

Consultation | Waste Strategy and Implementation Plan

May 2024

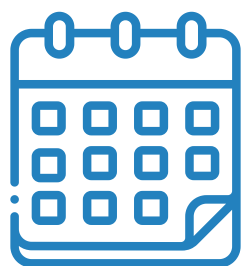
Community Engagement Summary

The Draft Waste Strategy and Implementation Plan page was developed to encourage and gather feedback from our community on the waste items of most concern to you, and the challenges and opportunities to for improved management of these items in the Dubbo Region.

Our engagement intent was to **CONSULT** the community prior to the development of the draft Waste Strategy and Implementation Plan. This plan will outline how it will work with the community to reduce waste being sent to landfill, address illegal dumping and littering, and increase circular economy opportunities within the Dubbo Region.

A summary of the engagement activities and community participation are highlighted below.

How we reached you



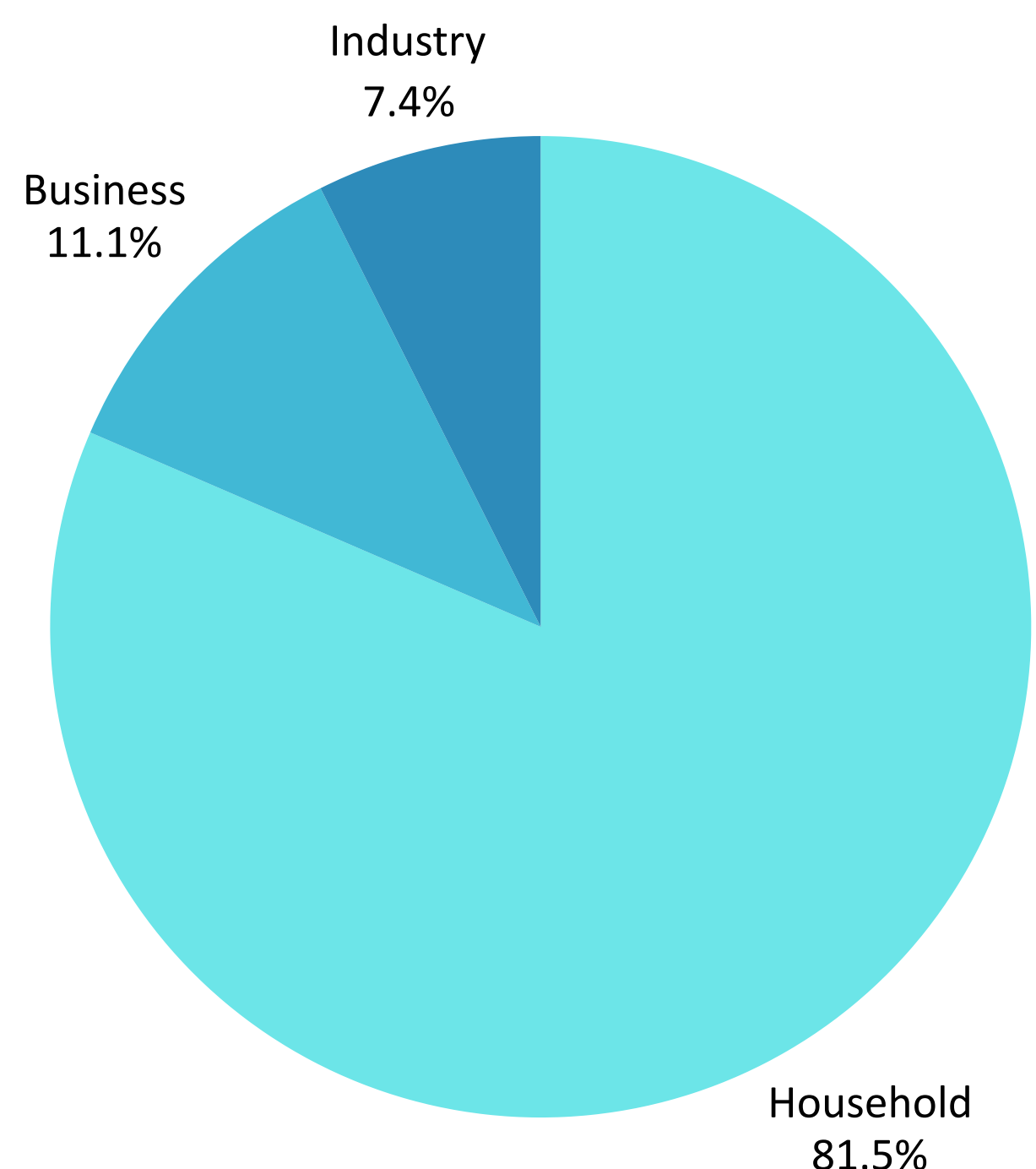
169 Days of survey
14 November 2023 - 1 May 2024



