

OCEAN DECADE AUSTRALIA

REPORT 1

May 2021

What is Ocean Decade Australia seeking to achieve?

An inclusive national dialogue for Australia's Ocean Stakeholders to discuss and consider opportunities during the Ocean Decade, 2021 – 2030.

Who are Australia's Ocean Stakeholders?

- Banking, Insurance & Finance
- Business
- Creative Sector
- Communications
- Community Action & Recreation
- Education
- First Nations
- Funding – Philanthropic & Granting bodies
- Government
- Intergovernmental bodies and Multilateral groups
- Primary Industries
- Science & research
- Youth



What does success look like?

How would we measure success?

What would it take to make it happen?



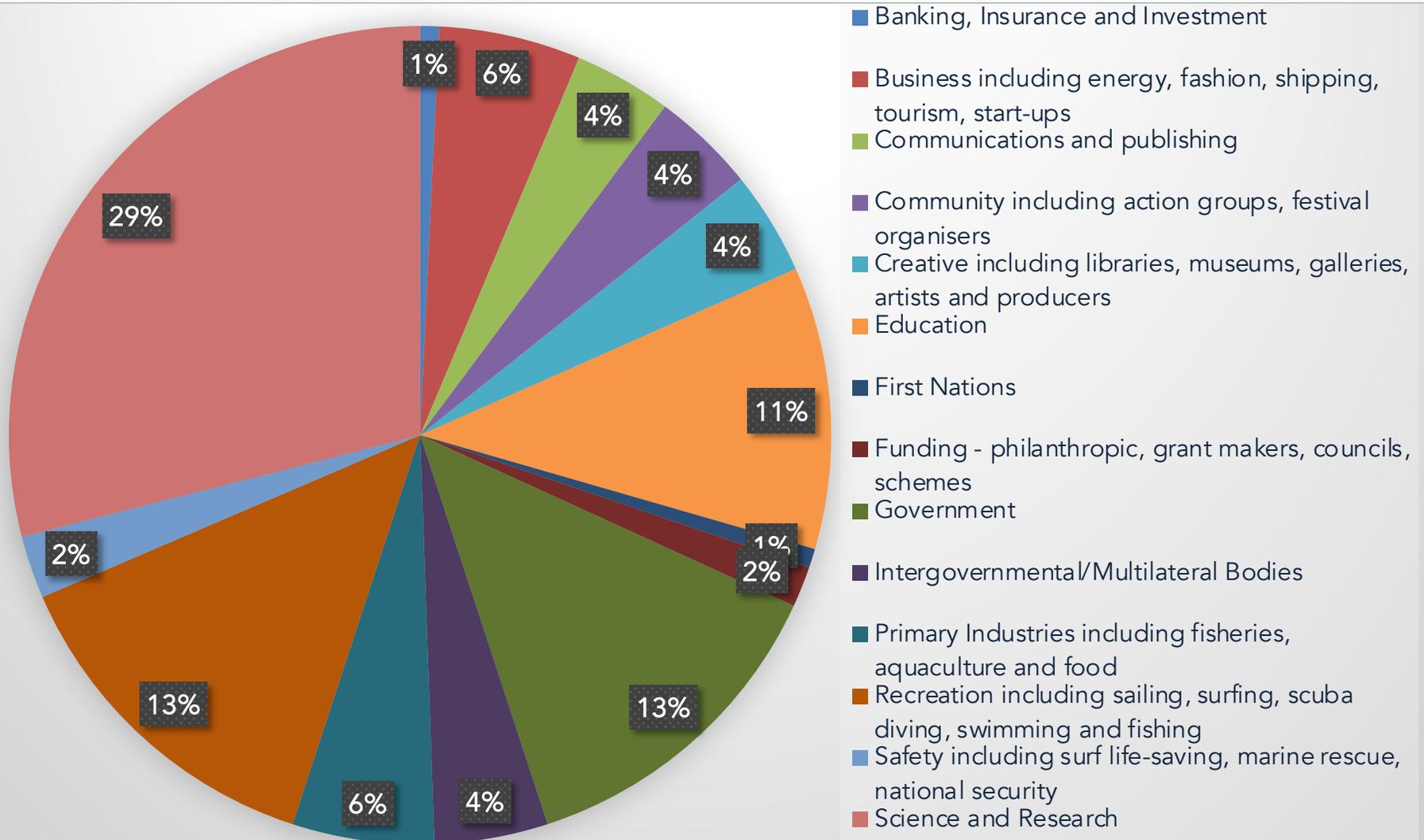
Stakeholder Briefing 1: 25 March 2021

- 354 Registrants
- 167 Organisations
- 60+ attendees in person
- Approximately 350+ attendees

An underwater photograph showing three divers swimming in clear blue water. The divers are wearing scuba gear, including tanks and fins. The water is bright and clear, with sunlight filtering through from above, creating a shimmering effect on the surface. The divers are positioned diagonally across the frame, moving from the upper right towards the lower left.

Stakeholder Briefing Registration Survey Results

How do you affiliate with the ocean? Please select up to three (3) affiliations from the list below - these may be professional or personal.



In preparing for the Ocean Decade, an implementation plan was developed with global input. The plan identifies seven outcomes that describe the 'Ocean we Want'. Please identify up to three (3) objective you most identify or are concerned with, personally or professionally.

HEALTHY

27%

A healthy and resilient ocean where marine ecosystems are understood, protected, restored and managed.

INSPIRING

18%

An inspiring and engaging ocean where society understands and values the ocean in relation to human wellbeing and sustainable development

CLEAN

17%

A clean ocean where sources of pollution are identified and reduced or removed.

PRODUCTIVE

15%

A productive ocean supporting sustainable food supply and a sustainable ocean economy.

ACCESSIBLE

10%

An accessible ocean with open and equitable access to data, information, and technology and innovation.

PREDICTED

8%

A predicted ocean where society understands and can respond to changing ocean conditions

SAFE

4%

A safe ocean where life and livelihoods are protected from ocean-related hazards.

