



**Title** - 'Angwirri' © Frances Belle Parker 2021

**Year** - 2021

**Artist** – Frances Belle Parker

Yaegl Artist

(Angwirri - pronounced Ung-wer-ri) means begin to talk in Yaygirr Language from Maclean NSW.

**Artist Statement –**

*“The colours are inspired by the vast array of colours present in the Australian landscape and coastline. The brown linear design symbolises a mapping of country/coastline.*

*The circle markings depict the 250+ Aboriginal Language groups present in Australia and the linear marks represent the 200 nationalities that call Australia home.”*

**Artist Quote about the project-**

*“By creating this work, it gave myself the opportunity to help tell a story that not only represents who we are as a nation but also to give people a wider understanding of Aboriginal Culture and how valuable it really is to our identity as a nation.”*

*“Our sense of belonging to the land is something that is intrinsically embedded into our being, and as First Nations people we are responsible for sharing the truth of our history.”*

**Artist Bio-**

*Frances Belle Parker is a proud Yaegl woman, mother and artist, from Maclean, New South Wales. She is deeply inspired by her Mother’s land (Yaegl land) and the Island in the Clarence River that her Mother grew up on, Ulgundahi Island.*

*Frances came to prominence after winning the Blake Prize in 2000 making her the youngest ever winner and the first Indigenous recipient in the prize’s history.*

*Frances completed a BFA through UNSW, and a BVA (Honours) and a Masters of Indigenous Studies (Wellbeing) both through Southern Cross University.*

*Frances has been a practising artist for the last 20 years, undertaking art residencies in China and Andorra, exhibiting nationally and internationally and working on Public Art Projects.*

*'I am inspired by the Yaegl Landscape and those stories which were shared with me and passed down from our old people, it is my responsibility to document these stories and to map our landscape, in doing so I am making a valuable resource for my children and all of the younger Yaegl mob.'*