

OCEAN DECADE AUSTRALIA

REPORT 2

OCTOBER 2021

Stakeholder

Briefing 2:

22 June 2021

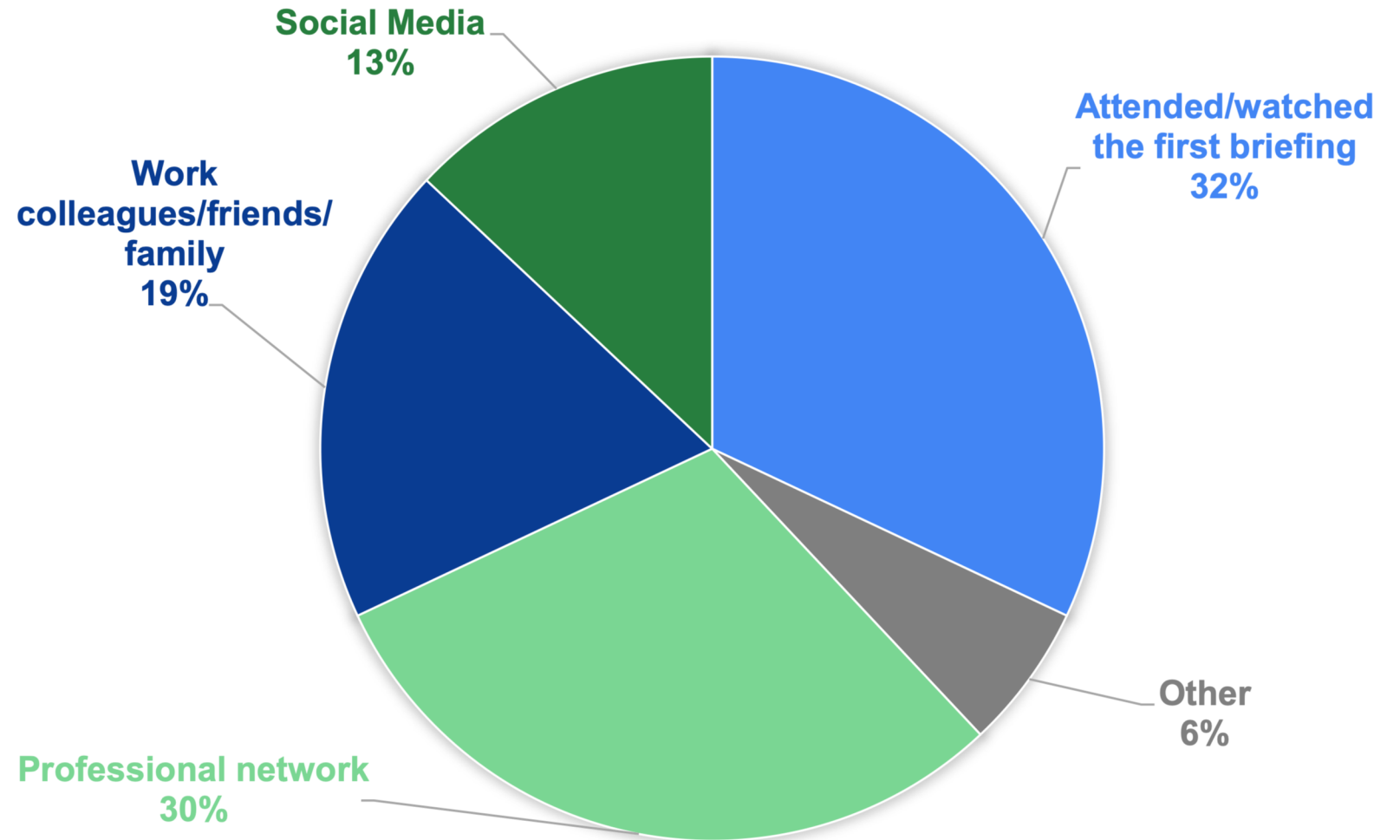
Survey summary: What is needed to achieve a sustainable future ocean?

295 Registrants

~125 organisations

87% of registrants highly engaged in survey

How did you hear about the briefing?



Participant Roles



The Ocean Decade Implementation Plan identifies seven outcomes that describe the 'Ocean we Want'. Our stakeholders identified their priority outcomes. The shift in percentages represents the change between Stakeholder Briefing 1 (March 2021) to Stakeholder Briefing 2 (June 2021).

