

Community Engagement Findings Report



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Peninsula** Shire

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Introduction

This engagement report presents findings from the community engagement activities undertaken during February and March 2025, in support of Council's development of our legislated strategic plans.

In accordance with the Local Government Act (Vic) 2020 and the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Act (Vic) 2008, Councils are required to develop a Council Plan, Financial Plan, Asset Plan and Public Health and Wellbeing Plan by 31 October 2025. These plans need to be developed based on input from the community through deliberative engagement practices.

Council undertook both deliberative and broad community engagement from 19 February to 21 March 2025.

The purpose of the engagement was to explore our evolving community needs, acknowledging the challenges and opportunities we share.

Council wants community to be involved, as much as possible, in decisions that affect them, and this engagement was in recognition of that, gathering community input to help shape our key strategic plans.

As part of the engagement, we heard from over 3,000 people, through:

- A broad community engagement survey
- Broad community engagement outreach
- An activity run in kindergartens
- Postcards completed by primary school aged children
- A youth survey
- Three (deliberative) Community conversations

This report outlines the findings from these engagement activities.

These findings have been considered in the development of the Council Plan and other strategic plans.

Engagement Findings

Summary Findings

Community engagement highlighted that residents prioritise infrastructure maintenance, improved Council operations, roads, and environmental stewardship.

Service delivery should adapt to changing community needs, with a focus on partnerships and funding community-led initiatives. Asset investment should target high-need areas and prioritise renewal, while also exploring community involvement in management.

Key concerns span environmental issues like waste and erosion, health and wellbeing challenges such as mental health and food access, and social issues including safety and housing affordability.

Engagement with specific demographics revealed varying priorities, with younger residents focused on affordability and older residents on core services.

Broad Community Engagement Survey

General

- **1,569** responses to the survey (p. 12)
(56% women, 40% men, 4% gender diverse or prefer not to say)
- Community's top priorities for Council: (p. 14)
Infrastructure maintenance; Improving Council operations; Improving the roads; Looking after the environment
- **25 priority themes** identified to be considered in the Council Plan.
(details on pages 15 to 20)

Services and Finances

- Main services identified by community that they access: (p. 21)
Recreation and leisure; Libraries; Open space
- Main reasons Council should consider changing a service: (p. 22)
Community needs have changed, or a significant need is not being met
- Most supported options for Council to explore to improve service delivery: (p. 22)
Partnering with community groups; Encouraging philanthropic investment; Council providing funding to community groups to deliver services; Partnering with neighbouring councils

Assets

- In considering asset investment, Council should: (pp. 24-25)
Invest where it is needed most; Invest in assets used by the most people; Invest in renewal rather than new; Partner with Community to manage facilities
- There was a balanced response on asset investment for whether: (pp. 24-25)
We invest in single or multipurpose facilities; Maintain current service levels or lower some to improve others; Build based on best practice or in the most cost-effective manner

Health and Wellbeing

- Community’s highest environmental concerns: (p. 26)
Waste pollution; Coastal erosion; Bushfires; Decreasing biodiversity
- Community’s highest health and wellbeing concerns: (p. 27)
Keeping physically active; Mental wellbeing; Accessing health and social services; Access to affordable and healthy food
- Community’s highest social concerns: (p. 28)
Crime and anti-social behaviour; Feeling safe at home; Homelessness and lack of affordable housing; Cost of living

Disaggregated Data

Demographic group	Findings
Women (pp. 30-32)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar priorities for Council to general population. Greater importance on environment and lesser importance on Council operations. • Similar concerns to general population from an environmental, health and wellbeing and social perspective.
Men (pp. 33-35)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar priorities for Council to general population, though a significantly higher priority on infrastructure, Council operations, and roads and less focus on environment. • Similar concerns to general population from an environmental, health and wellbeing and social perspective.
Under the age of 60 (pp. 36-38)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top priorities for Council similar to general population, however, significantly more focus on affordable housing, safety, sports and recreation, and children and youth. • Significantly more concern for access to affordable, healthy food than the general population. • Significantly more concern for cost of living than the general population.
60 years and older (pp. 39-41)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar priorities for Council to general population, though significantly less focus on sports and recreation, children and youth, and affordable housing. • Similar concerns to general population from an environmental, health and wellbeing and social perspective.

Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander*
(pp. 42-44)

- Similar priorities for Council to general population, though significantly greater focus on improved Council operations.
- Significantly more concern for access to affordable, healthy food than the general population than the general population.
- Significantly more concern for increased flooding and heatwaves than the general population.
- More concern for cost of living, feeling safe, and abuse or disrespect than the general population.

LGBTIQA+*
(pp. 45-47)

- Significantly more focus on community services, affordable housing, accessibility and inclusion, climate change, arts and culture and tourism and events as priorities for Council as compared to the general population.
- Significantly more concern for access to affordable, healthy food, and the impact of climate change than the general population.
- Significantly more concern for decreasing biodiversity and increased storm events than the general population.
- Significantly more concern for homelessness, cost of living, family violence, gender inequality and discrimination than the general population.

Multicultural communities
(pp. 48-50)

- Similar priorities for Council to general population, though significantly greater focus on the environment, affordable housing, beaches and coasts, and tourism and events.
- Less concern for decreasing biodiversity than the general population.
- More concern for cost of living than the general population.

Disability or chronic illness
(pp. 51-53)

- Similar priorities for Council to general population, though significantly greater focus on active transport, community services, affordable housing, health and wellbeing, and accessibility and inclusion.
- Similar concerns to general population from an environmental, health and wellbeing and social perspective.

**Note: low sample sizes, may limit the representation of the available data*

Broad Community Engagement Outreach

Complementing the online survey, 18 community pop-ups were held across the Mornington Peninsula on various times of day and days of the week to capture harder to reach voices.

- ~930 responses (p. 55)
(66% women, 30% men, 1% gender diverse, 3% prefer not to say)
- Main services identified by community that they access: (p. 56)
Open Space; Recreation and Leisure; Libraries
- Similar thoughts on asset investment to the general engagement survey: (pp. 57-58)
- Top challenges impacting our community: (p. 59)
Roads and transport; Environment and open space; Health and wellbeing; Community safety

Kindergarten Activity

- 44 participants
- Most important things for Council to do: (p. 65)
Playgrounds; Nature parks; Helping to care for our beaches; Art galleries and outdoor artwork; Skate parks

Childrens Postcards

- 262 postcards
- Most important things for Council to do: (p. 68)
Playgrounds; Nature parks; Footpaths, roads walking/riding tracks; Libraries; Garbage trucks and keeping our streets clean
- Most important things for keeping us happy and healthy: (p. 69)
Healthy food to eat; Spending time with family/friends; Looking after nature; Feeling safe
- Most important things we can all do to keep the peninsula great: (p. 69)
Look after nature; Clean the beach; Walk/ride a bike

Youth Survey

- 70 responses
- Most important thing for Council to do: (p. 76)
Look after everyone's health, wellbeing and safety as well as making sure they feel connected and ready for climate change
- Health and wellbeing issues most important to youth: (p. 76)
Mental health; Connection to friends/family
- Social issues most important to youth: (p. 77)
Feeling safe; Gender inequality; Homelessness and housing; Racism and discrimination
- Most supported options for Council to explore to improve service delivery: (p. 77)
Working with community groups; Working with nearby Councils; Selling unused land or buildings
- Most supported options for Council to explore to support the community's future: (p. 78)
More events and festivals; Supporting local business
- Most supported services: (p. 78)
Making sure there are enough houses; Increasing employment and education opportunities
- Most supported priorities for Council to protect our environment: (p. 79)
Sustainable transport options; Renewable energy generation

Broad Community Engagement Survey

Overview

The broad engagement survey was delivered via an online survey on the Shire's engagement platform, Shape.