As an Australian Ocean Stakeholder, how would you describe 'success' after a decade of focus on the ocean?

The value of marine ecosystems and the human impact on them are understood by all stakeholders, and government policy reflects this understanding

28%

Australia has an integrated ocean management plan/framework that uses evidence-based decision-making and delivers outcomes that are equitable and sustainable for generations to come

25%

A clean ocean, including reduction or prevention of pollution entering oceans, and reduction/elimination of plastic pollution

7%

Execution of a community engagement, education and action campaign to achieve ocean literacy

6%

As an Australian Ocean Stakeholder, how would you describe 'success' after a decade of focus on the ocean? (cont.)

A healthy and resilient ocean

5%

Action and improvement across all 7 Decade Outcomes

4%

Global Ocean Protection Policy

4%

An observation network and accessible data management practices that enable greater understanding, including of the sea floor

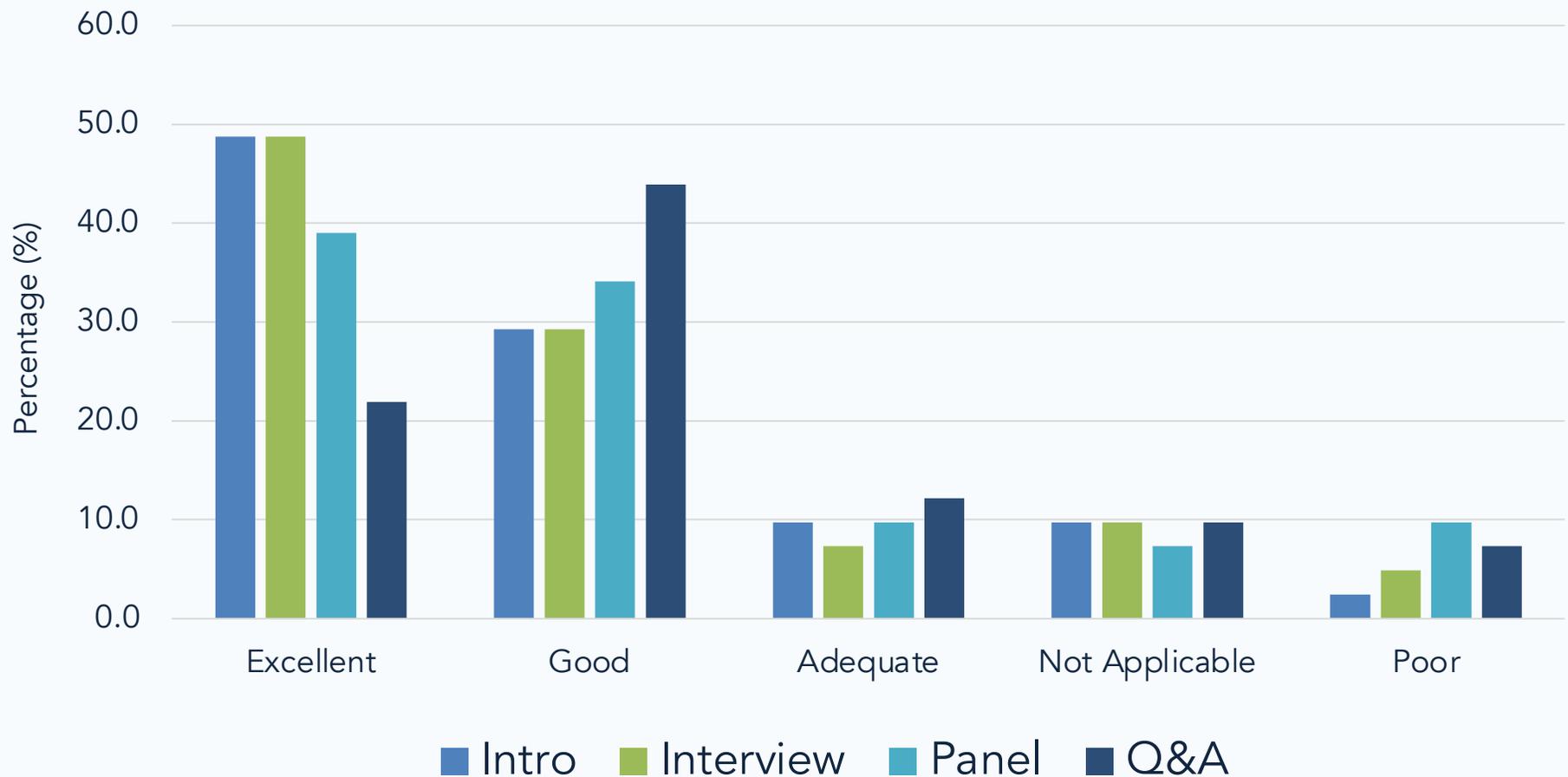
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An aerial, high-angle photograph of a rowing team on a body of water. The rowers are in a line, each in their own boat, moving towards the bottom right of the frame. The water is a deep blue, and the sunlight creates a shimmering, textured surface. The overall tone is serene and focused.