HEALTHY

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

27% > 77%

INSPIRING

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

18% > 5%

CLEAN

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

17% > 6%

PRODUCTIVE

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

15% > 4%

ACCESSIBLE

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

10% > 2%

PREDICTED

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

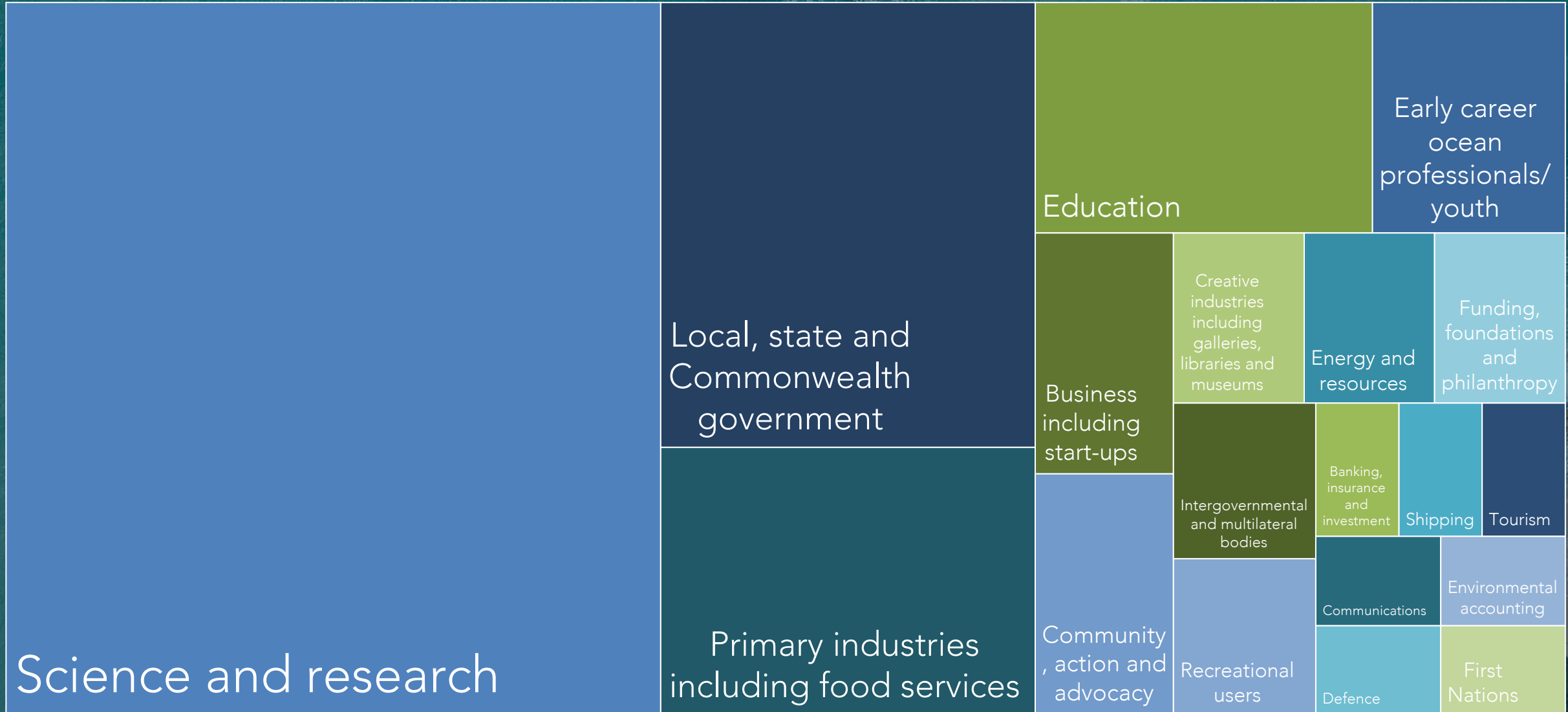
8% > 5%

SAFE

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

4% > 1%

Stakeholder Briefing 2 – Attendance by Stakeholder Group



What does success look like by the end of the decade?