It was open from 19 February to 21 March 2025, consisting of four sections, one associated with each of our key strategic plans.

Data collected was supported by the collection of demographic data to allow for disaggregation of the results.

The survey was promoted via a media release, in the Shire's eNewsletter (PenBuzz) and direct emails, through PenWide, social media and on the Shire's website.

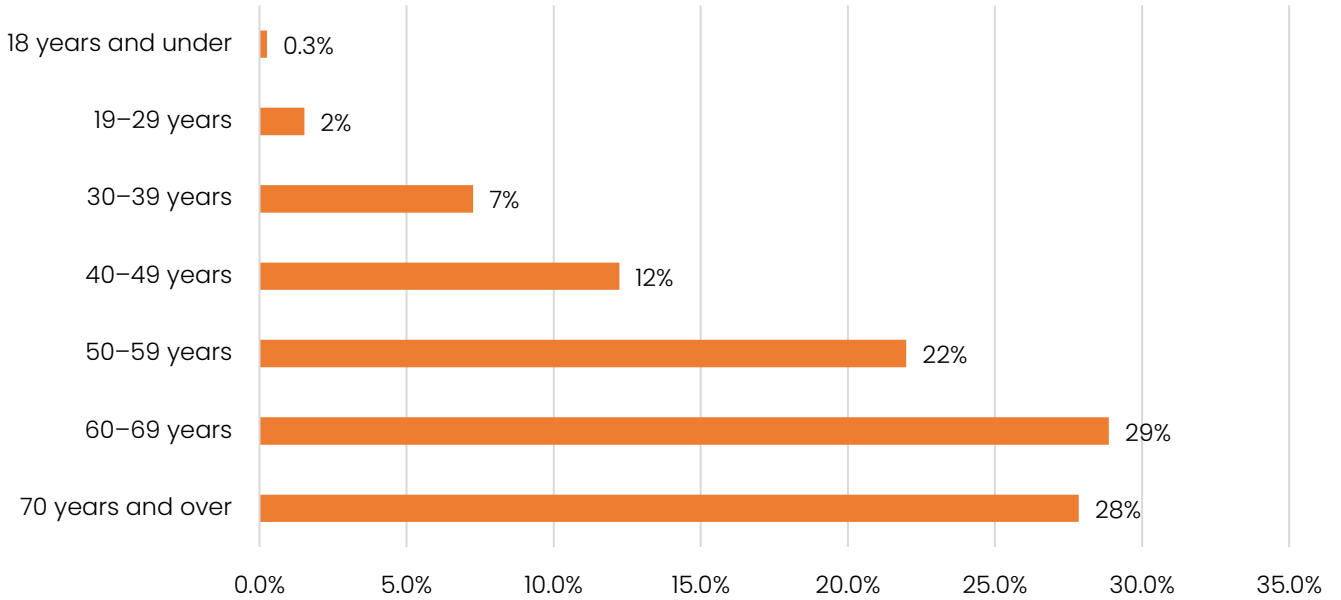
The results from the survey are presented on the following pages. The word cloud below is based on the key words from verbatim comments provided as additional feedback.