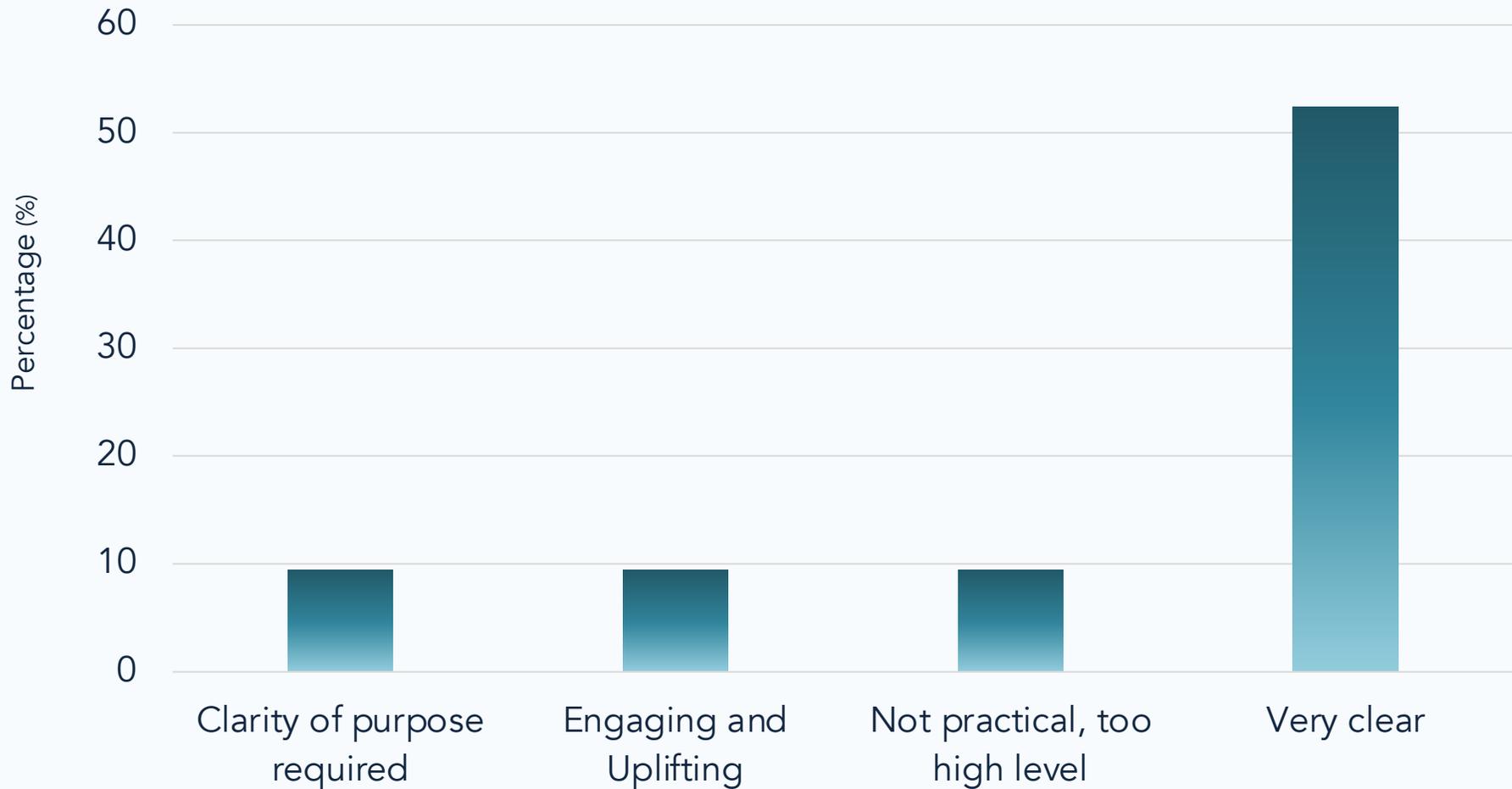
Post-event Consultation – Round 1

Results

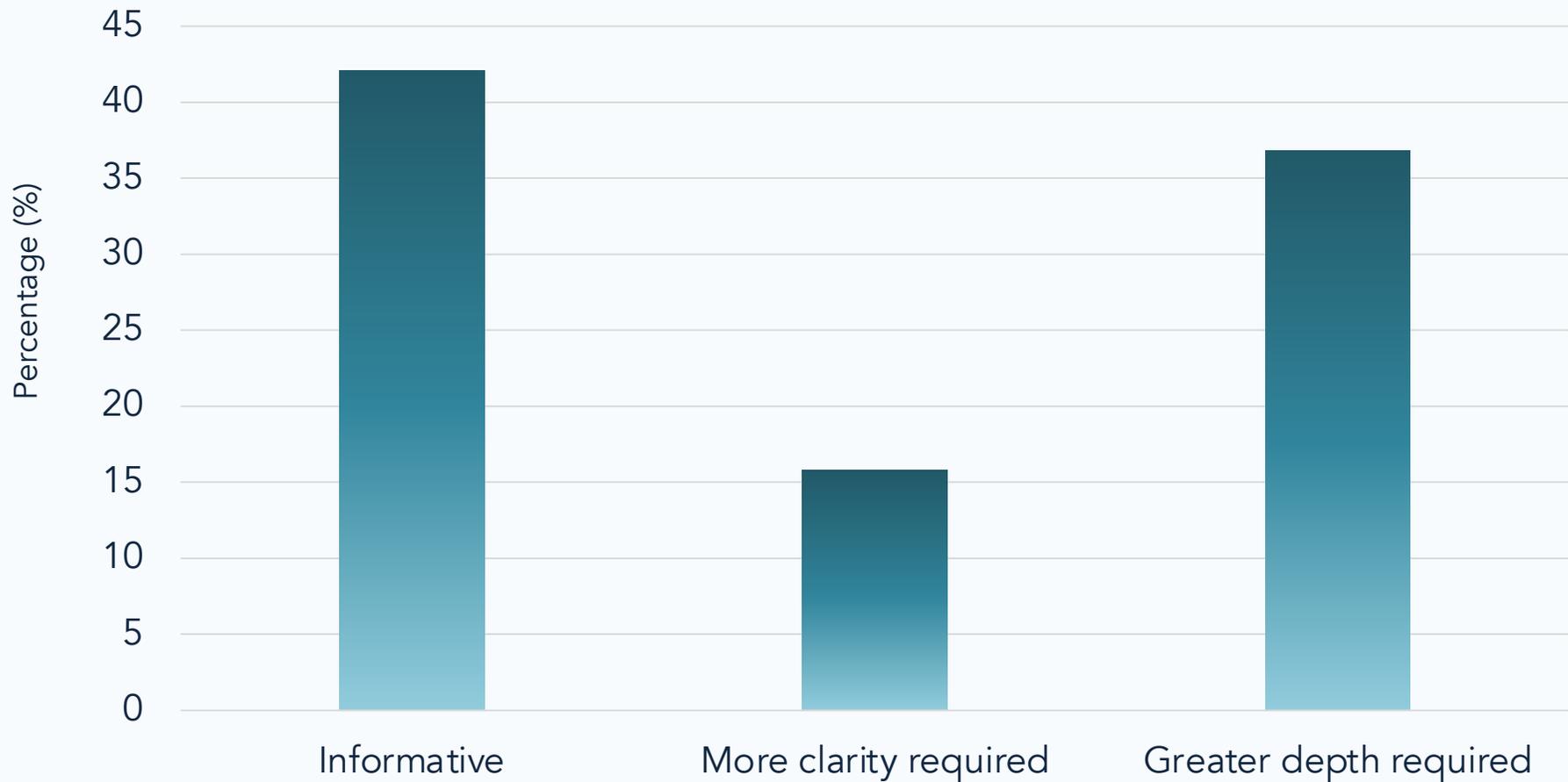