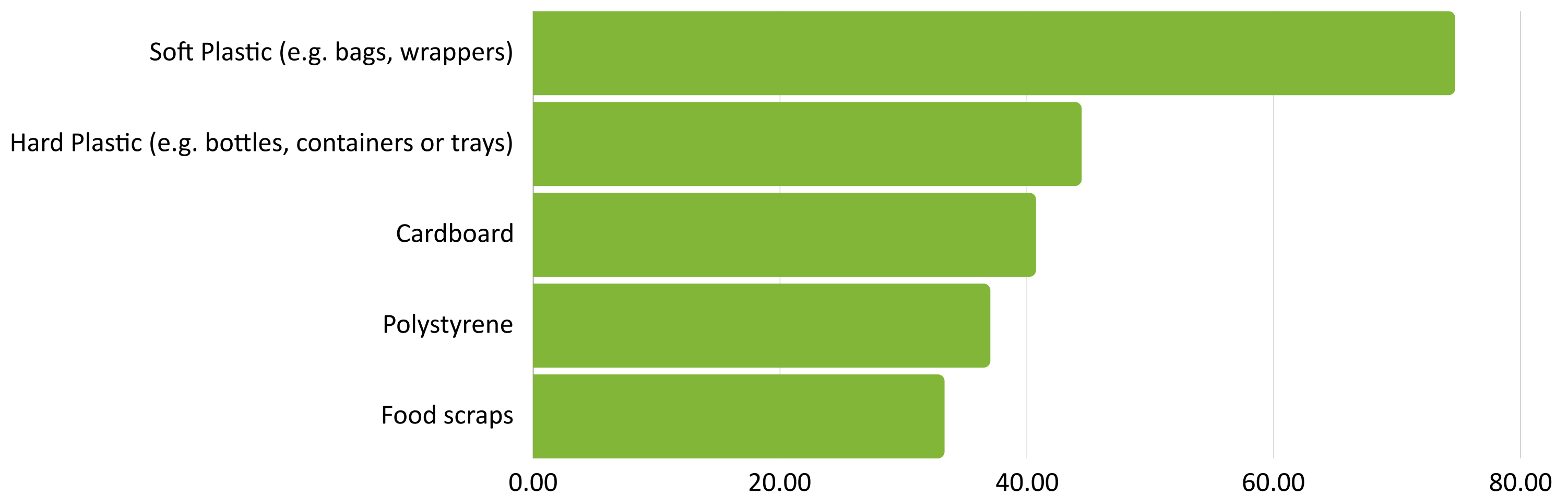
136 Visits to YourSay page
• 27 Survey Participants
• 3 page followers

What we heard

When we asked “Which category best describes you?”

