

Long Term Plan Pre-Engagement Report

25 October, 2023



Scope

Goal of pre-engagement: High level feedback from community to provide context for drafting Te Mahere Turoa

Two pulse-style online surveys:

- Survey 1 ran for 2 weeks – priorities for the region
- Survey 2 ran for 1 week – activity specific questions around transport, climate change and flood protection.



Survey 1: Priorities for the region

14 September- 28 September

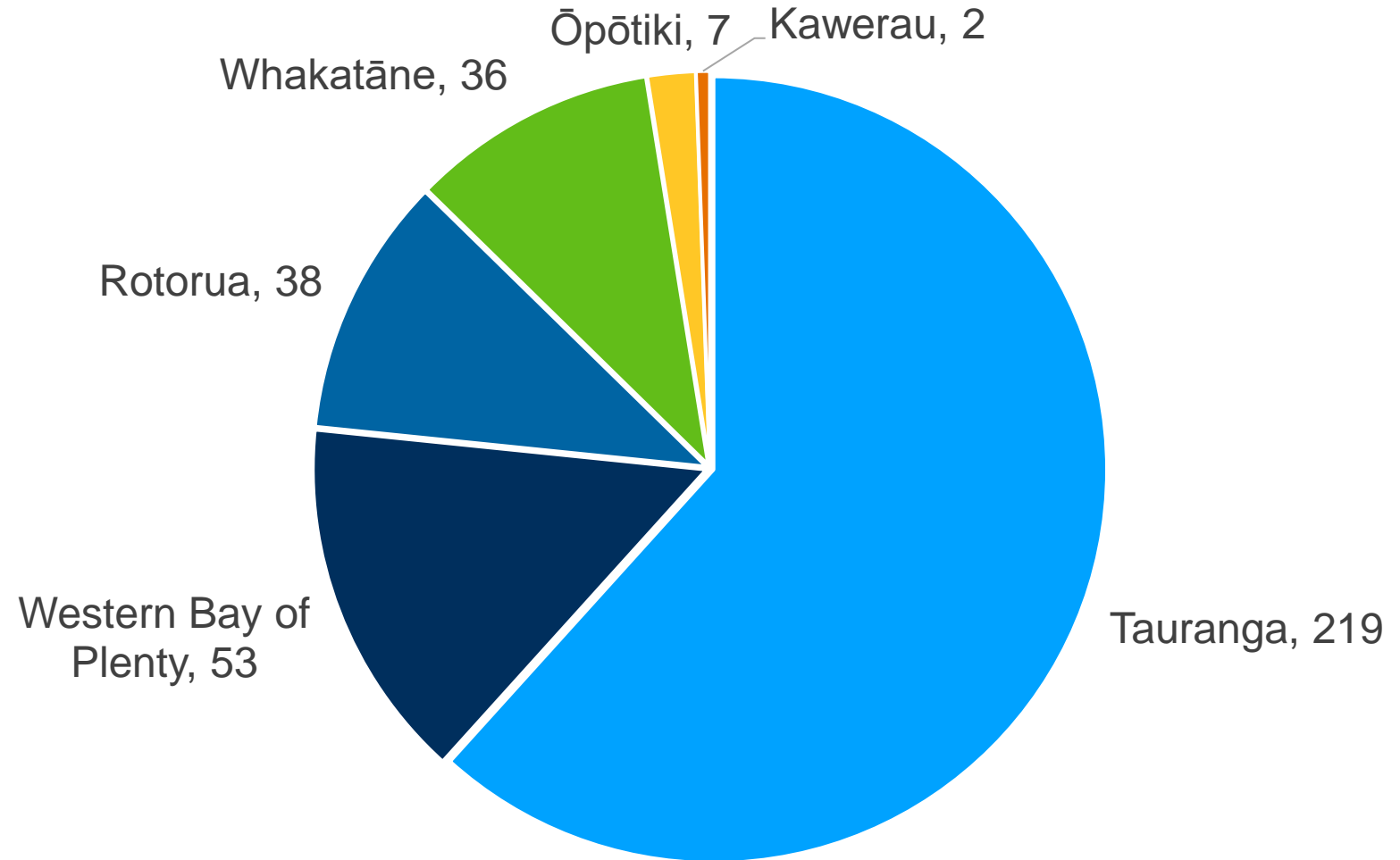
383 Contributions from 363 Contributors



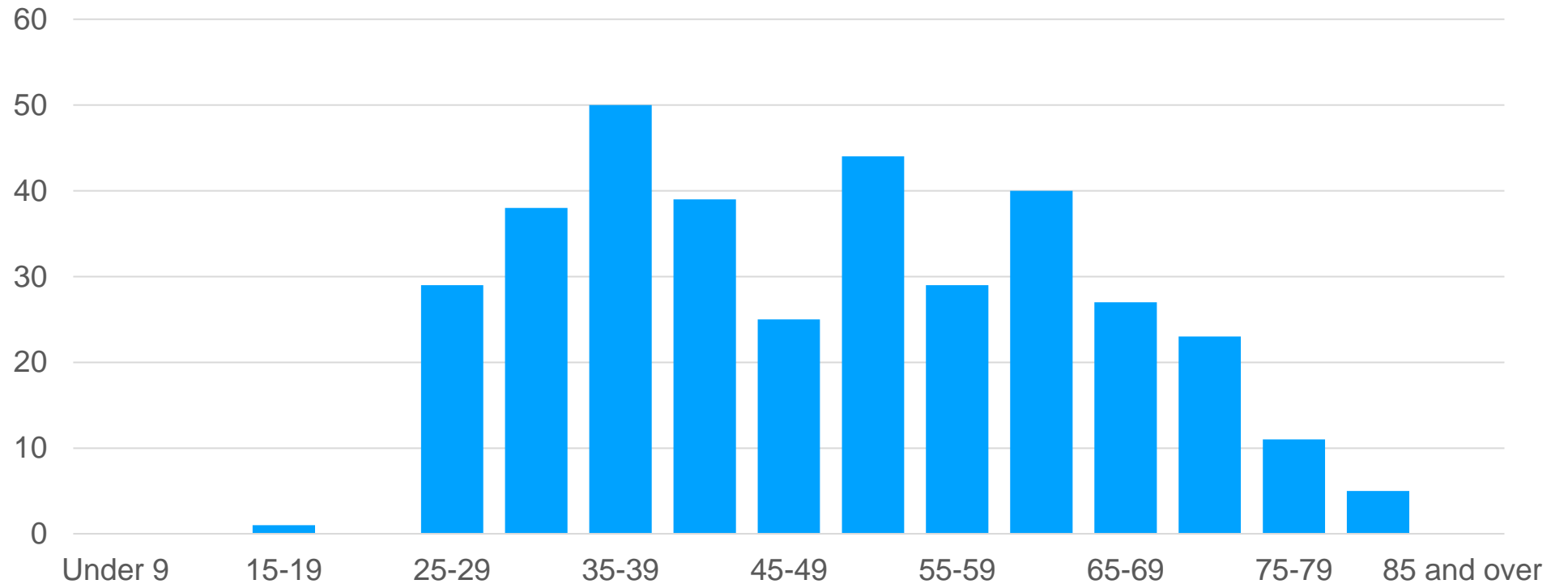
Survey 1: Who we heard from



District (n=355)