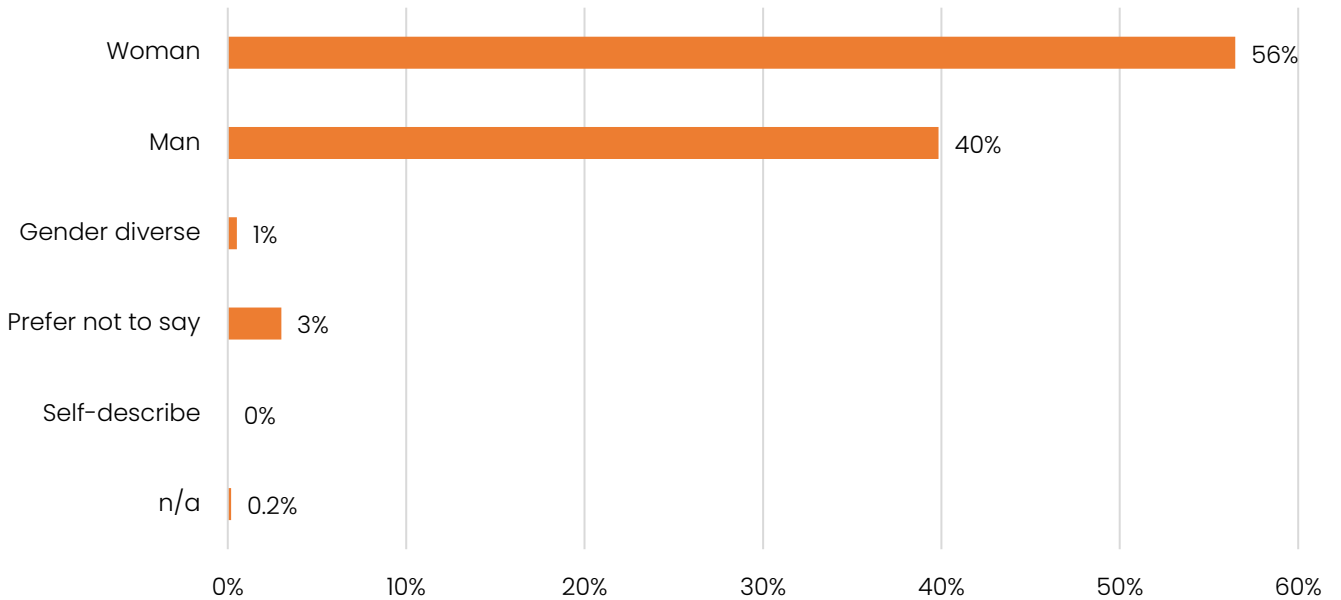
Demographics

Total Responses: 1,569

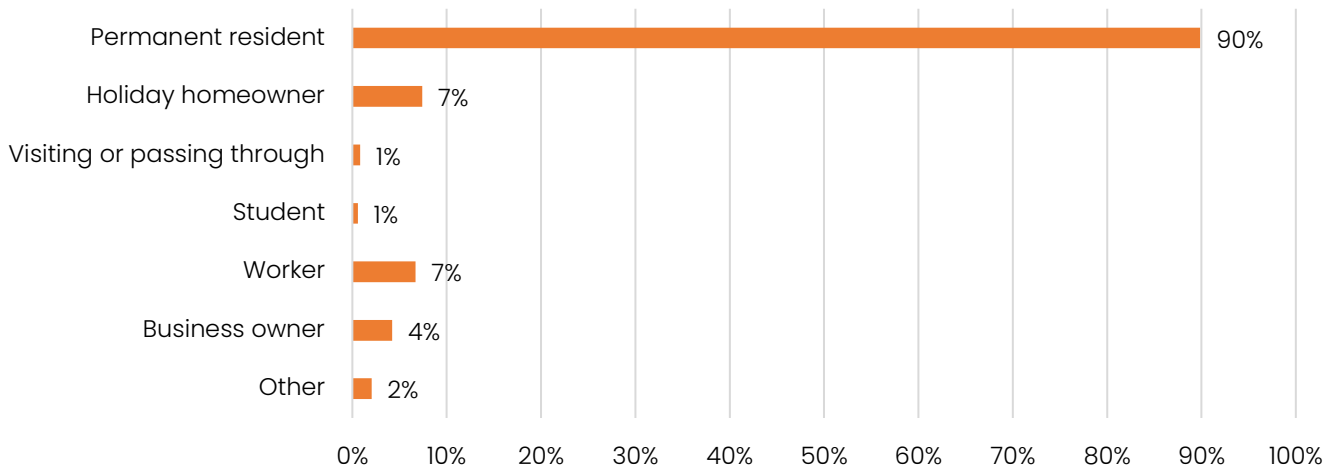
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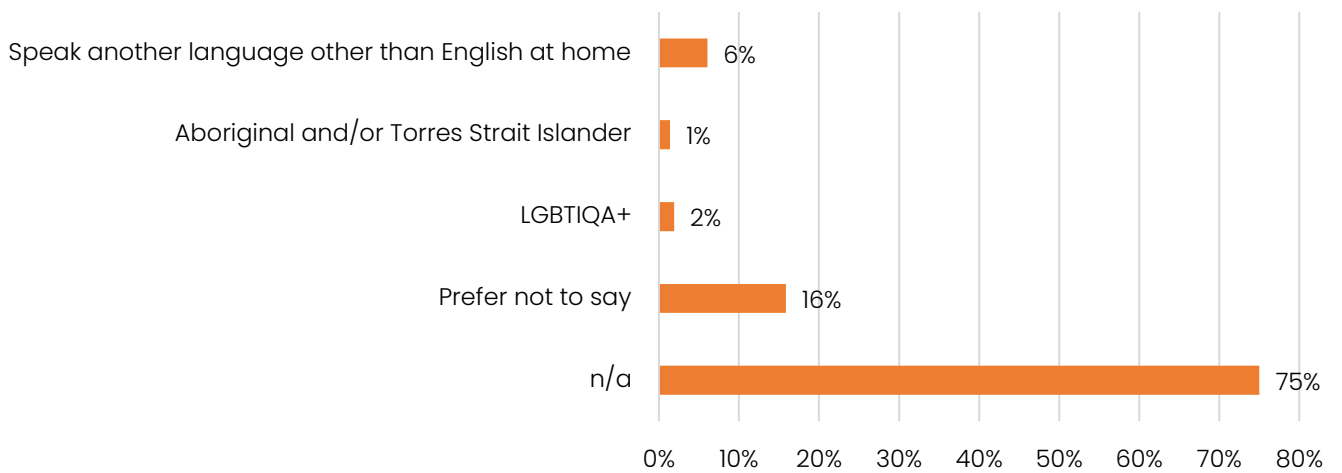
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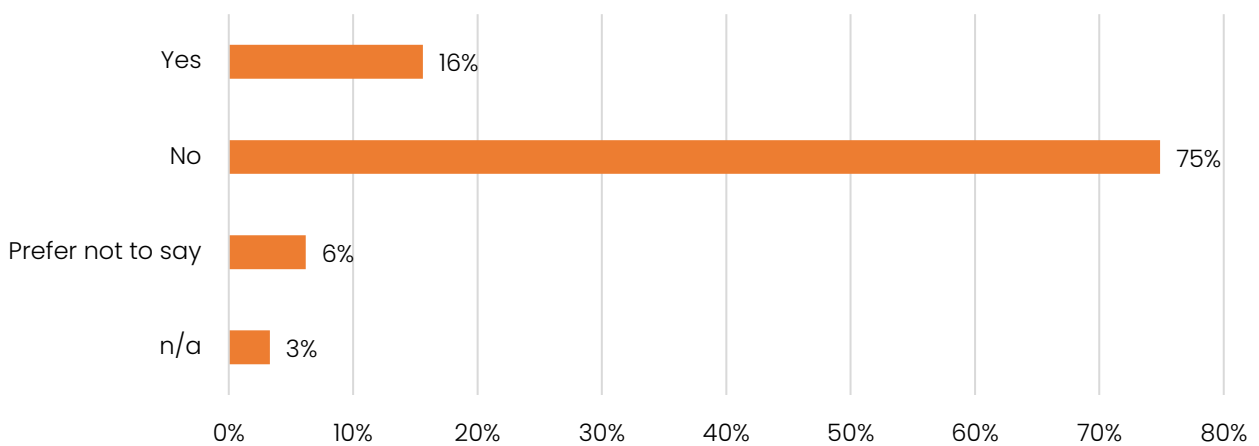
Connection to the Mornington Peninsula:



Do you identify with any of the following?



Do you have a disability or chronic illness that impacts your everyday life?