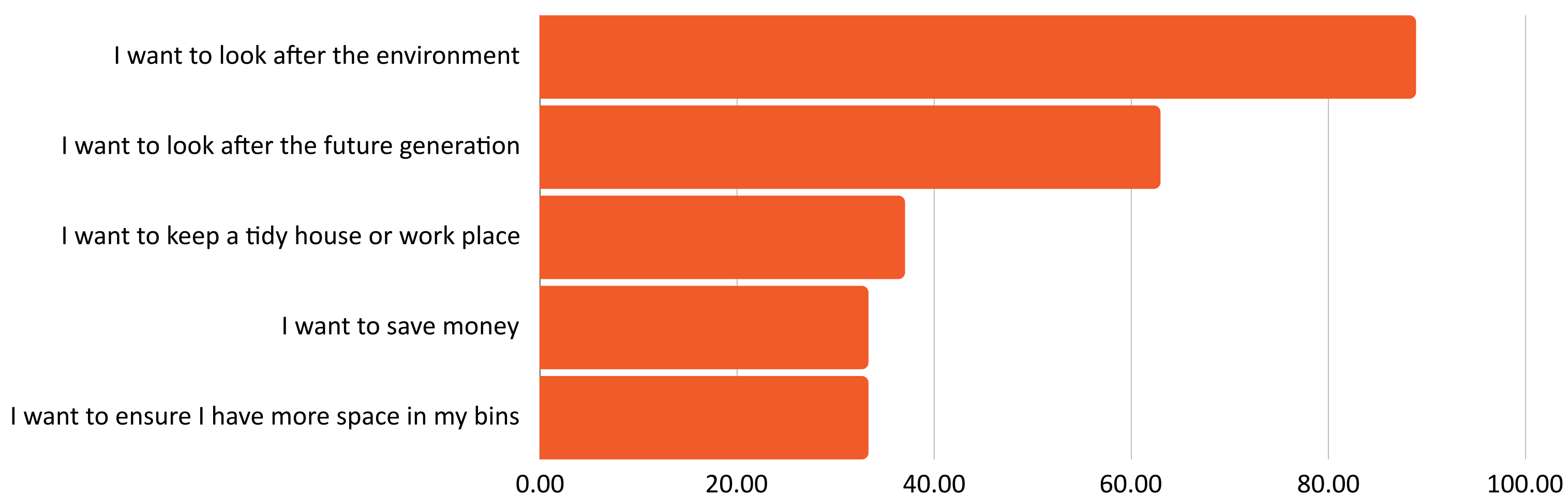


When we asked 'What are the waste items of most concern to you?', the top 5 selected answers are as follows:



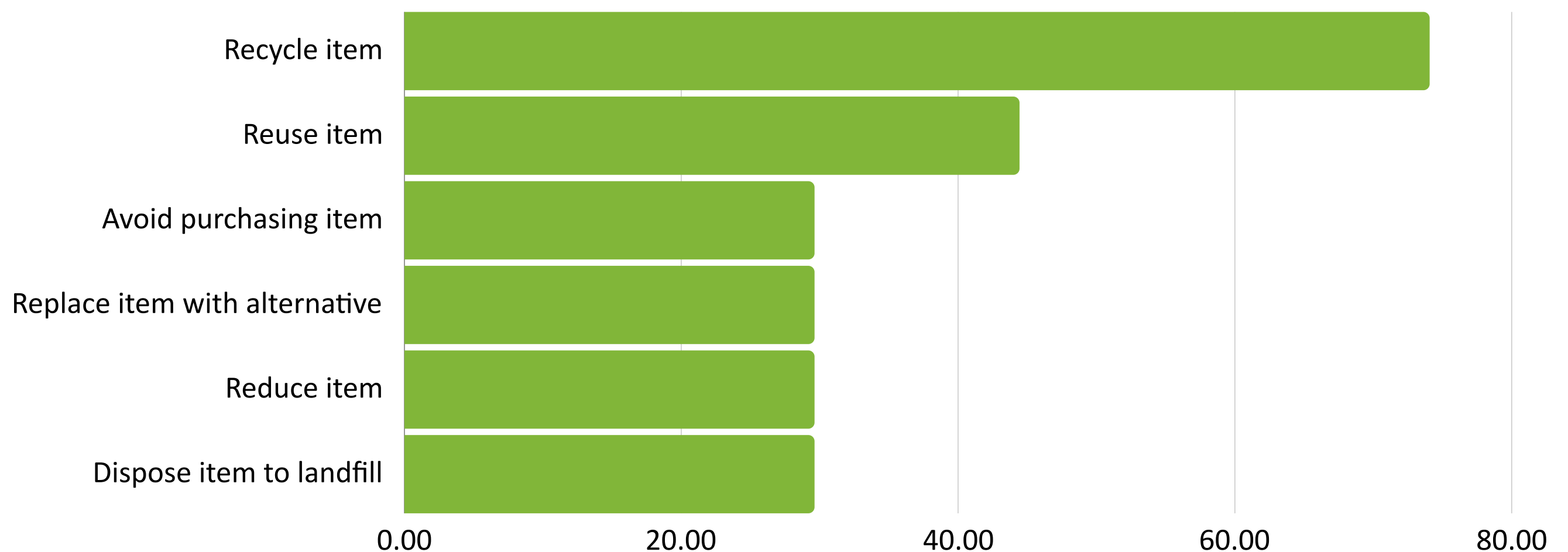
Other answers also include: Clothing or Textiles (29.63%), Metal (29.63%), Furniture/Bedding (25.93%), Construction/demolition material (22.22%), Hazardous/special waste (22.22%), Whitegoods/ Electrical (22.22%), Glass (18.52%), Wood/Timber (18.52%), Paper (14.81%), Paint (14.81%), Cigarette Butts (14.81%), Vegetation/Garden waste (11.11%), Other (11.11%), Soil (3.7%), Solar Panels (3.7%), Unsure (3.7%)