Age (n= 361)

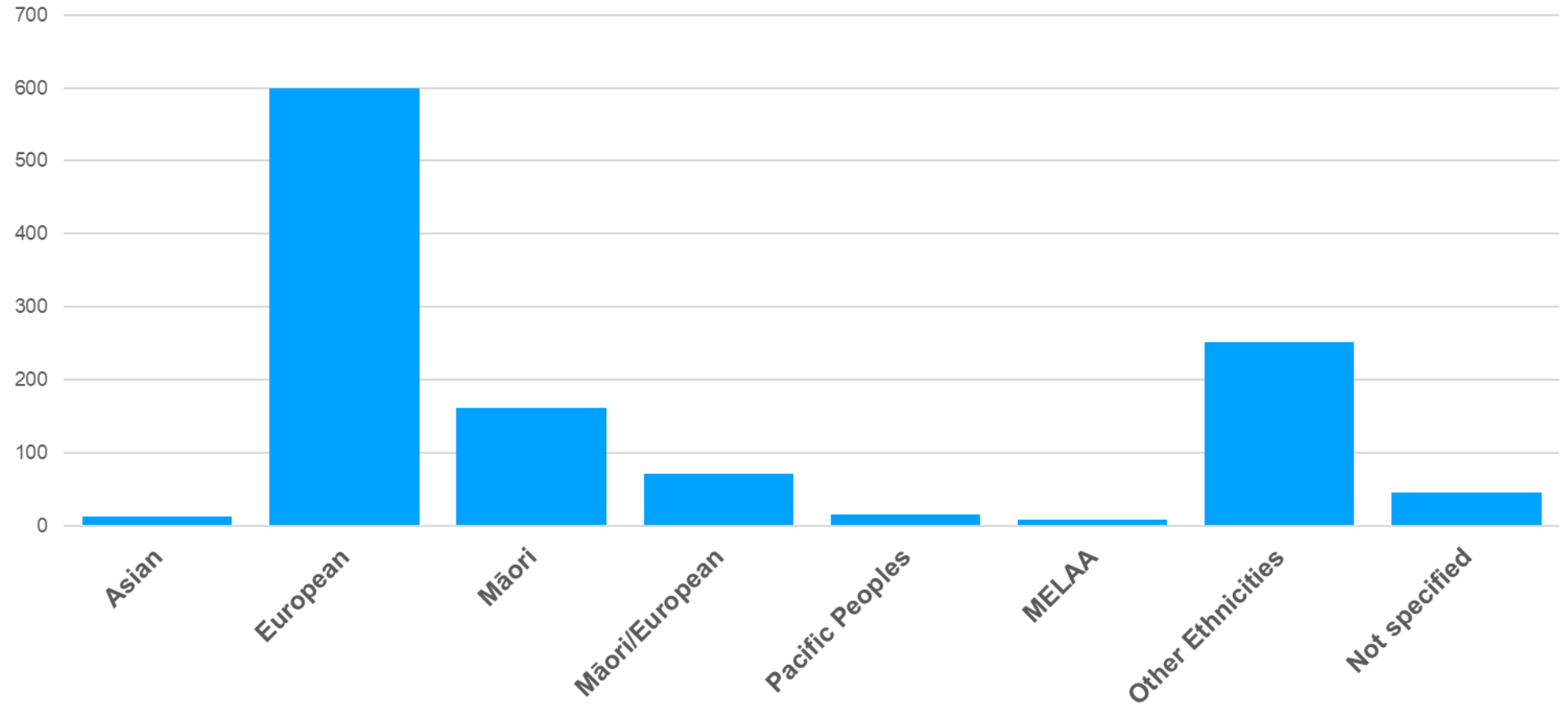


70.8% female
28.1% male
1.1% other



89.7% ratepayers

Ethnicity (n=283)



Note: Categories based on Stats NZ
2018 census reporting

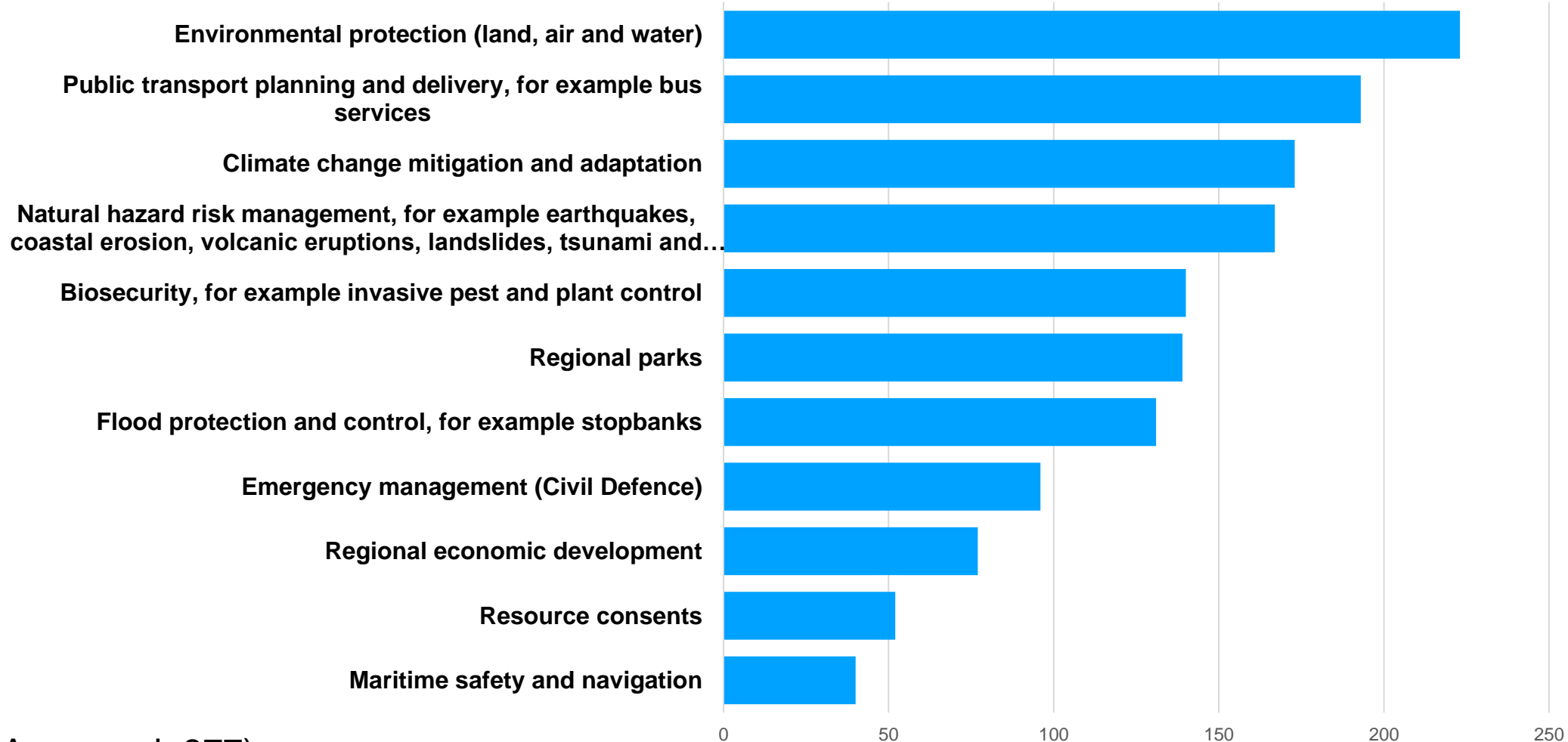
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Africa

Other ethnicities includes New
Zealander, Kiwi and multiple ethnicities

Survey 1: Results



Which of these services would you prefer to see more of? (Select up to five)



(Answered: 377)

What work do you think we should be prioritising?

