



ARTIST
SHERI SKELE

TITLE
COUNTRY AIR

REGION
BIDJARA



A proud Bidjara woman and a contemporary Aboriginal artist sharing her culture, experiences and hopes for healing our history through her knowledge and storyworks. Sheri began painting as a way to connect with her culture and quickly realised that it was also an incredibly meditative and spiritual experience for her. She calls her artworks *bigi nagala*, which means 'I am dreaming' in Bidjara. Her land spans across South West Queensland and is home to substantial Indigenous cultural heritage, Indigenous healing places, undisturbed natural bushlands, lagoos, wildlife and ancient waterways. She feels a deep connection to her Aboriginal heritage, the earth, country and spirit, and feels privileged to be able to share her stories and culture through her artwork.

This piece represents a time I was living in a small town called Nhulunbuy in the NT. We would head out in the ute and drive along corrugated red dirt roads for hours, passing crystal clear water holes before finding the most beautiful spot to camp on the back of the ute. There's something about that big open country air.