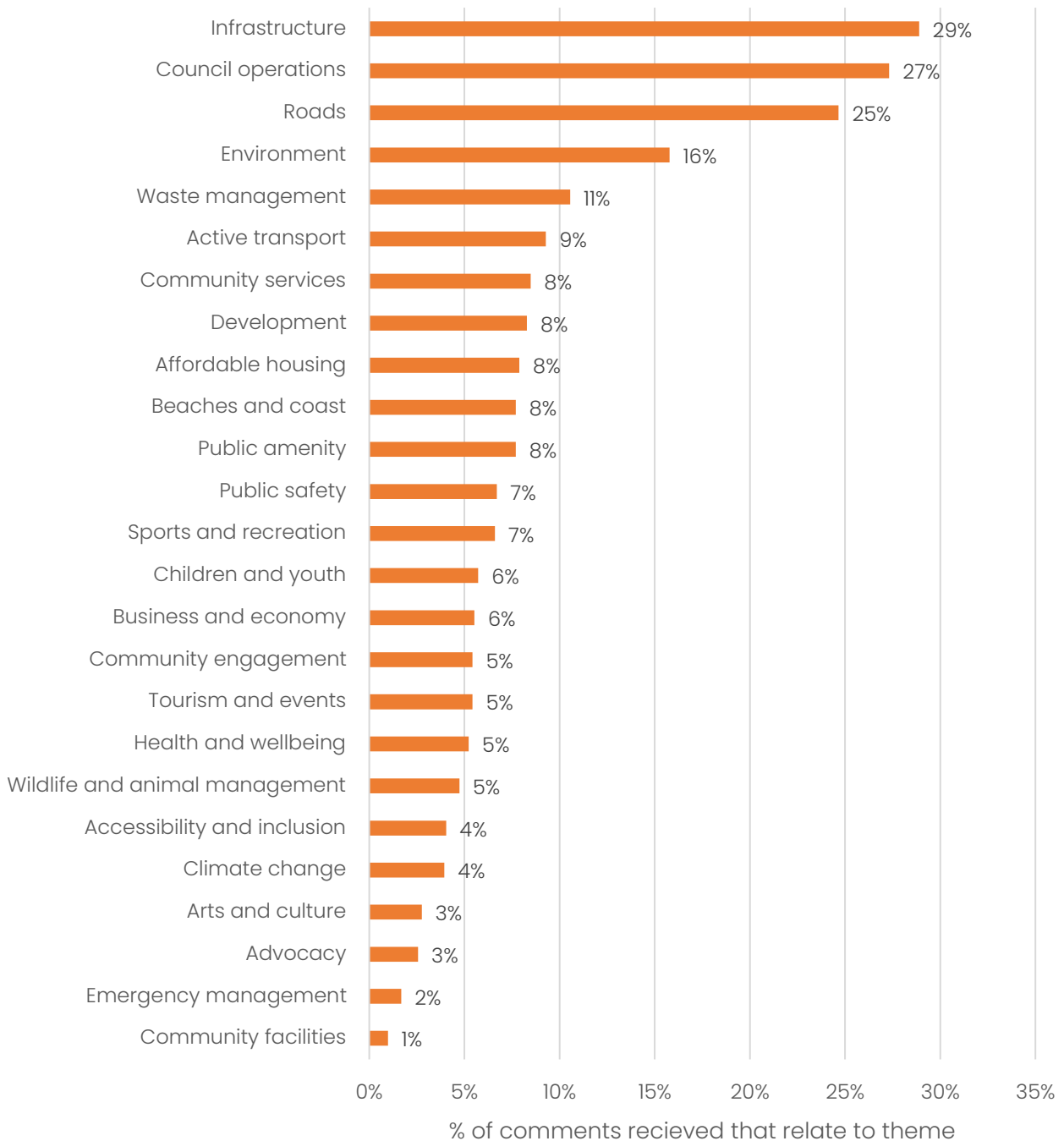


Open Comments:

What do you see as a priority for Council over the next four years?

The verbatim comments received for the above questions were coded into the 25 most commonly occurring themes. These 25 themes are listed below.

The table on the following pages outline a summary of comments related to the theme along with representative quotes from the feedback received and identifies the link to strategies included in the Council Plan.



Theme (linked strategies)	%	Summary
Infrastructure see Strategy: - 1.2.2	29%	Infrastructure comments highlight the need for investment in and maintenance of infrastructure. Reliable and well-maintained infrastructure is a priority. <i>"council needs to invest more heavily in maintenance. maintenance investment will ensure facilities and infrastructure are maintained at less cost than building new facilities"</i> <i>"maintaining ... infrastructure in public areas in a timely manner"</i> <i>"footpath maintenance including overhanging foliage reduction"</i>
Council Operations see Strategy: - 4.1.1 - 4.1.2 - 4.1.5 - 4.2.2	27%	Council operations comments relate to governance, efficiency, decision making and focusing on core service delivery. There are concerns regarding transparency, decision-making processes, operational efficiency, and the need for the council to be accountable to residents. Residents seek better management, value for money, and a focus on core services. <i>"I would like to see council fulfil its responsibilities to rate payers"</i> <i>"focus on basic, tangible council services"</i> <i>"I think there needs to be a focus on the quality of services delivered, not just the cost of those services"</i> <i>"core responsibilities of council are executed well and consistently"</i>
Roads see Strategy: - 1.2.4	25%	Roads comments centre on the maintenance, safety, and capacity of the road network. A significant portion of the feedback focuses on the poor condition of roads, with frequent mentions of potholes, deteriorating surfaces, and the need for improved maintenance. <i>"better road management, potholes and road surface safety"</i> <i>"concentrate on getting the roads in a good condition"</i> <i>"there needs to be an upgrade of streets and footpaths. many of the smaller roads have large weeds growing through the bitumen"</i>
Environment see Strategy: - 1.1.1 - 1.1.4 - 1.1.5	16%	Environment comments generally express concern for preserving natural spaces and managing environmental impacts. There is a desire for sustainable practices and conservation efforts to protect the local ecosystem and its beauty. <i>"Council needs to start treating the local environment as its (and our) biggest asset"</i> <i>"regenerate our native vegetation and waterways and foreshore"</i> <i>"manage the peninsula to cater for the future, control loss of habitat and environmental destruction"</i>

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<p>Waste Management</p> <p>see Strategy: - 1.1.6</p>	<p>11%</p>	<p>Waste management comments discuss the efficiency and environmental impact of waste services. There is interest in improving recycling programs, reducing litter, and finding sustainable waste disposal solutions.</p> <p><i>"Council should prioritise the basic services - i.e. waste management"</i></p> <p><i>"maintenance of general rubbish everywhere"</i></p> <p><i>"increase composting, decrease waste"</i></p>
<p>Active Transport</p> <p>see Strategy: - 1.2.3 - 1.2.5</p>	<p>9%</p>	<p>Active transport comments highlight the need for better active transport options. There are concerns about traffic congestion, the efficiency of public transport, provision of footpaths and trails, and the safety and accessibility of pathways.</p> <p><i>"work with the state government to improve public transport"</i></p> <p><i>"ensure the bay trail is a continuous link"</i></p> <p><i>"more paths, walking trails on the peninsula"</i></p> <p><i>"safe pedestrian paths on major roads, cycle paths"</i></p>
<p>Community Services</p> <p>see Strategy: - 2.1.2</p>	<p>8%</p>	<p>Community services comments emphasise the importance of support services for vulnerable populations, including aged care, disability services, homelessness, and family support. There is a focus on ensuring that community services are accessible, inclusive, and meet the diverse needs of residents.</p> <p><i>"targeting social housing, community services, youth services, social spaces"</i></p> <p><i>"family violence services"</i></p> <p><i>"focus on improving social welfare services for those in need, across all ages"</i></p> <p><i>"the welfare of our older residents is no longer a major priority for council as it once was"</i></p>
<p>Development</p> <p>see Strategy: - 1.2.1</p>	<p>8%</p>	<p>Development comments reflect a mix of concerns about growth and the need to manage development appropriately. Issues such as over-development, the impact of new constructions on neighbourhood character, and the balance between development and the environment are common. There is a desire for managed growth that enhances the community rather than detracts from it.</p> <p><i>"preventing overdevelopment and maintaining green wedge"</i></p> <p><i>"preventing over-development and population which is not supported by social infrastructure"</i></p> <p><i>"control and limit urban development and overpopulation of the Mornington peninsula and the side effects of more traffic and loss of nature"</i></p>