Most common themes

- Public transport (45)
- Climate change (42)
- Environmental protection (35)
- Flood protection (27)
- Hazard management (20)

NB 25 comments relating to the responsibilities of city and district councils

(n=319 responses)

Climate resilience and adaptation Public transport in the eastern Bay of Plenty

More money for public transport so that we can fight congestion and climate change.

Much of the property damage and loss of lives during cyclone Gabrielle could have been avoided by better land stewardship.

invasive pest plants and animals We will be swamped with invasive pests and the native life is what suffers first. It's a massive job but we need to keep ahead of it, not behind it.

Environmental management that protects our future and also supports business growth. Even where that means business growth must adapt.

What work do you think we should be prioritising?



- Comments have been themed and shared back in full to activity managers
- Areas of high community interest are focus of second survey

(Answered: 319)

Do you have any other general feedback about what you would like to see in our long-term plan?

Most common themes

- Environmental protection(23)
- Transport planning (19)
- Cost reduction (16)
- Flood protection (27)
- Hazard management (20)

Note: 23 comments relating to the responsibilities of city and district councils

(n=235 responses)



Stopbanks and flood protection, where only protecting private property and not townships, should be 100% funded through targeted rates.

The last LTP mentioned a "regional Transitions Plan that sets out a path for the region to move towards a low carbon economy." as a key project in the future. Will this project be included in this LTP, and if not, when?

Fast containment and elimination of wallabies

More detailed information on the controls, regulations, and monitoring of what is happening, what has happened in the past, and what is happening in the future. More information on how community feedback and iwi engagement goes into long term plans.



Survey 2: Activity-specific questions

5 October- 12 October

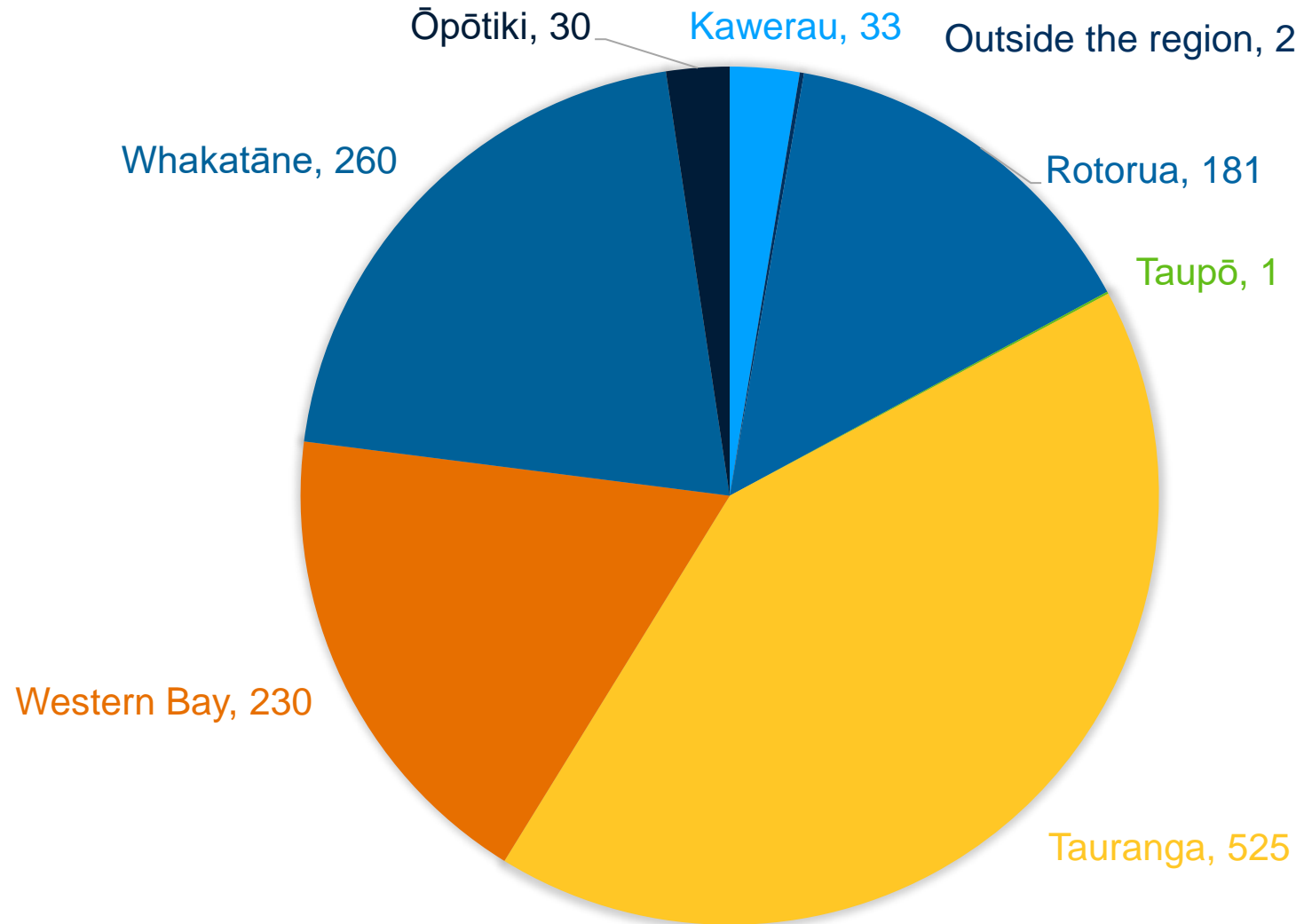
1,326 Contributions from 1,277 Contributors