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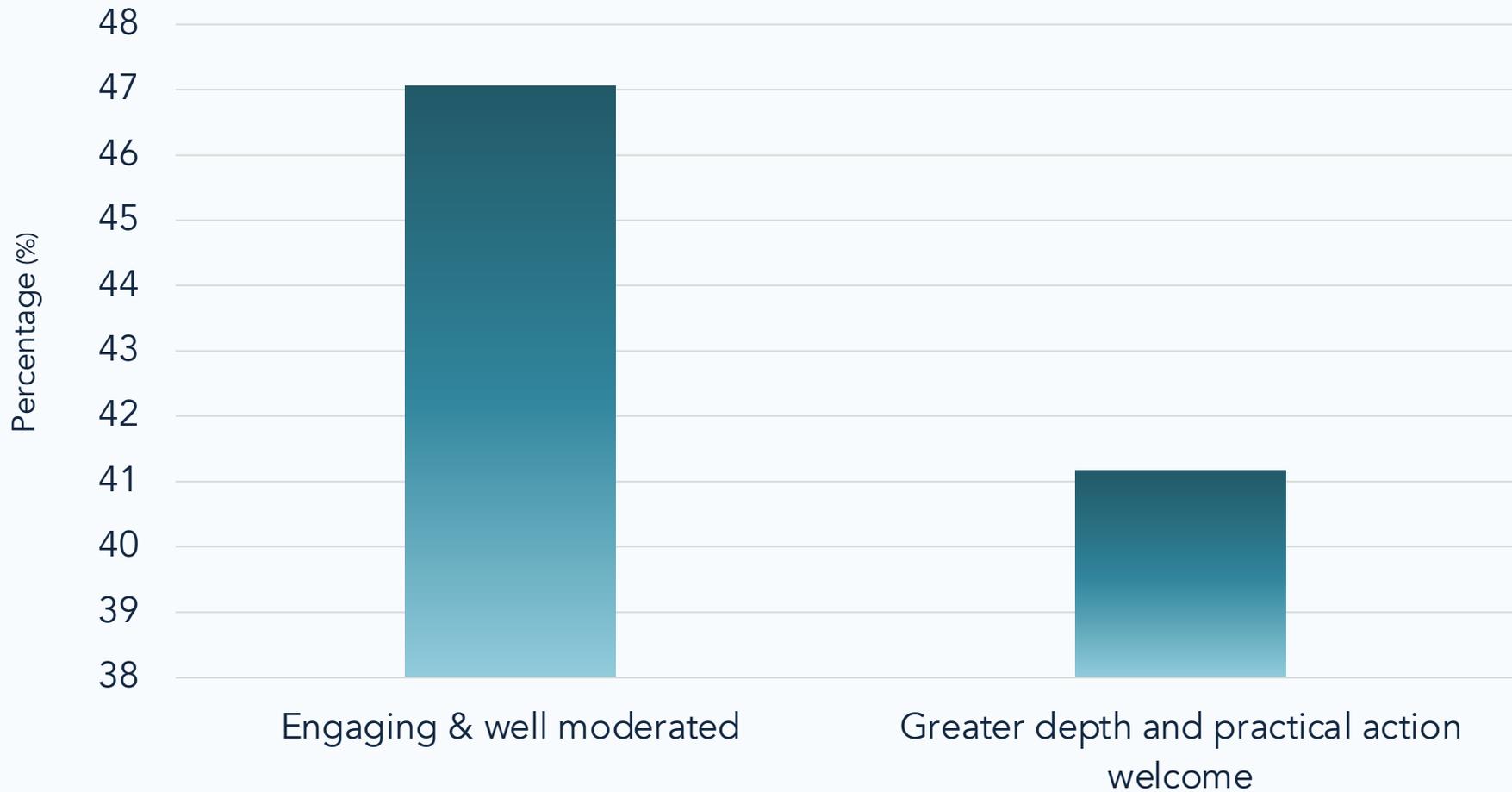
Why did you rate the Introduction/Purpose the way that you did?



