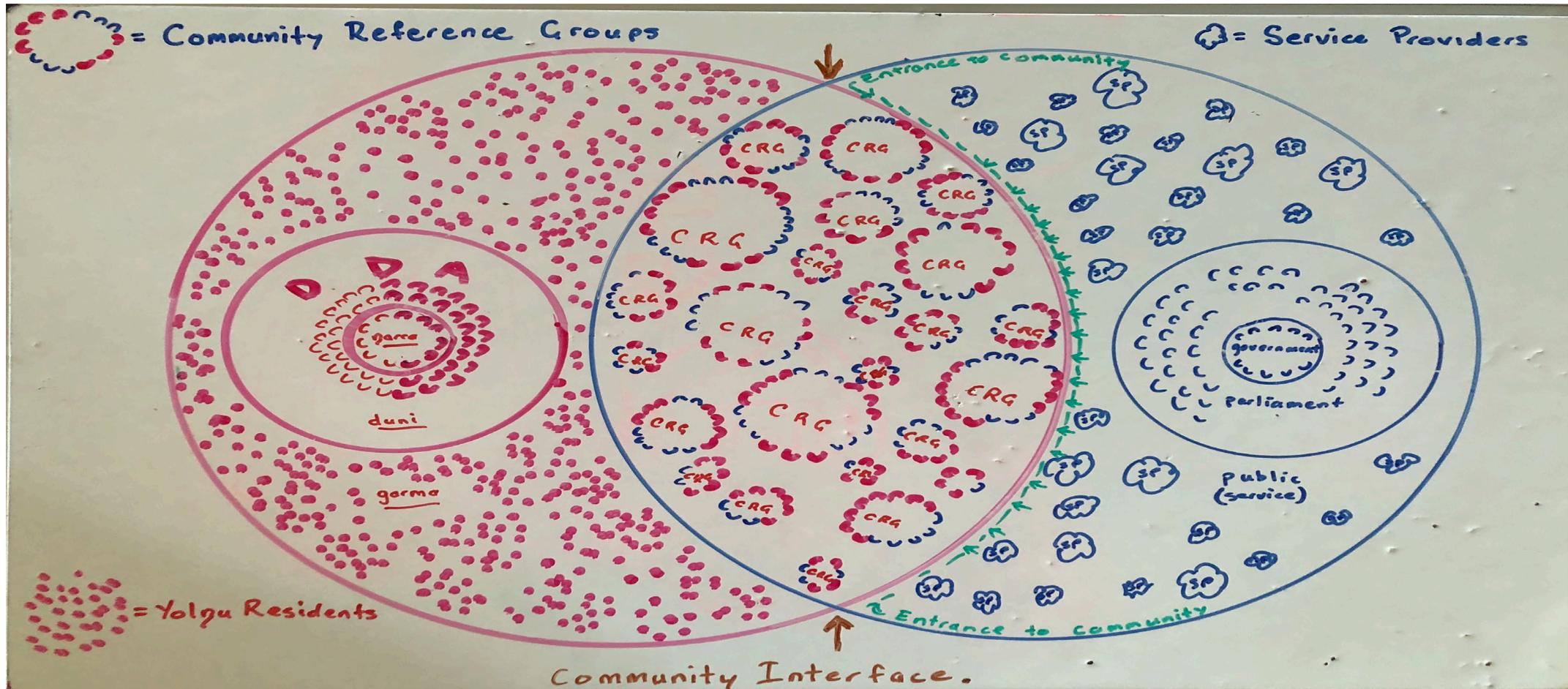


The Dalkarra Djirrikay Authority (DDA) is responsible for setting up Community Reference Groups (CRGs) to assist Service Providers. Service Providers can negotiate how to deliver services at Galiwin'ku within those Community Reference Groups at the community interface.