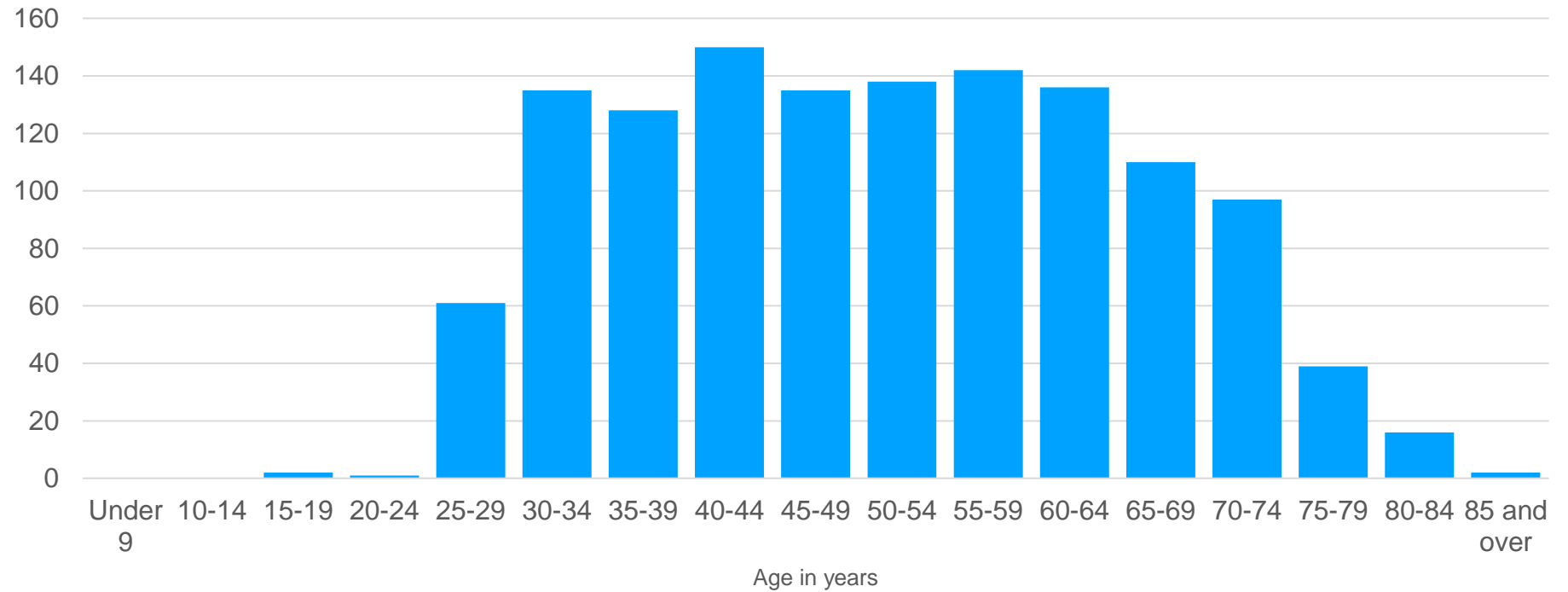
Survey 2: Who we heard from



District (n=1262)



Age (n=1292)

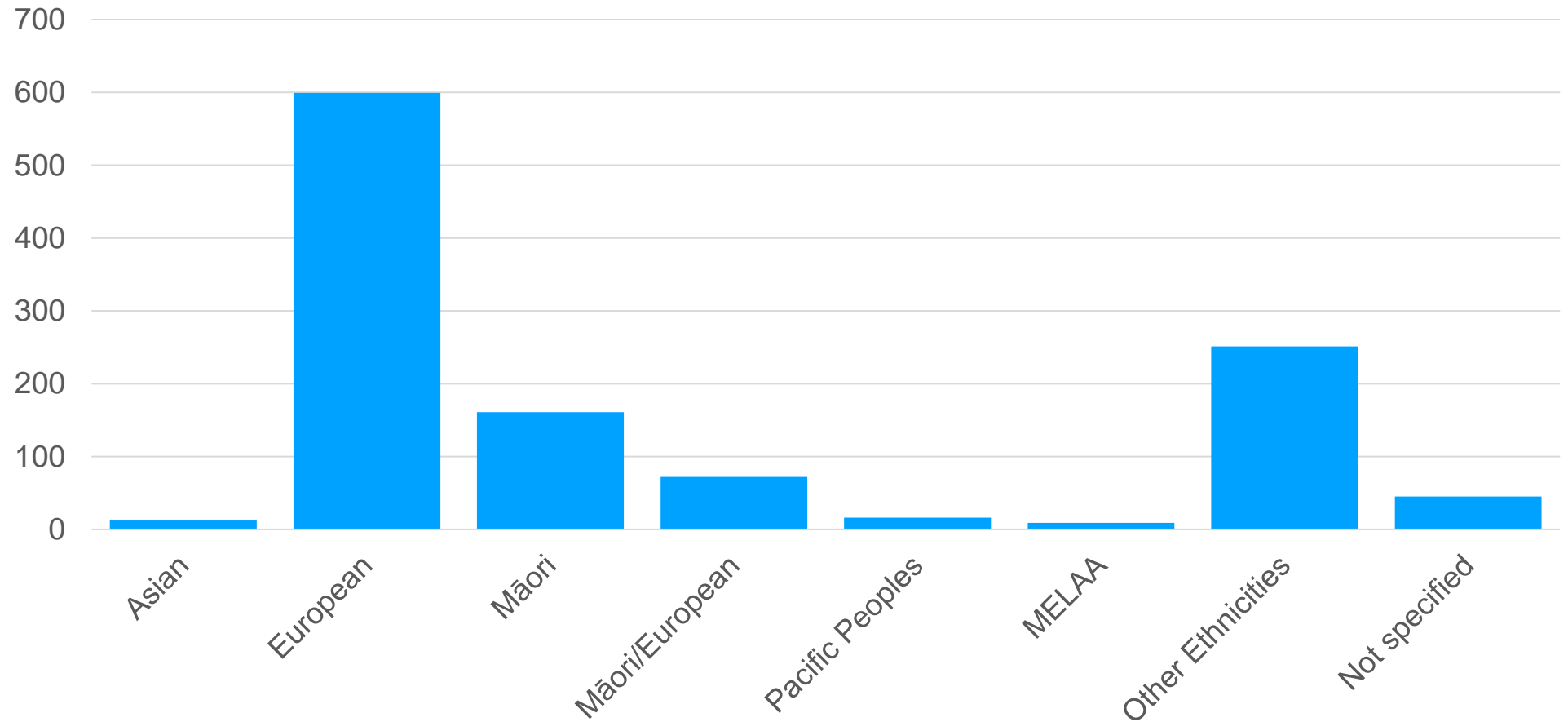


74.8% female
24.5% male
0.7% other



84.7% ratepayers

Ethnicity (n=1165)



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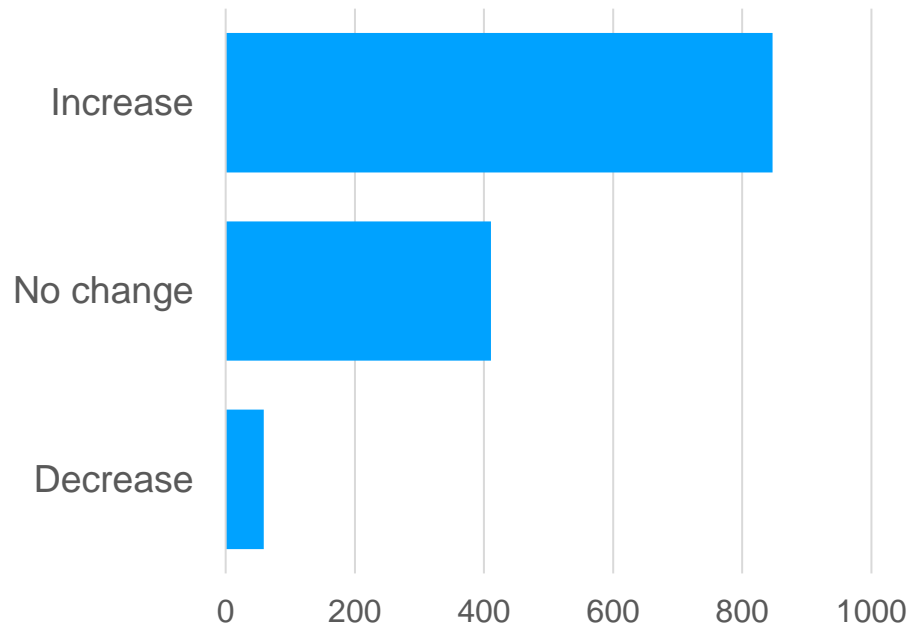
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Survey 2: Results

Rivers and Drainage



Would you support a decrease or an increase on the level of investment we make to maintain flood protection infrastructure on some rivers?