When we asked 'Why is the selected waste item/s a concern to you', the top 5 selected answers are as follows:



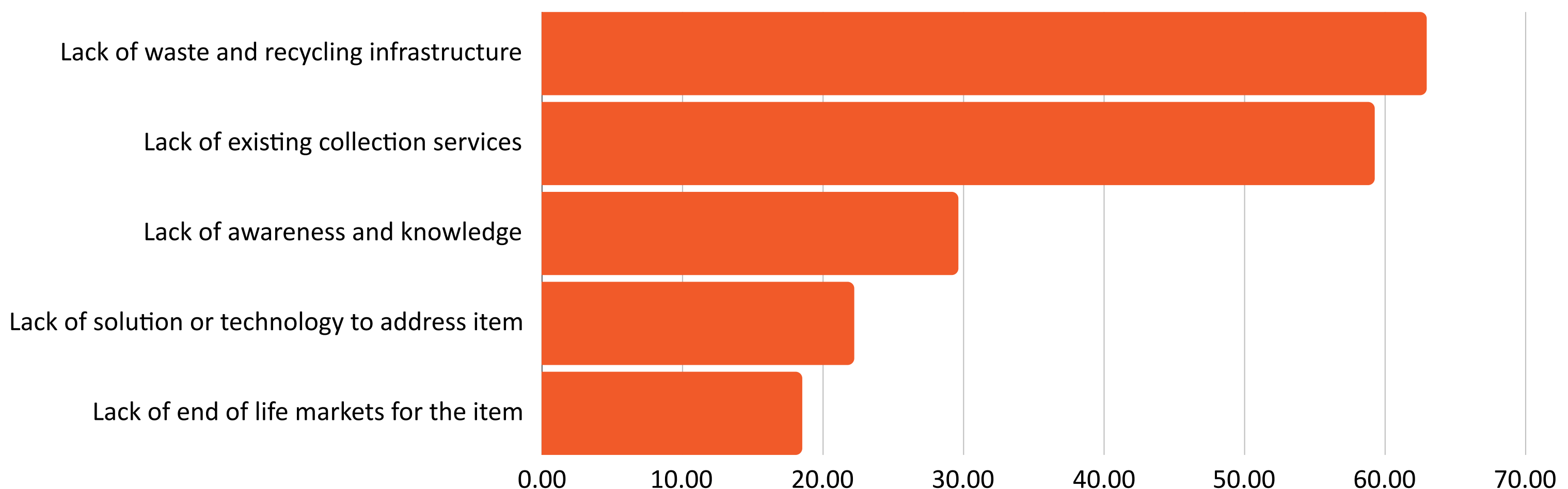
Other answers include: My business, stakeholders or community expect better management of the item (14.81%), I have regulatory or legal obligations to deal with the item (3.7%), I want to make money (3.7%), I have no reason (3.7%), Other (3.7%)

When we asked ‘What step/s have you taken to improve waste management of the item/s?’, the top 6 selected answers are as follows:



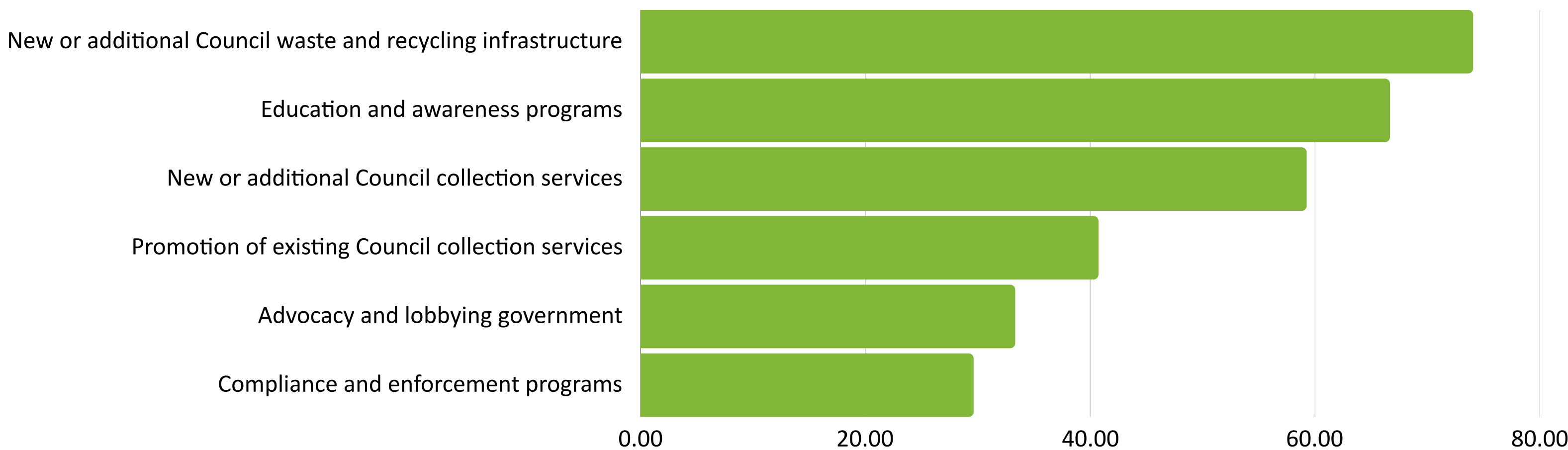
Other answers also include: I cannot find any solutions (22.22%), Repair or refurbish item (18.52%), Education and awareness about item (11.11%), Other (11.11%), Remanufacture item (7.41%), Provision of waste and recycling infrastructure (7.4%), Policy and procedures for item (3.7%), Services or programs for item (3.7%), Funding to address item (3.7%), Generate energy from item (0%), I have not taken any steps (0%)

When we asked ‘What challenges did you face in trying to improve waste management of the item/s?’, the top 5 selected answers are as follows:



Other answers include: Cost of existing collection services (14.81%), Other (14.81%), Lack of time and energy (11.11%), Frequency of existing collection services (11.11%), Lack of funding to address item (7.41%), Lack of funding to address item (3.7%), There were no barriers (0%)

When we asked What role(s) do you think Council should play in helping to improve waste management of the item(s)?, the top 6 selected answers are as follows:



Other answers also include: Promotion of existing Council waste and recycling infrastructure (22.22%), Waste data collection and reporting (22.22%), Partnerships and networking with government, councils, business and industry (18.52%), Promotion of funding and/or application to grant programs (18.52%), Development of policy and procedures for Council operations (e.g. sustainable procurement policies) (14.81%), Land use planning, provisions or zoning, to support improved waste management and circular economy activities (14.81%), Provision of financial incentives ((14.81%), Development of business tools, resources and programs (11.11%), Other (11.11%), Recognition of achievements or awards (3.7%), I am unsure (0%)

Outcomes and next steps

Community feedback from the survey will be used to help develop and prioritise key actions within Council's Waste Strategy and Implementation Plan.

For members who followed this project and have shared their email, we will send out notifications when the public exhibition windows open.

We thank you for your contribution.