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<p>Affordable Housing</p> <p>see Strategy: - 2.1.5</p>	8%	<p>Affordable housing comments emphasise the challenges of housing availability and cost. Residents are concerned about the lack of affordable housing options and the high cost of living, which is impacting the community.</p> <p><i>"addressing the cost of living issues will have flow on effects to many of the other issues faced by the community"</i></p> <p><i>"cost of living, affordable housing, loosening permits for affordable housing and other improvements"</i></p> <p><i>"homelessness must be a priority for Council"</i></p>
<p>Beaches and Coast</p> <p>see Strategy: - 1.1.2</p>	8%	<p>Beaches and coast comments focus on balancing recreational use with conservation. There are concerns addressing erosion, improving access, managing development impacts, and maintaining beach quality for both residents and tourists.</p> <p><i>"keeping our bay and beaches clean"</i></p> <p><i>"more funding should be directed towards securing the peninsula from inundation and coastal damage"</i></p> <p><i>"manage the coastal erosion and facilities at beaches"</i></p>
<p>Public Amenity</p> <p>see Strategy: - 1.1.3</p>	8%	<p>Public amenity comments focus on the quality and maintenance of public spaces and services. There is a desire for clean, safe, and attractive public areas that enhance the overall liveability of the community.</p> <p><i>"making sure our amenity (roads, streetscapes, shopping villages) are the best they can be"</i></p> <p><i>"I would like to see priority given to maintenance and improvement in public spaces"</i></p> <p><i>"concentrate on keeping the areas clean and litter free"</i></p>
<p>Public Safety</p> <p>see Strategy: - 2.1.4</p>	7%	<p>Public safety comments focus on maintaining a safe and secure community environment. There are concerns about crime prevention and ensuring public spaces are safe for all residents.</p> <p><i>"work with police to lower crime rate"</i></p> <p><i>"ensuring adequate street lighting and lighting in public parks"</i></p> <p><i>"work with the appropriate government bodies and police"</i></p>
<p>Sports and recreation</p> <p>see Strategy: - 2.2.2</p>	7%	<p>Sports and recreation comments highlight the importance of accessible and well-maintained recreational facilities. There is a desire for diverse sports programs, parks, and spaces that cater to all ages and abilities to promote healthy lifestyles and community engagement.</p> <p><i>"keeping sports facilities in all suburbs accessible"</i></p> <p><i>"improve sporting facilities"</i></p> <p><i>"improved playgrounds, sports and leisure facilities for young families and youths"</i></p> <p><i>"updating and creating safer playgrounds throughout the Shire"</i></p>

<p>Children and Youth</p> <p>see Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.1.2 - 2.2.1 - 2.2.4 	<p>6%</p>	<p>Children and youth comments emphasise the need for facilities, programs, and support for young people. There is a focus on creating a supportive and enriching environment for the younger population through education, recreational spaces, and opportunities for youth development.</p> <p><i>"supporting the young and next generation and provide opportunities to develop and grow in a safe and inclusive environment"</i></p> <p><i>"we need more support and activities for young people"</i></p> <p><i>"I would like to see more 'play' areas for older children. there is plenty of playgrounds for the younger children, but we need areas for older children"</i></p>
<p>Business and Economy</p> <p>see Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.1.1 - 3.1.2 - 3.1.4 - 3.1.5 	<p>6%</p>	<p>Business and economy comments discuss the need to support local businesses, stimulate economic growth and create job opportunities. There is interest in strategies that enhance the local economy and promote a vibrant business environment.</p> <p><i>"support small businesses which have been hit hard on the peninsula"</i></p> <p><i>"Council's priority should include support of local business"</i></p> <p><i>"more support for businesses. working together, because ultimately businesses can contribute and help solve some of the community's issues"</i></p> <p><i>"economic health of the Peninsula"</i></p>
<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>see Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.2.5 - 4.2.1 - 4.2.3 	<p>5%</p>	<p>Community engagement comments stress the importance of open communication and consultation between the council and residents. There is a desire for more inclusive decision-making processes and greater involvement of the community in local affairs.</p> <p><i>"the Council should have better approach to provide input, encourage community consultation on such important topics"</i></p> <p><i>"more public participation"</i></p> <p><i>"community centric and focussed organisation in everything it does and how it engages with the community"</i></p>
<p>Tourism and Events</p> <p>see Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.1.3 	<p>5%</p>	<p>Tourism and events comments reflect the community's interest in balancing the benefits of tourism with the impact on local resources and lifestyle. There are discussions about promoting sustainable tourism, managing crowds and enhancing local attractions. Residents are concerned about balancing economic benefits with preserving the local character of the peninsula.</p> <p><i>"management of increased numbers of tourists especially during peak season"</i></p> <p><i>"will encourage tourists to visit which will help local economy "</i></p> <p><i>"Provide more free community events like new year, Australia Day, Christmas carols"</i></p>