(n=1,317)

“The current expenditure seems adequate, but we need to look to future weather events that may happen,. The one in 100 yr events now appear to, the 1 in 50 year

Plan for the future and work with nature not against her.

I can't afford higher rates!

Wise increase, we need to be prepared for reasonable increase in floods

Essential work!

How can our community better prepare for extreme weather events and other climate-related challenges?

Most common themes

- Council planning (319)
- Drainage Systems (208)
- Communication (177)
- Education (161)
- Vegetation management (146)

(n=1,071 responses)

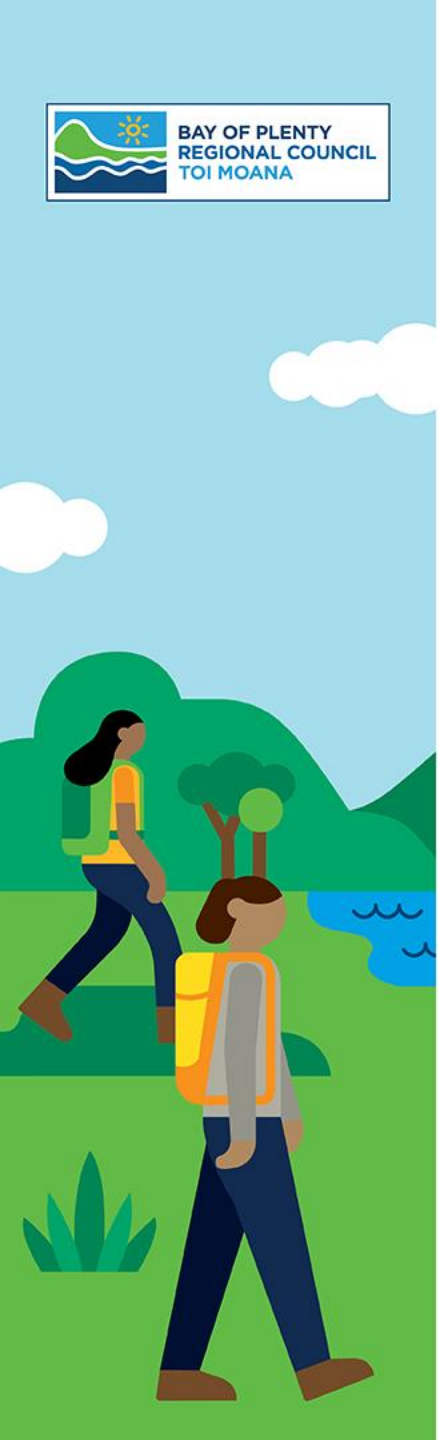
We will have to think about how we live and use our land

Regional Council needs to look into effective, alternative methods such as nature-based solutions to respond to extreme weather events.

people need to also take accountability for their own properties drainage ie soak pits, clearing gutters, ensuring appropriate run off. stabilizing cliffs

Communication, plans in what to do if this happens

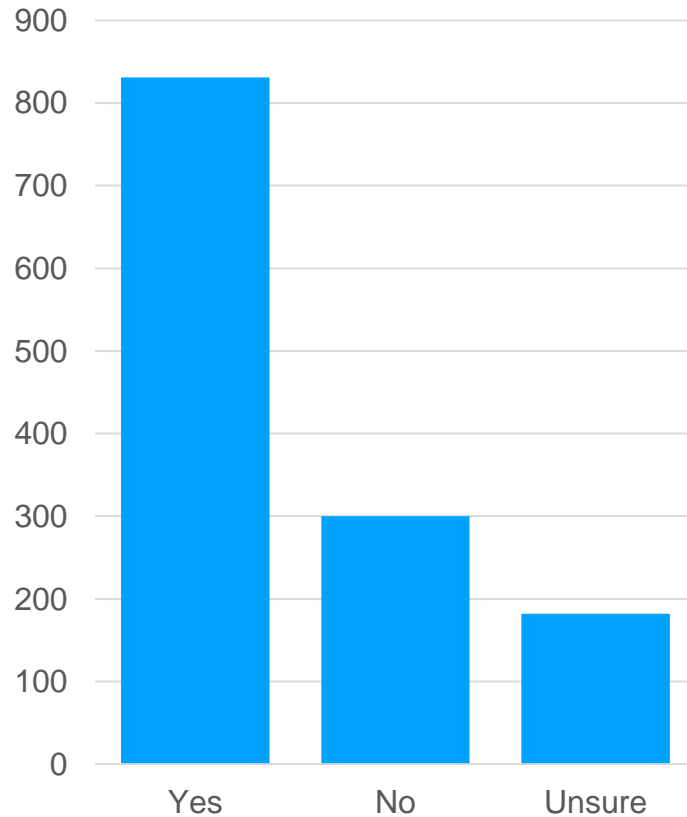
I think you are doing an excellent job now



Climate Change

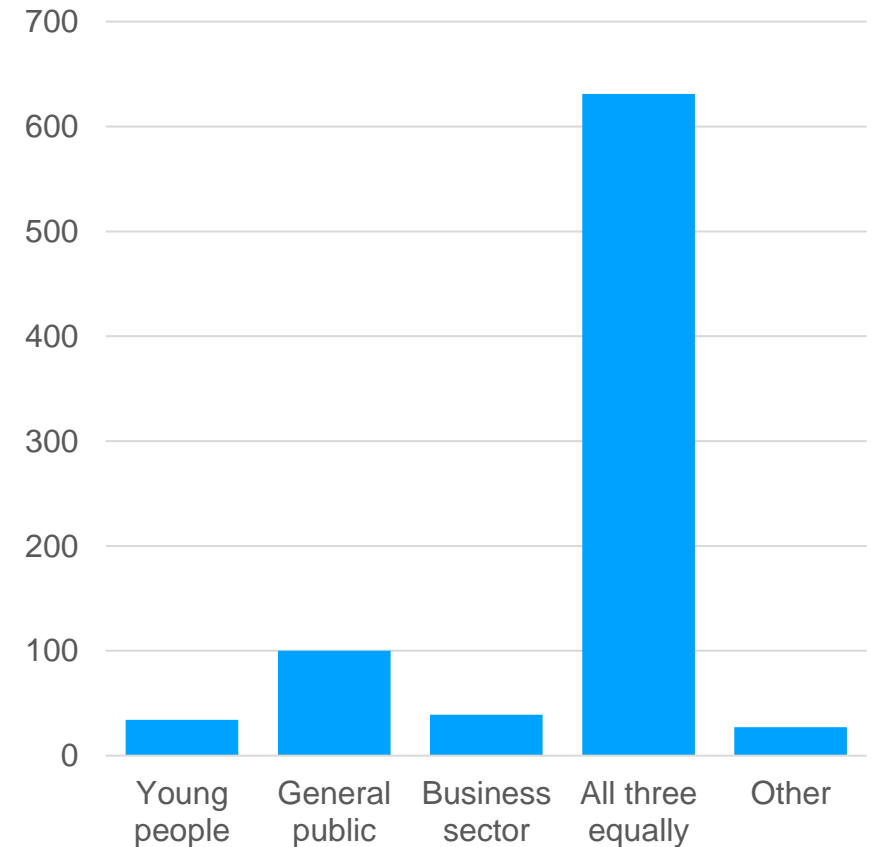


**Would you support Council playing a more active role in raising community awareness about climate change (in a way that is, science based, solution focused and local)?
(n=1,313)**