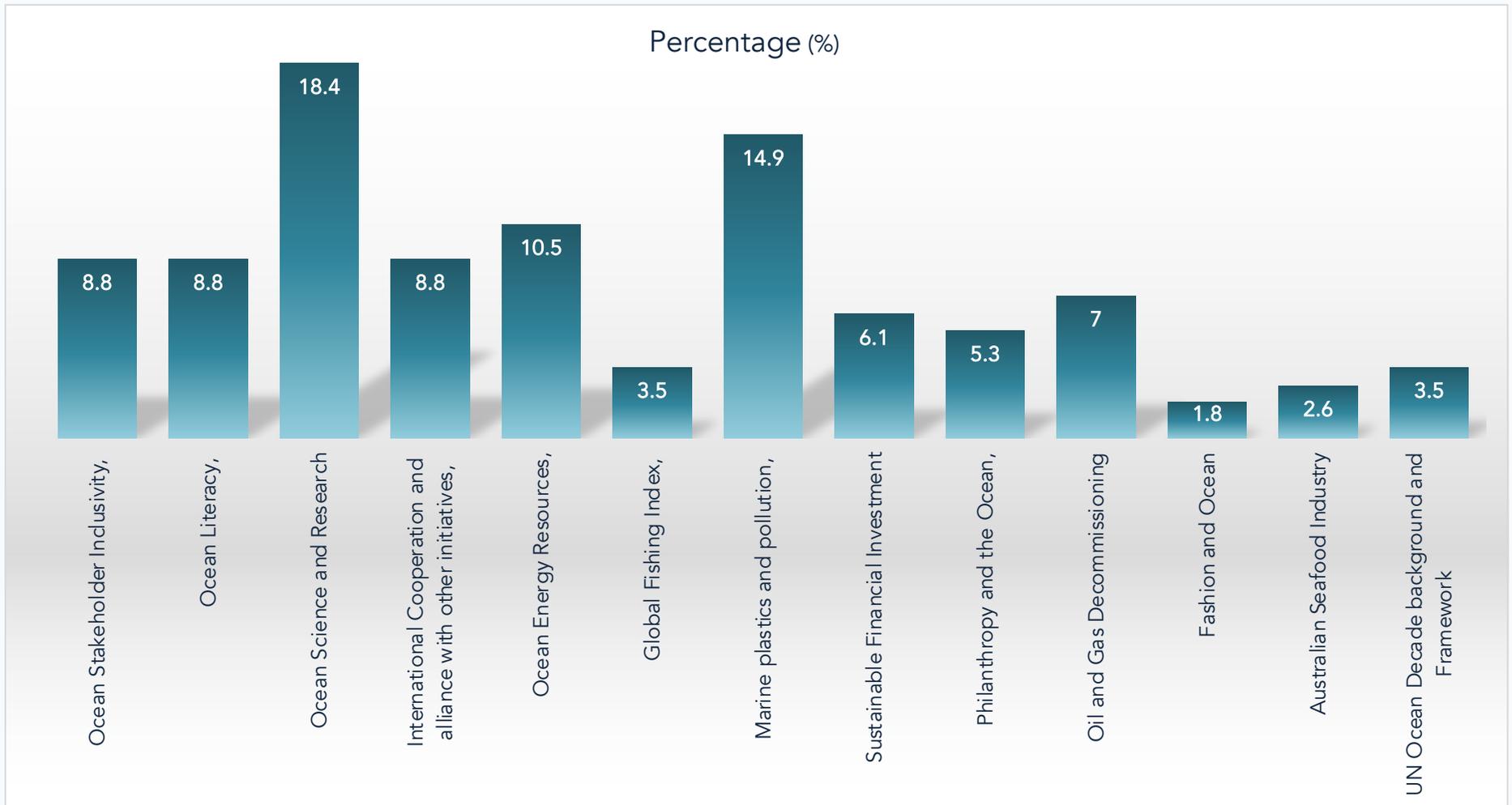
Why did you rate the Interview the way that you did?



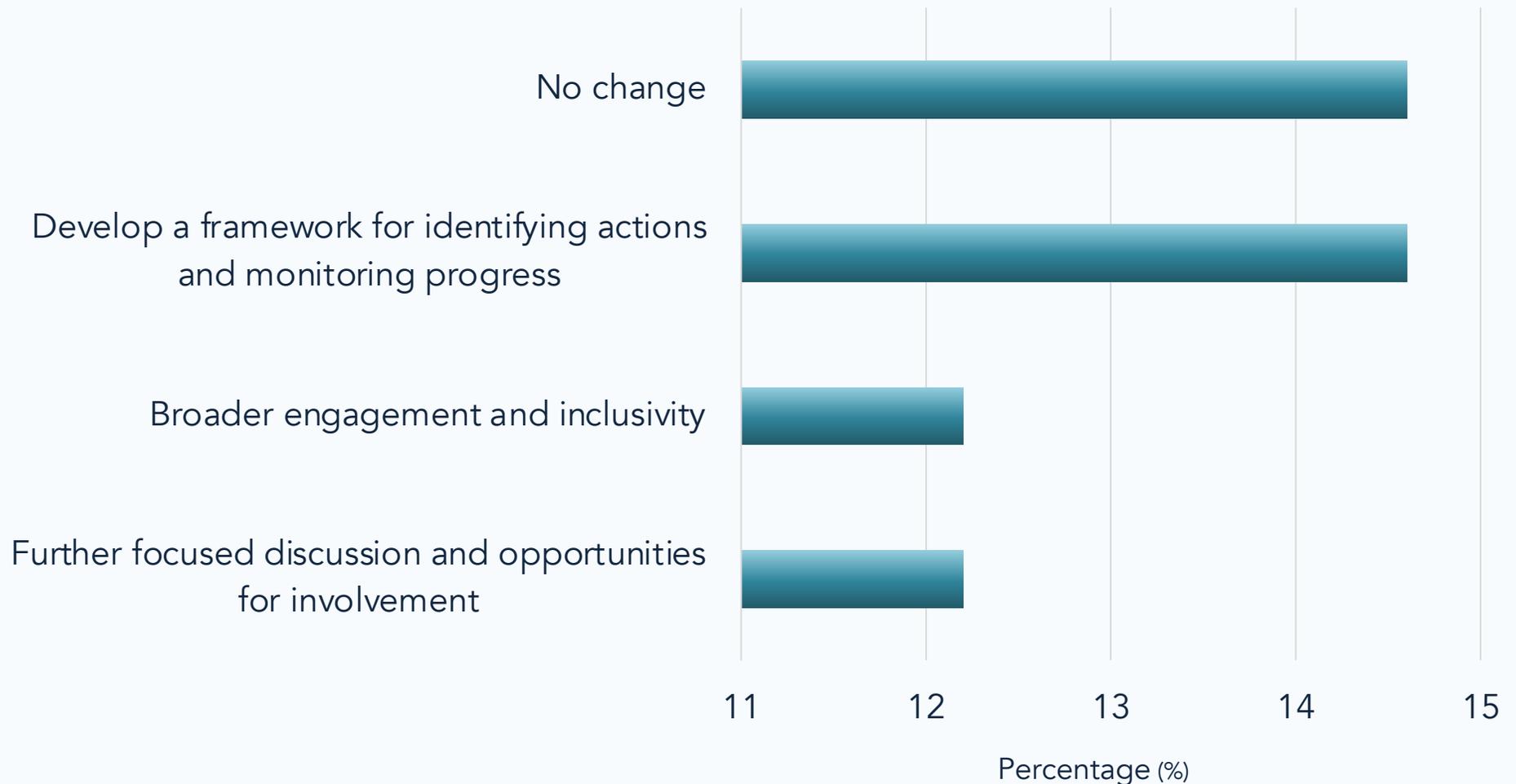
Why did you rate the Panel the way that you did?