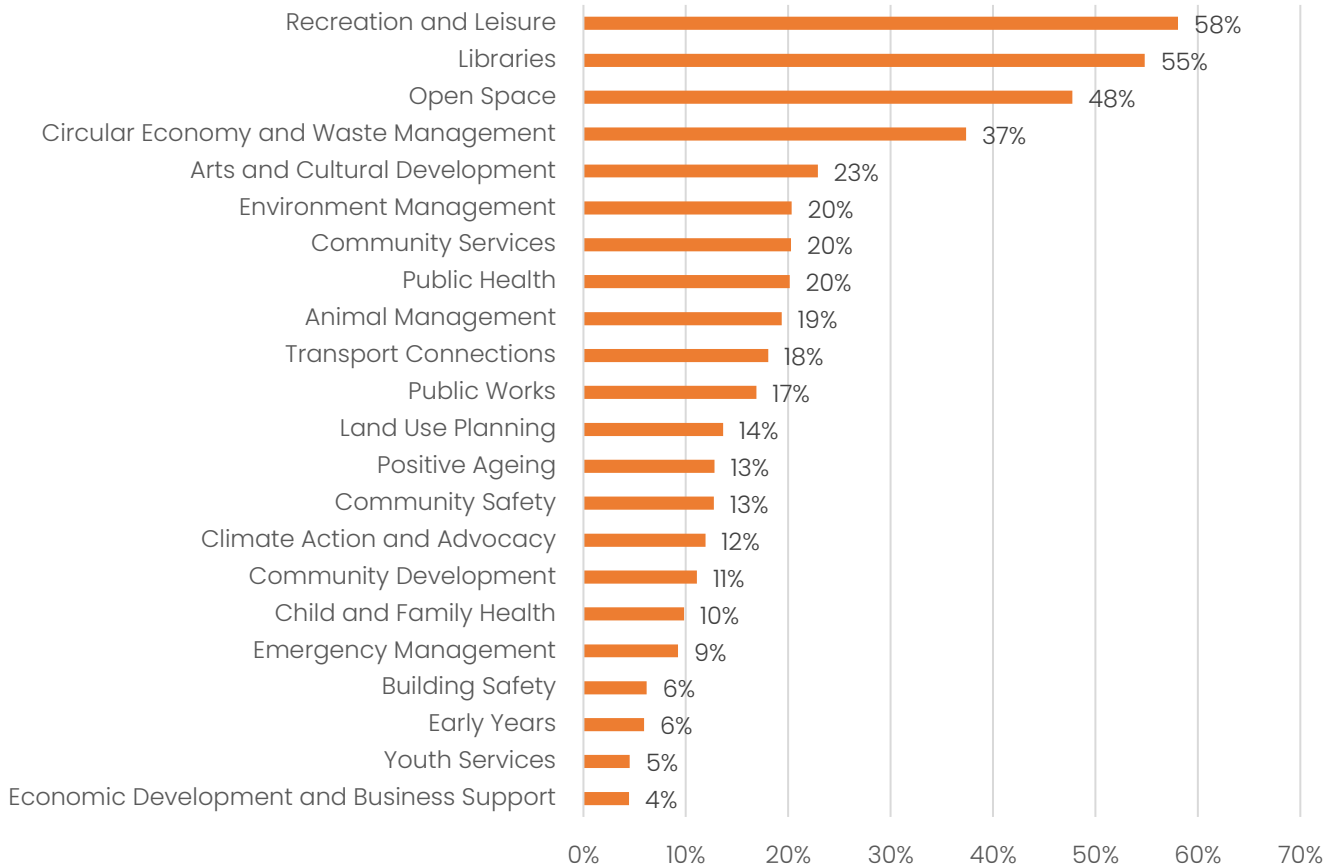
<p>Health and wellbeing</p> <p>see Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.1.1 	<p>5%</p>	<p>Health and wellbeing comments emphasise the importance of access to healthcare services, mental health support and promoting healthy lifestyles. There is a focus on creating a community that supports the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of all residents. Residents are concerned about healthcare accessibility and the availability of support services.</p> <p><i>"please ensure public health is offered as mental health crisis is affecting us"</i></p> <p><i>"accessible primary health service delivery to support health and wellbeing of the families of our community"</i></p> <p><i>"focus on providing a fun, safe enjoyable peninsula lifestyle"</i></p>
<p>Wildlife and Animal Management</p> <p>see Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.1.1 	<p>5%</p>	<p>Wildlife and animal management comments focus on the interaction between the community and local fauna. Concerns about protecting wildlife habitats, managing animal populations and addressing issues like pest control and domestic animal welfare are typical.</p> <p><i>"weed and animal pest control"</i></p> <p><i>"protecting our wildlife, e.g. koalas, dolphins, kangaroos"</i></p> <p><i>"raise awareness and improve the health of wildlife"</i></p> <p><i>"more protection for native flora and fauna"</i></p>
<p>Accessibility and Inclusion</p> <p>see Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.1.2 - 2.1.3 - 2.2.1 	<p>4%</p>	<p>Accessibility and inclusion comments focus on creating a community that is welcoming and accessible to all residents, including people with disabilities, genders, ages, identities and diverse cultural groups. There is a desire for inclusive policies, accessible infrastructure and programs that promote equity and social inclusion.</p> <p><i>"the Council needs to engage more with first nations groups"</i></p> <p><i>"we need to encourage community inclusion to reduce loneliness"</i></p> <p><i>"acceptance and promotion of cultural diversity"</i></p> <p><i>"increase community services and also events that foster respect and inclusivity for all minorities, i.e. gender, race, people with disability"</i></p>
<p>Climate Change</p> <p>see Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.1.5 - 1.1.6 - 2.1.6 	<p>4%</p>	<p>Climate change comments reflect concerns about the environmental impact of climate change and the need for local action to mitigate its effects. There is interest in sustainable practices, renewable energy and policies that address climate resilience.</p> <p><i>"economic risks of climate change"</i></p> <p><i>"climate change and the environmental impact on wildlife and humans"</i></p> <p><i>"climate change and sea level rise are going to be crucial issues that we need to respond to now"</i></p>

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<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>see Strategy: - 2.2.3</p>	<p>3%</p>	<p>Arts and culture comments highlight the value of cultural activities, public art, and community events in enriching community life. There is a desire for greater support for local artists, cultural initiatives and spaces that celebrate the community's heritage and diversity.</p> <p><i>"continued investment in public arts programming such as the Mornington peninsula regional gallery, public murals, and temporary art such as short term sculpture instillations"</i></p> <p><i>"a vibrant community enriched by culture is better connected, healthier and happy and the arts is a way"</i></p> <p><i>"uplifting the arts and our cultural impact"</i></p>
<p>Advocacy</p> <p>see Strategy: - 3.2.5</p>	<p>3%</p>	<p>Advocacy comments discuss the role of the Council in representing the interests of the community to other levels of government and advocating for local needs. There is a focus on effective representation, community empowerment and ensuring that local voices are heard.</p> <p><i>"strong lobbying for much improved public transport to service the Mornington Peninsula better ... continued lobbying for a new public hospital at rosebud to meet the needs of our growing"</i></p> <p><i>"advocate with state and federal governments to prioritise free and affordable care for all"</i></p> <p><i>"lobby government to get a fair share of infrastructure works"</i></p>
<p>Emergency Management</p> <p>see Strategy: - 1.1.6 - 2.1.6</p>	<p>2%</p>	<p>Emergency management comments emphasise the importance of preparedness, response and recovery efforts to ensure community safety during emergencies. There is a focus on effective planning, communication, and coordination to protect residents and minimise the impact of disasters.</p> <p><i>"a planned fire prevention scheme"</i></p> <p><i>"flood mitigation and drain maintenance is a major concern"</i></p> <p><i>"improve action for timely clean up after storm events for households & communities"</i></p>
<p>Community Facilities</p> <p>see Strategy: - 1.2.2</p>	<p>1%</p>	<p>Community facilities comments discuss the need for accessible and well-maintained public spaces. There is interest in ensuring that community facilities meet the needs of residents and support social interaction and community activities. Residents want facilities that are inclusive, modern and well-maintained.</p> <p><i>"fix or replace current council buildings, especially libraries"</i></p> <p><i>"please focus on the facilities, services ... build on these, expand into community assisted running"</i></p>