If yes,

Who do you think is it most important to work with and raise awareness?(n=832)



Why?

“It concerns all of us.”

“Young are already acutely aware of their future, general public don't believe they will have any effect, but the businesses seem to be willfully ignorant if there is a cost associated.”

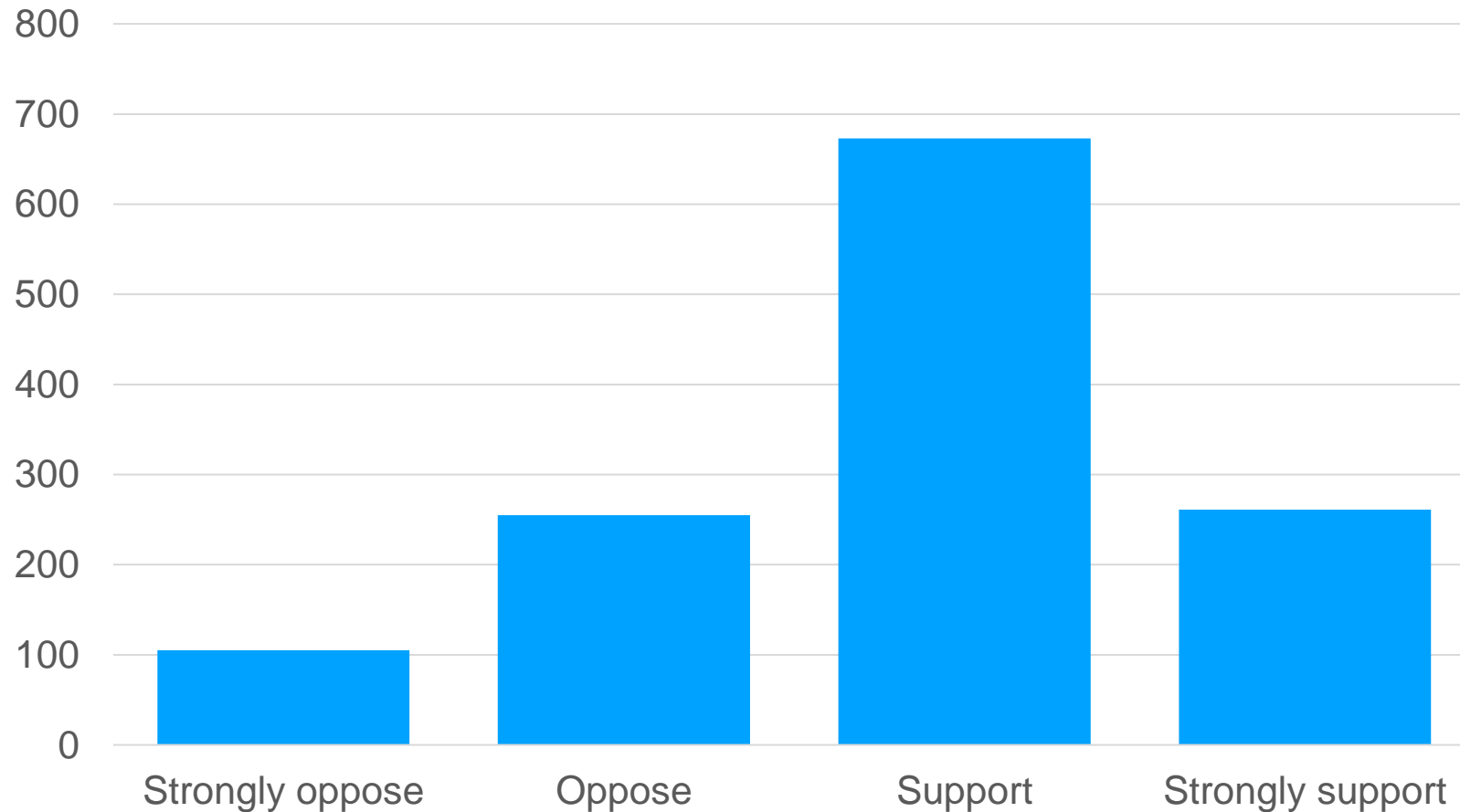
“Because everyone is responsible for the health and safety of our environment”

“Older generation especially.”

“Those that don't already have a property liability can/should be forewarned. Surprised at how little this currently impacts property demand/values/insurance costs etc.”



Do you support Council taking a more active role in facilitating regional emissions reduction (complementing the work we do on adaptation)?