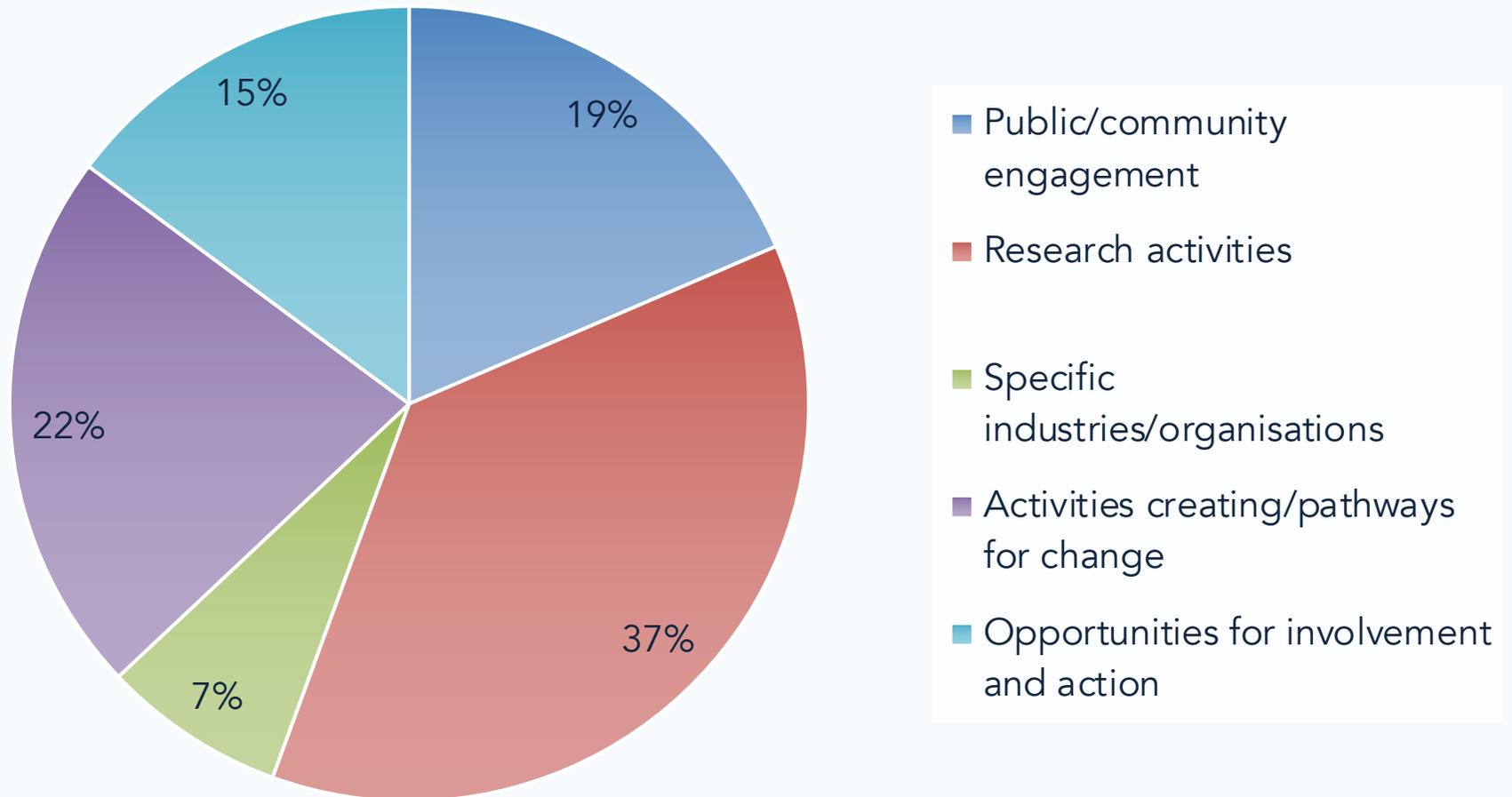
The Panel covered a broad range of topics and issues. Please identify up to three (3) that were of greatest interest to you.