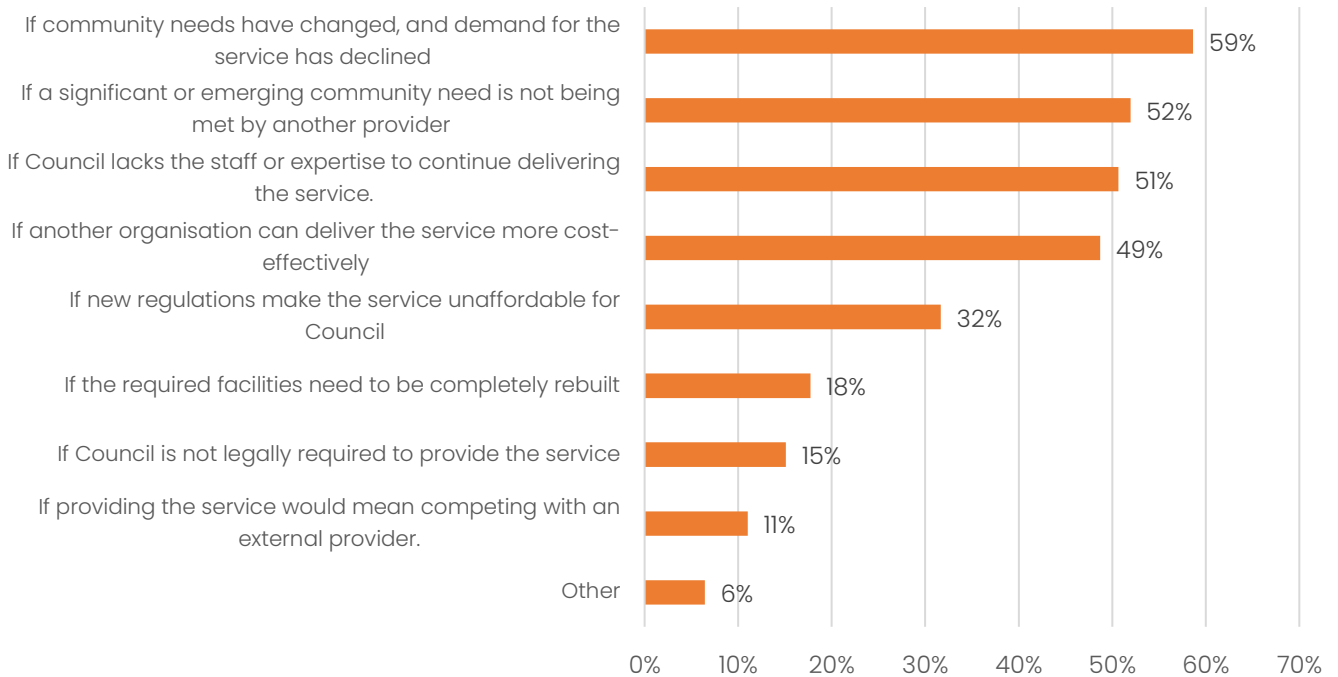
Targeted Questions – Services and Finances

What services do you access that are provided by Council?

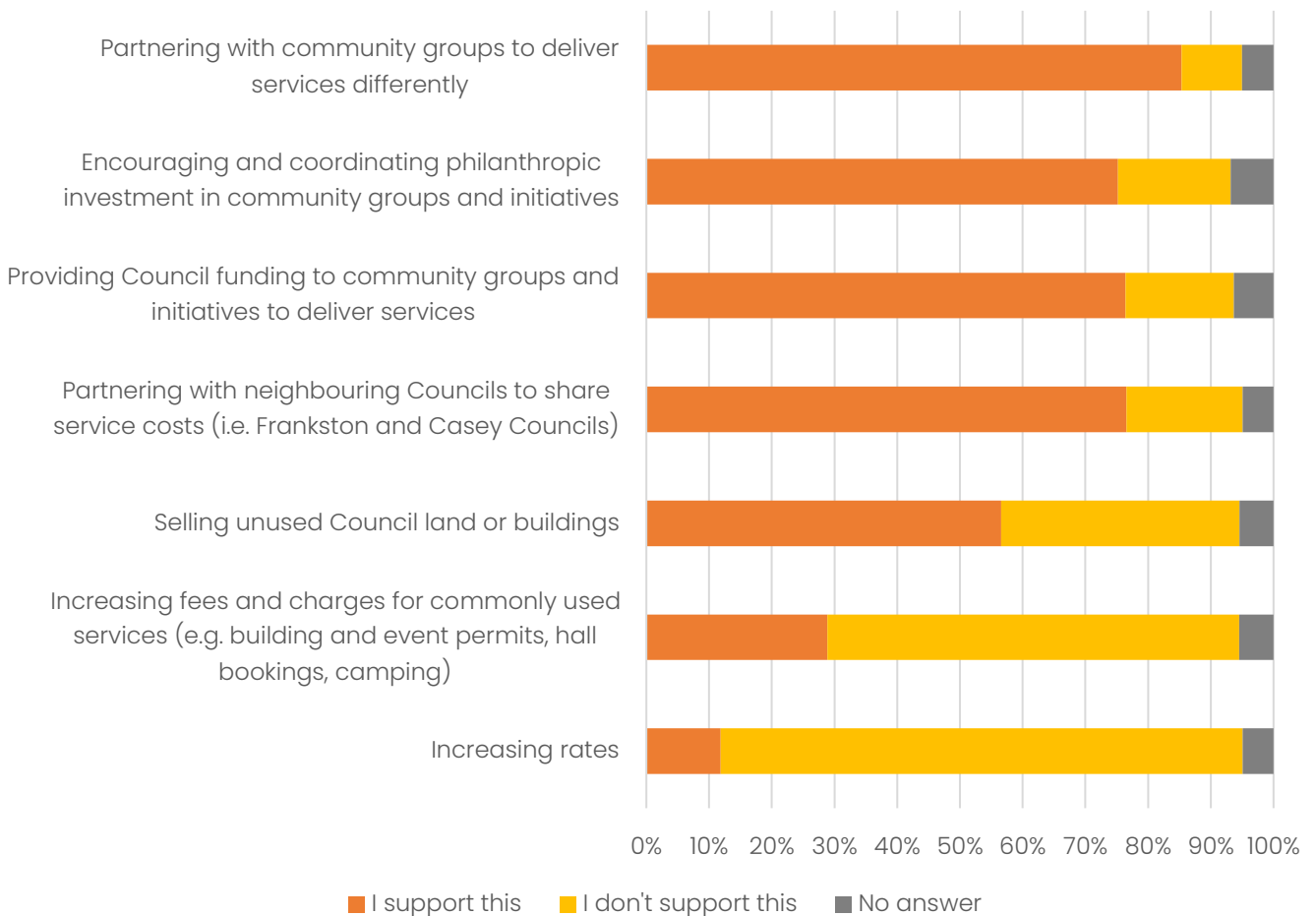


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When should Council consider changing the services it delivers?