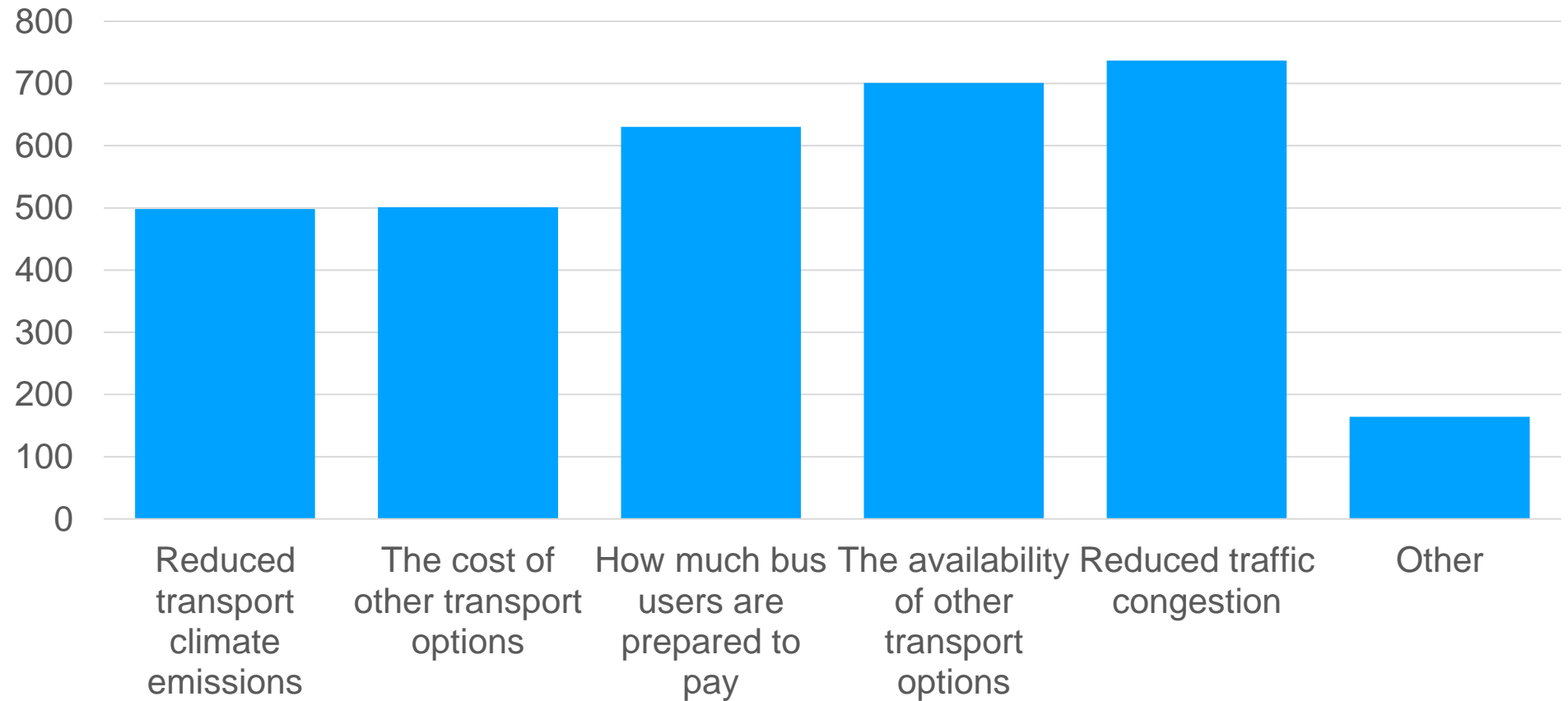


(n=1,294)

Transport

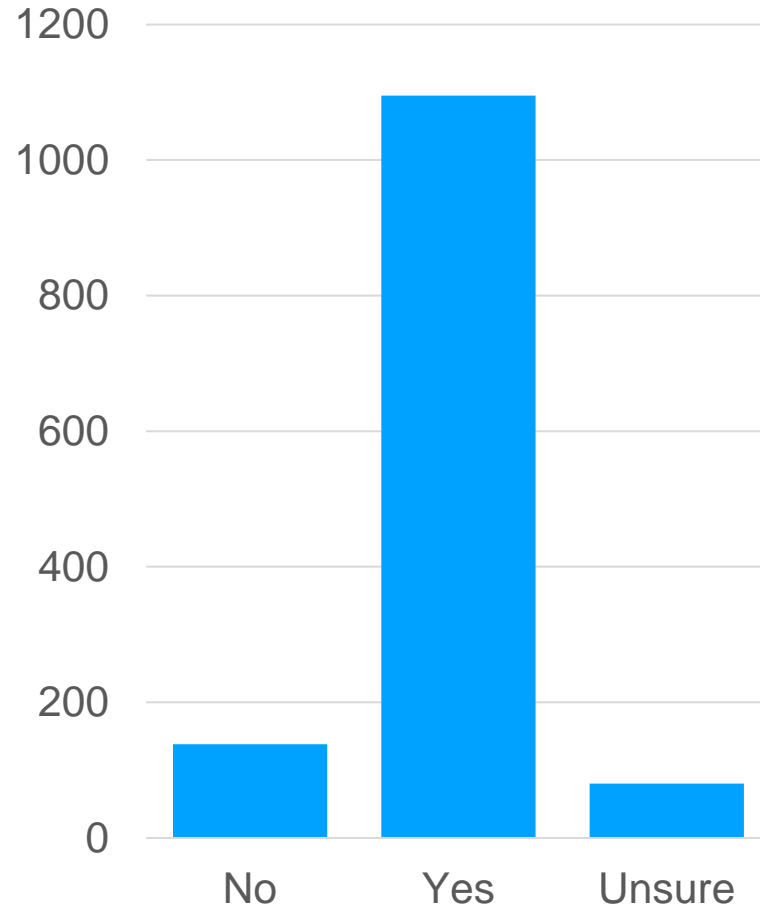


Currently public transport is funded through a mixture of bus fares, central government funding and targeted rates. What factors should we consider when deciding how much each funder should pay for the bus service? (tick all that apply)

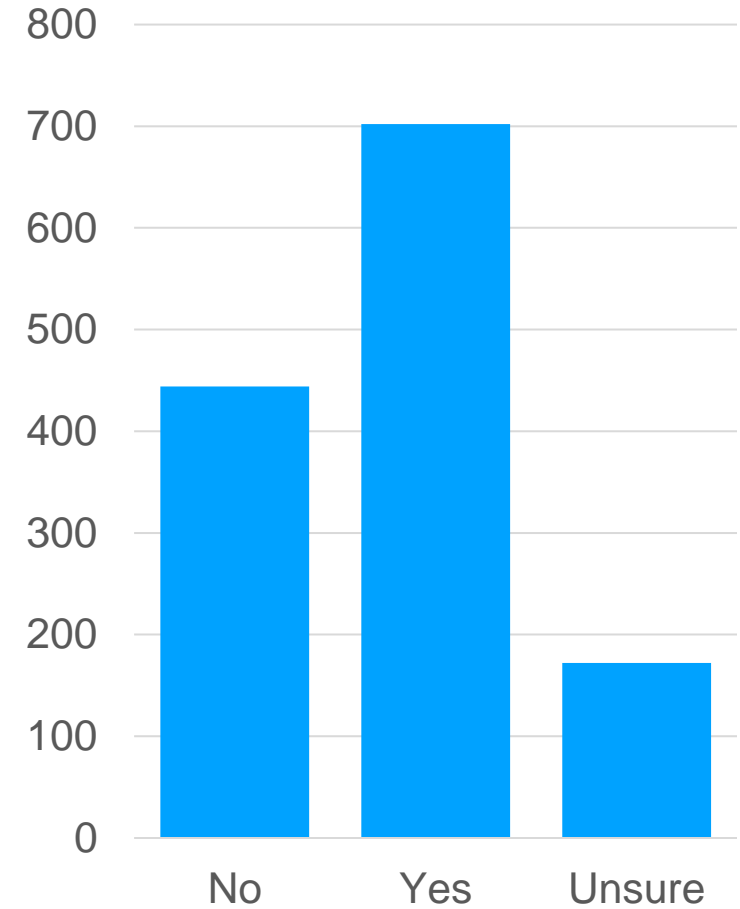


(n=1,303)

Do you support discounting bus fares for under 18s? (n=1,313)



Do you support discounting bus fares for 18-25 year olds? (n=1,318)