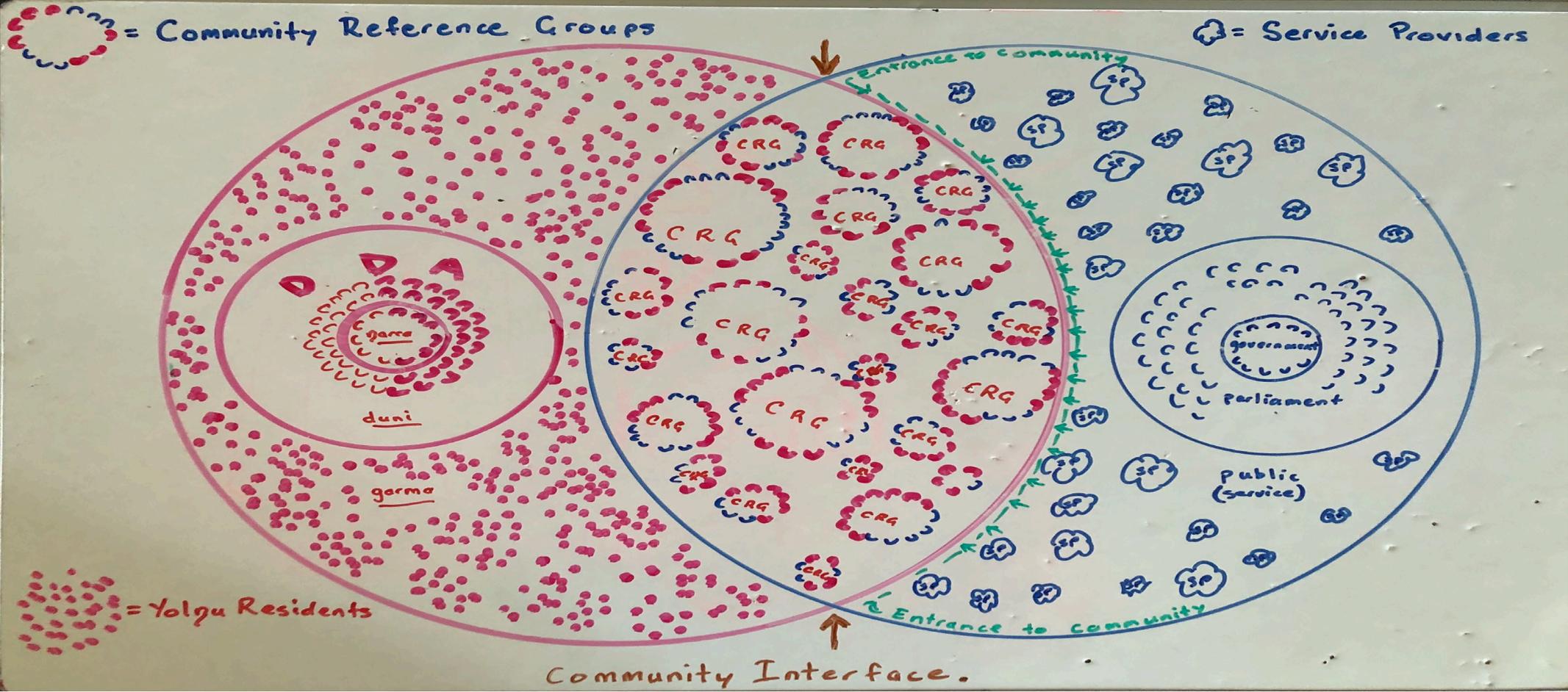
The DDA will guide and give authority to Community Reference Groups. CRGs will feed back to the DDA and through them all clan groups will be informed better and have more control over what's happening in their community.



Community Reference Group follow Yolngu protocols and inform Service Providers about local traditional laws and rules.



Community Reference Groups (CRGs) work with Service Providers for the community through the DDA.



How can we make it work- next steps

The DDA needs a space to function

A meeting place, consultation space, administration . . .

The DDA wants to incorporate

It needs to be 'visible'

It has to be something agencies will engage with

Service providers should see the DDA as an equal entity.

It will need to get and manage resources

The DDA needs ongoing investment

The benefits and services it can provide to service providers working for Galiwin'ku are worth investing in. for example:

Advice and guidance – engagement service

Adherence to cultural protocols

Local research and targeted information

Planning

Monitoring and evaluation of service provision

Community feedback

Language and interpreter services

Local job creation

**These are some of the things we need to explore and discuss
with agencies to move forward**

Thankyou