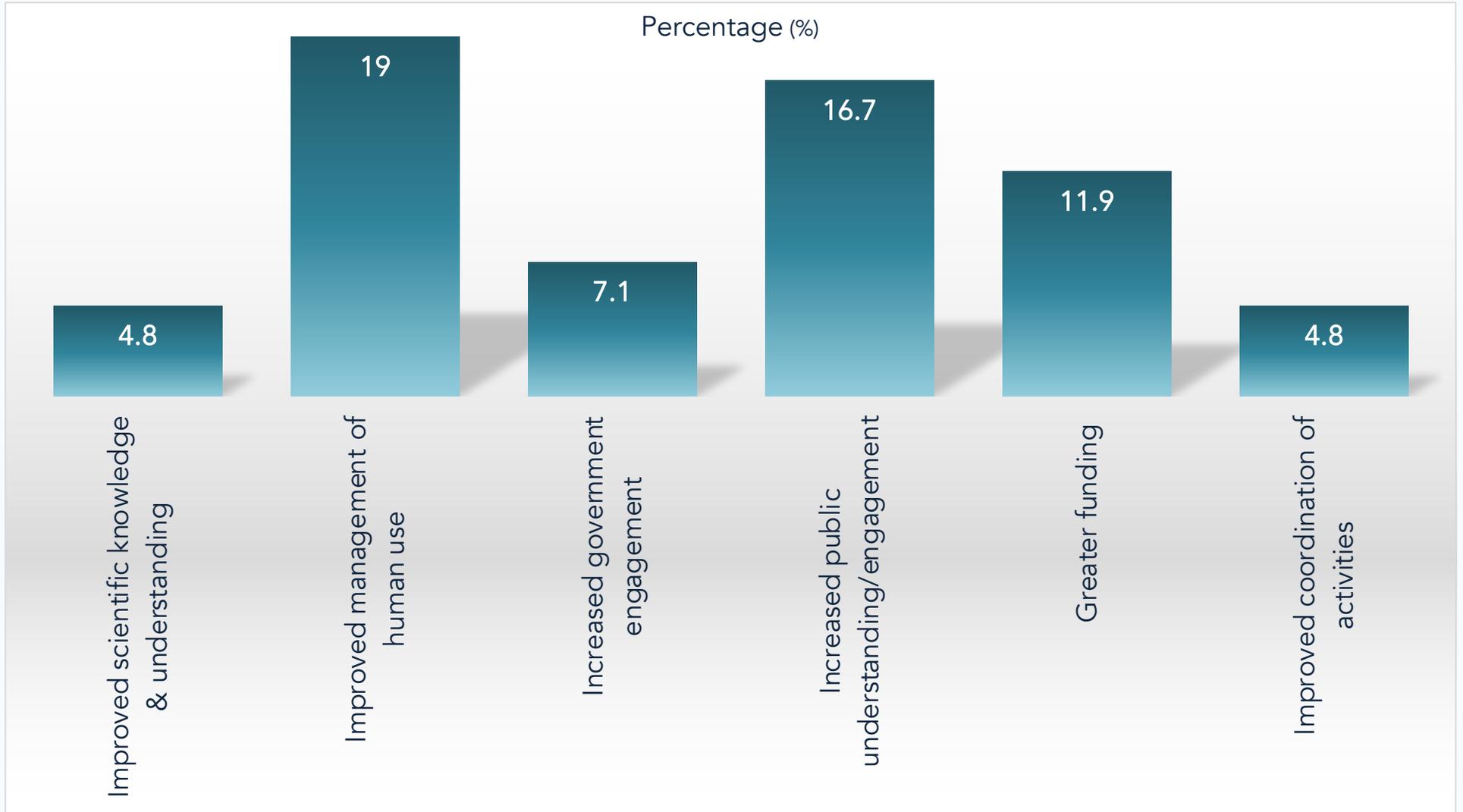
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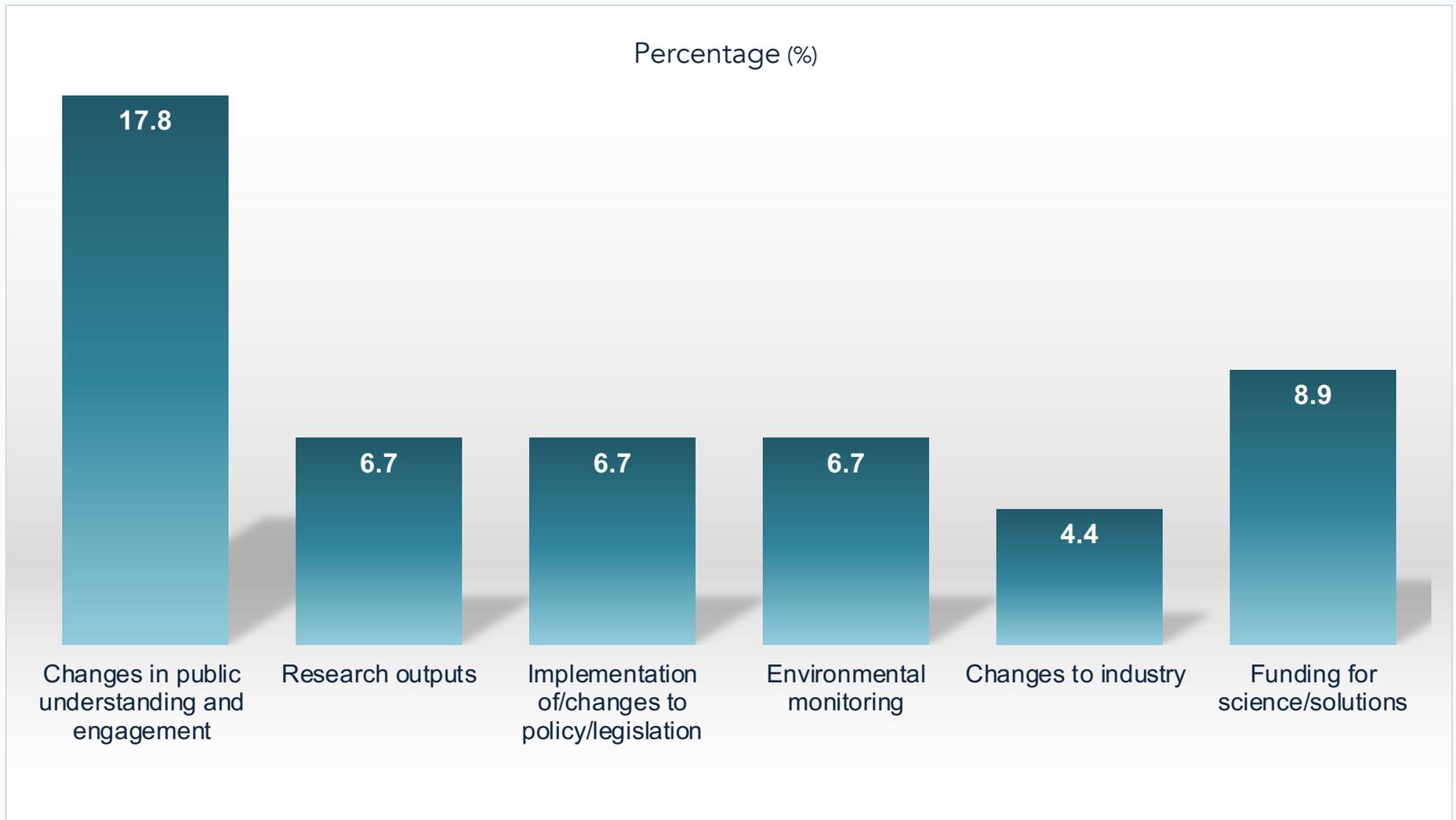
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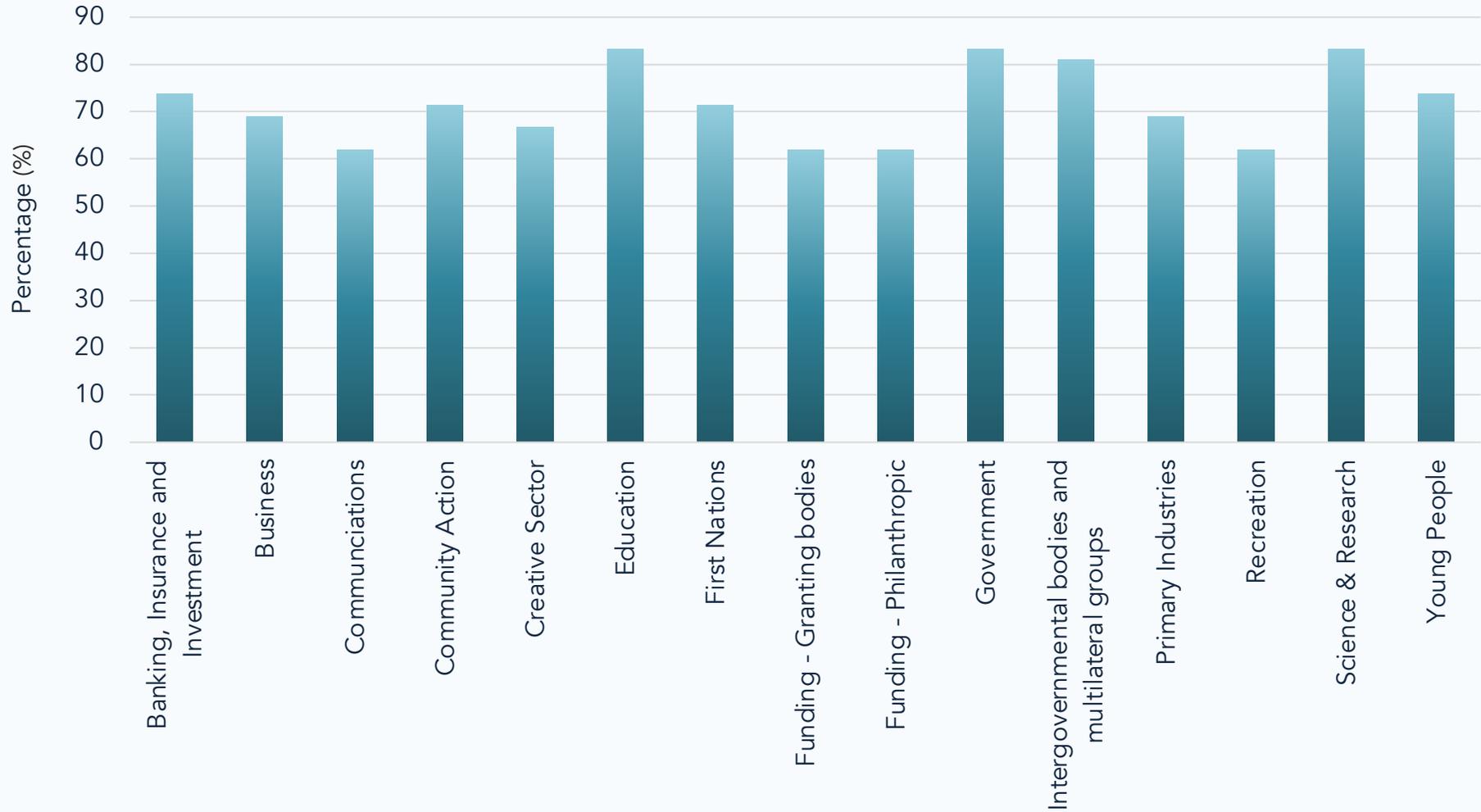
What change would you like to see happen?