Funding



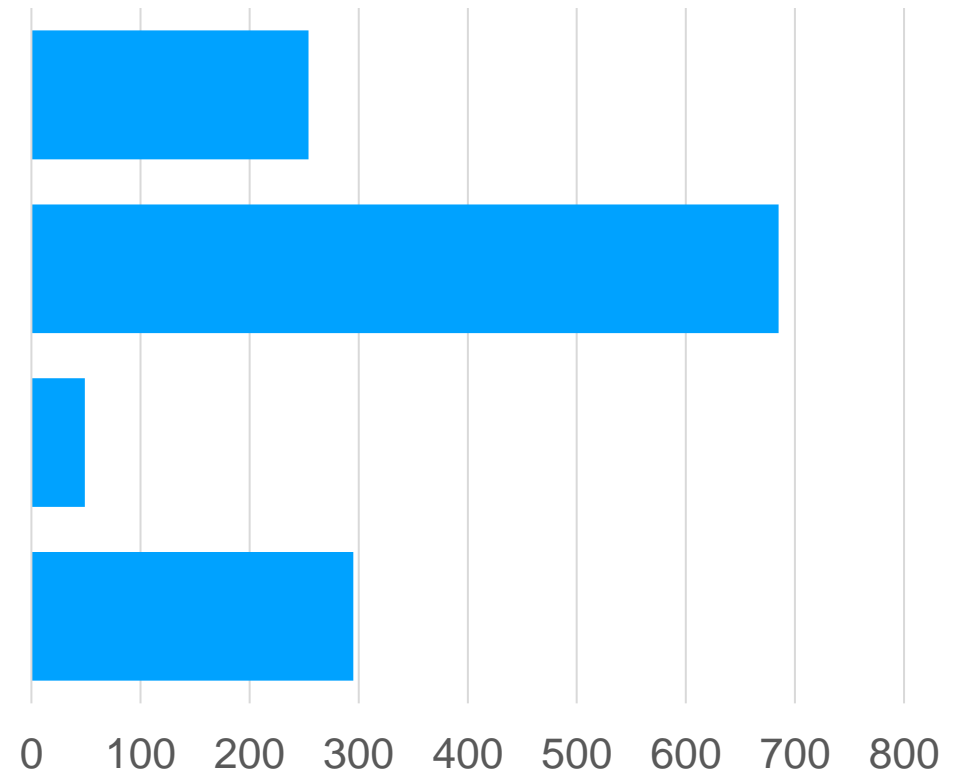
Tauranga, Western Bay, Whakatāne and Rotorua residents pay a flat targeted rate for public transport based on the level of public transport available in each district. How should public transport be funded?

An amount based on rateable land value and the level of public transport available in each district

A flat amount based on the level of public transport available in each district

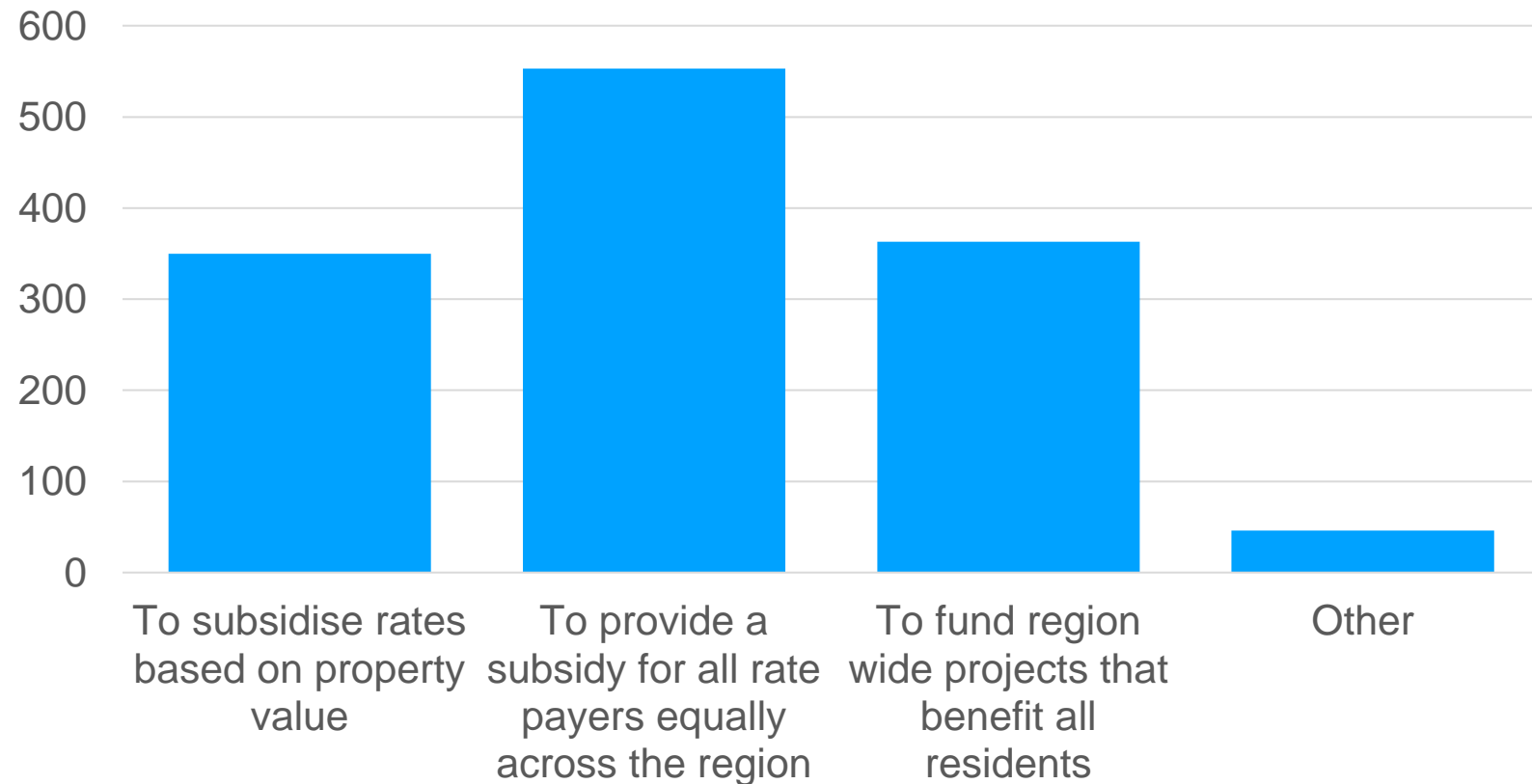
An amount based on rateable land value by all ratepayers in the region

A flat amount by all ratepayers in the region



(n=1,283)

Currently, earnings from council investments through Quayside Holdings Limited mean that general rates are subsidised by approximately \$380 per household per year, but this varies based on property value. How do you think earnings from council investments should be used?



(n=1,312)

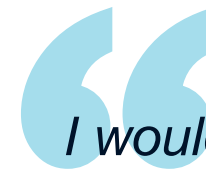
Any other feedback



Most common themes

- Transport focus (174)
- Responsibilities of other agencies (138)
- Rates (64)
- Climate Change and mitigation (37)
- Reduce spending (35)

N = 666 comments



I would like to see the framing of the LTP be: Smarter Spending, Fairer Funding, and Democratic Decision-making.

To have Iwi contributing to the Long term plans of the region and sitting at the table as partners with invaluable input

Love living in BOP. Despite the complaints on FB, council do an excellent job for us.

Focus spending on the basics and don't waste money on projects that don't benefit the majority of rate payers

I'd like to see more support and projects focused in our smaller communities