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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% > 59%

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

28% > 28%

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

7% > 6%

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

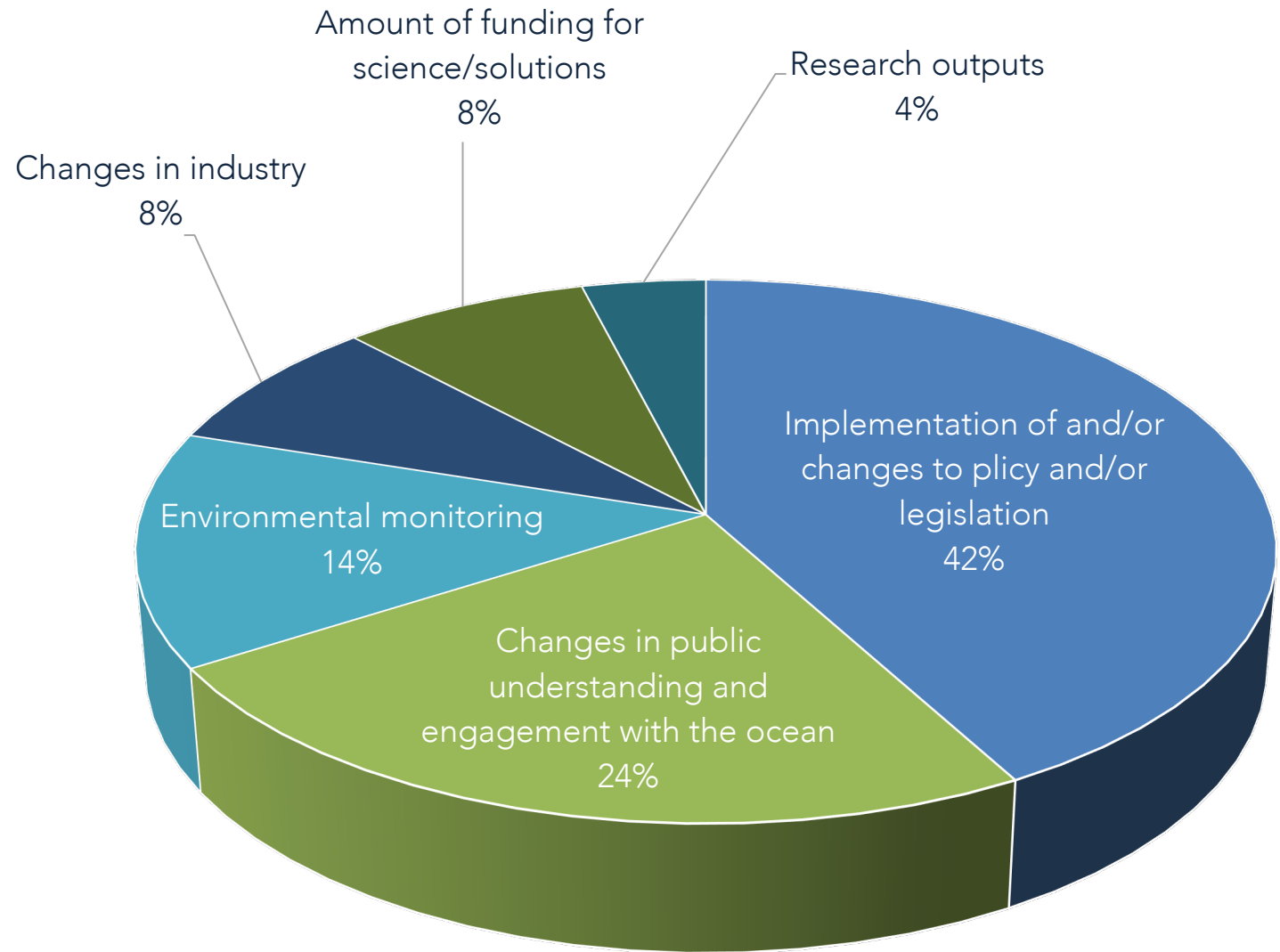
6% > 6%

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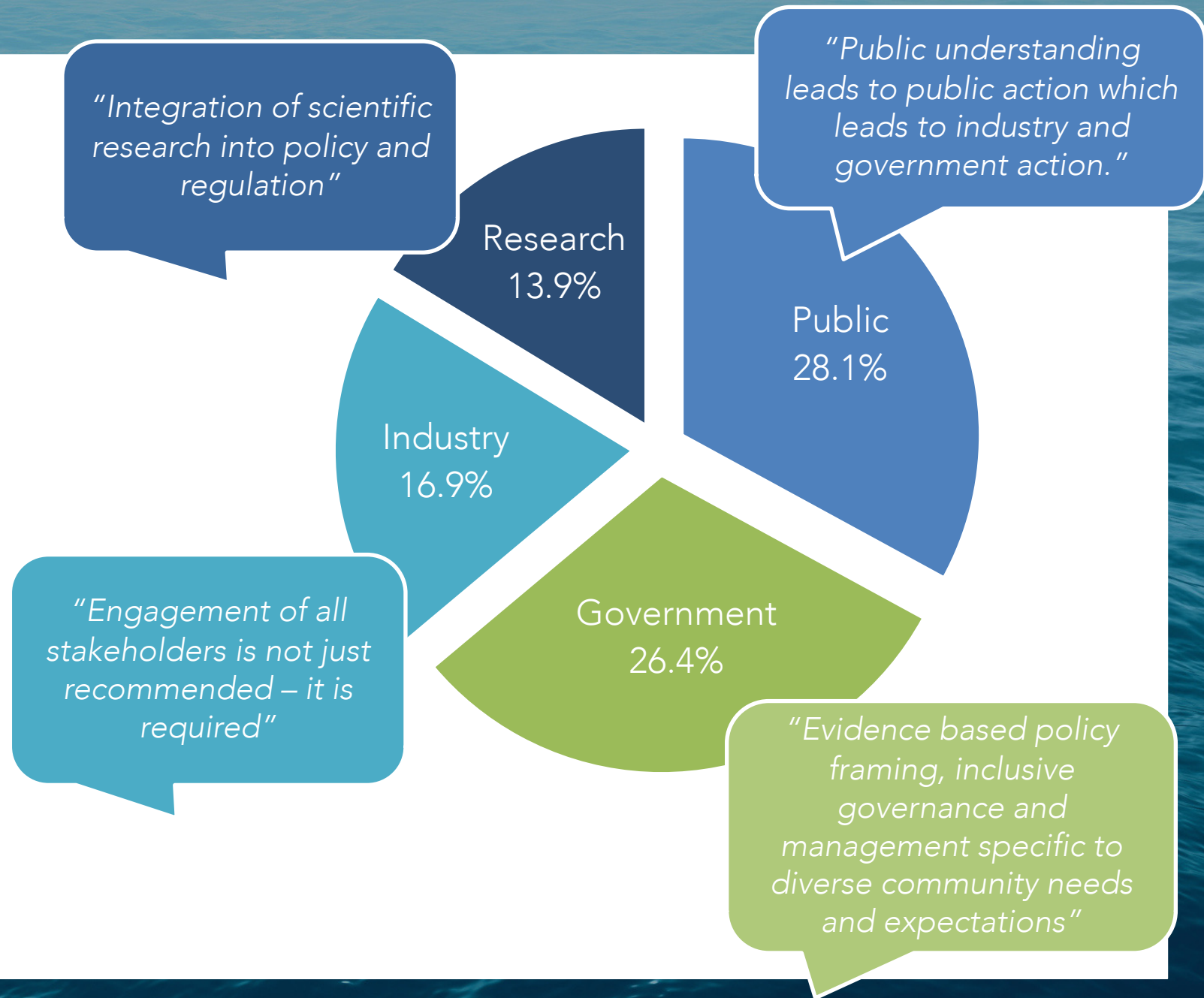
“Surely success is a thriving ocean, one full of fish”

- A national strategic effort to increase ocean literacy.
- A sustainable ocean within a blue economy with regional employment opportunities.
- Engaged and empowered communities that are supported to sustainably manage the oceans for generations to come.
- Indigenous Knowledge and “western” science are integrated.
- A stronger, more integrated ocean observation and prediction system.
- Evidence-based, inclusive and equitable governance and management.
- Cultural, behavioural and generational change.