How might we measure those changes?



What sectors, industries or interests do you think a National Decade Committee should represent?



Identify up to three priority activities that a National Decade Committee should undertake

Strategy and Frameworks

- Develop Measurement frameworks for ocean outcomes
- Review frameworks for ocean globally
- Develop a framework for pollution/plastics reductions targets and pathways
- Support a thorough and strategic approach designed for 'success'
- Develop an evidence-based strategy based on an audit of stakeholder and a study into community attitudes to the Ocean
- Develop a strategy for ocean literacy and the link between climate and ocean health

Stakeholder engagement and communication

- Include First Nations people
- Include coastal communities
- Continue to build a diverse and effective community of stakeholders to execute a collective strategy
- Develop mechanisms for information flow
- Explain the importance of the Decade
- Communicate best practice examples locally and globally
- Engage industry and the public, highlighting the risk in doing nothing
- Ocean literacy

Develop and maintain networks

- Connect sectors nationally and locally
- Connect experts nationally and internationally
- Incorporate of cultural and traditional values into all dialogue
- Provide opportunities for specialised groups and experts to meet

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Specified areas for knowledge development and/or advocacy

- National oceans policy
- Ocean/Marine Research funding
- Ocean health resources and investment
- Ocean biodiversity protection
- Revoking of seismic testing and gas and oil exploratory licenses
- Taxes on plastic pollution
- Increased mapping (bathymetry and seismic)
- Articulate and coordinate around national research missions relating to the Ocean Decade priorities
- Embedding marine science and ocean literacy in the National curriculum
- CO2 sequestration and pollution reduction
- Marine no-take zones
- Ongoing funding of the Marine National Facility (MNF)
- Coordinate 'Team Australia' to consider the challenge of climate change in the Pacific region
- Assess the impact of antimicrobials on the oceans



How can this process help the
stakeholder group you represent?

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