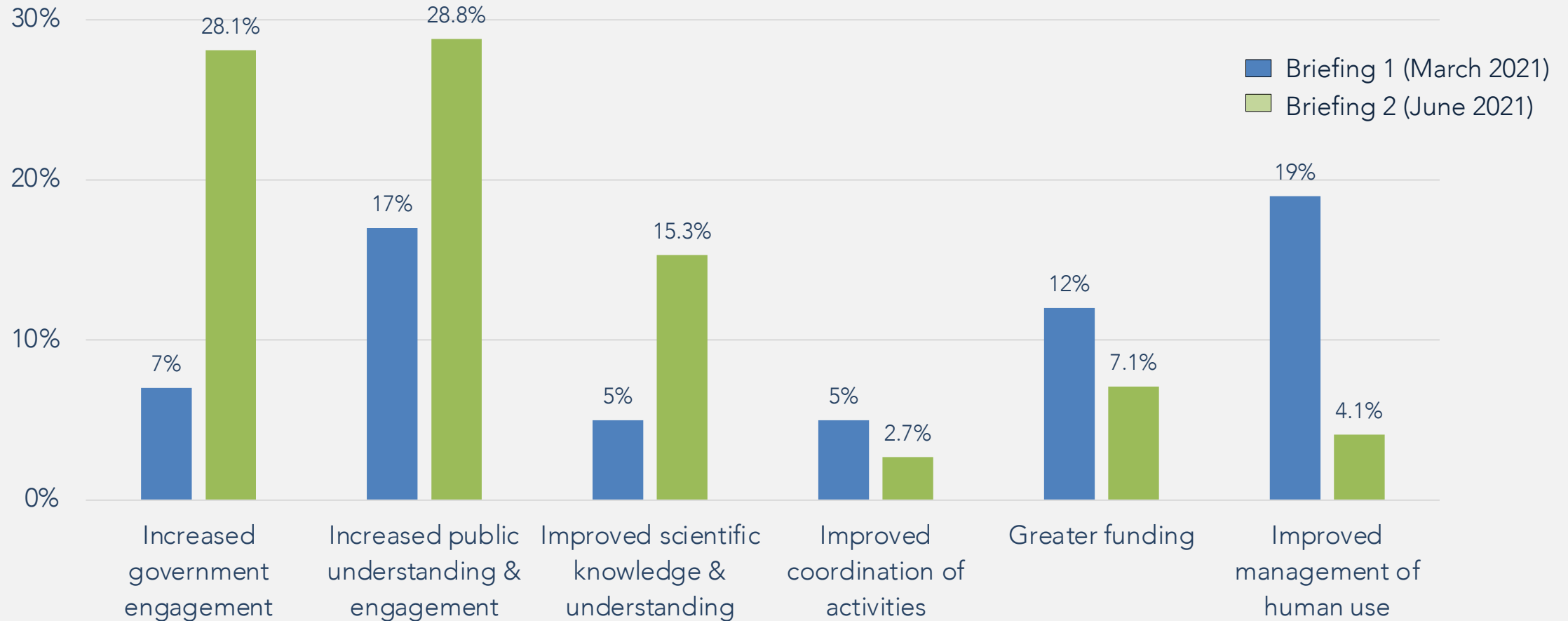
What is required to ensure success by the end of the decade?



Who should be targeted to facilitate change?



What change would you like to see happen?



What specific actions will make these changes possible?



"Indigenous led action"

"Innovative finance for oceans"

"Cross industry collaboration"

"Finding ways to make the most profitable option also the most sustainable option"

"Ocean literacy instilled in the school curriculum nationwide"

"National integrated monitoring program with consistent indicators across different regions and jurisdictions."

"Better engagement and planning from government"

Post-event feedback

"Good representation across sectors; engaging; informative; speakers targeted their key messages and presented in a manner that encouraged us all to work towards a common good."

EVENT FOCUS

Event agenda and background needed to frame expectations

Event brought views that were outside the usual marine science community perspective

Topics that most resonated with attendees:

1. Environmental economic accounting because it brings a tangible measure, implies 'accountability' and provides business/economic relevance
2. Use of traditional indigenous knowledge/practice in relation to ocean

Have a session focused on States and alignment with Commonwealth initiatives to ensure coordination

Set a timeframe for your activities and trackable measures for your goals

Event is drawing international interest & request to accommodate western time zones would be appreciated

OCEAN DECADE FOCUS

Figure out how to

- expand current public discourse to focus on the economic factors, rather than mostly on environmental impacts
- bring together the different areas discussed into setting measurable goals

Define an ocean index that assesses overall performance on Nations progressing a 'north star' standard could work. Like Bhutan's Gross National Happiness index

Devote time to outline the concept of ocean literacy and its evolution (ocean literacy is not marine education), and SDG14

Need for frameworks to communicate the high priority of the ocean and inform the public on how to improve their use of the ocean

To be more inclusive for other sectors, keep short and sharp and limit judgement/bias – open listening

Who are we?



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Webinars and How-to-Guides are coming soon – join our community of Australian Ocean Stakeholders to stay informed.