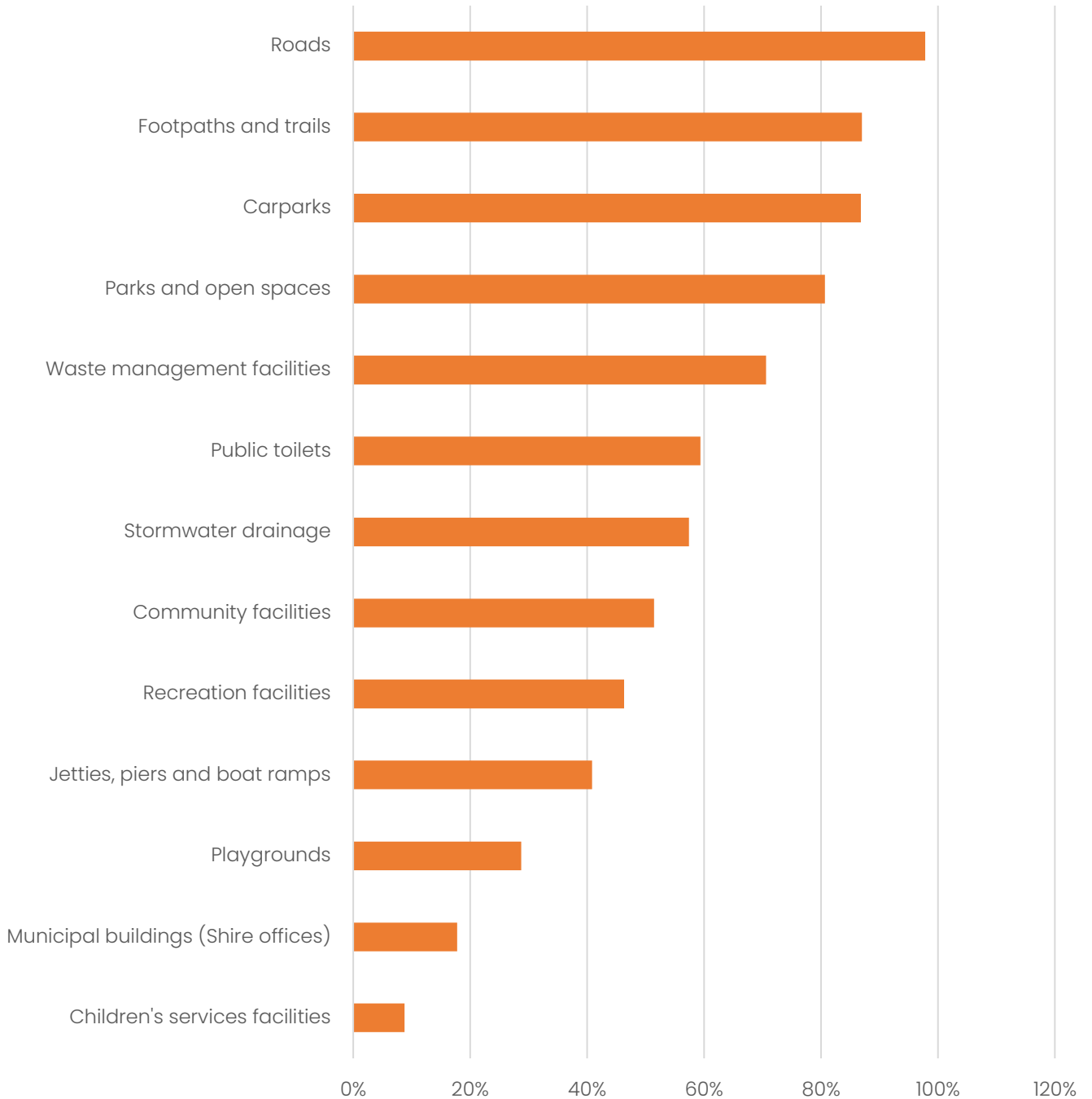


Which of the following should Council explore to improve service delivery?

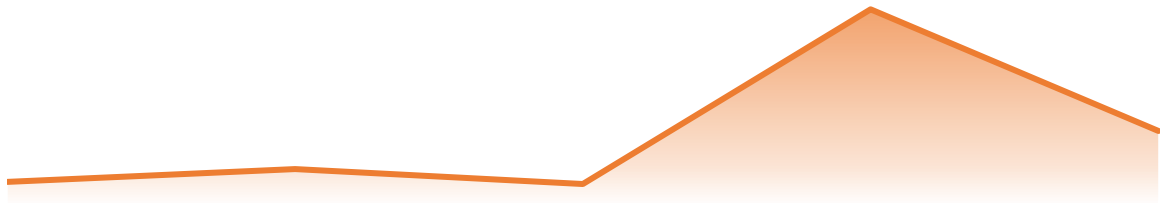


Targeted Questions – Assets

Which of these assets and facilities do you use regularly?



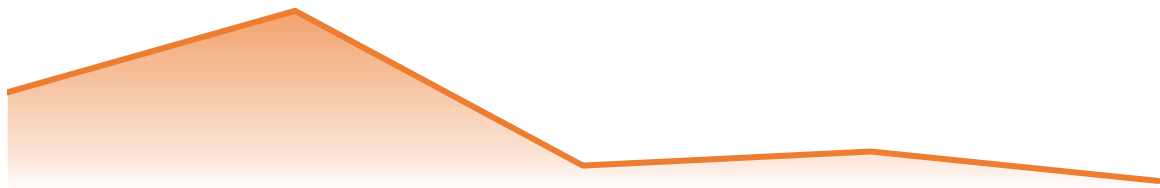
Should Council:



Spread investment evenly across the Peninsula

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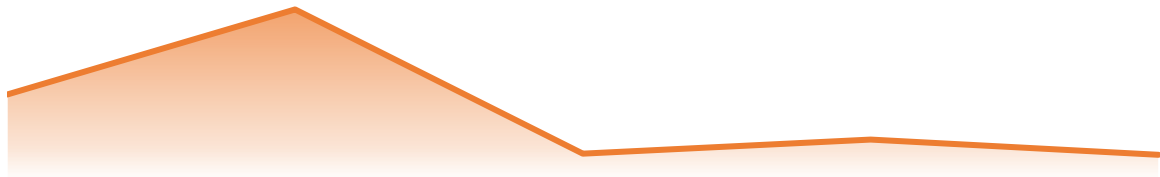
Invest where it is needed most



Invest in assets used by many people

OR

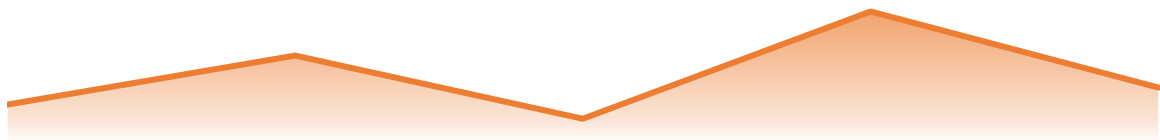
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Invest in renewing and upgrading

OR

Invest in building new assets and facilities

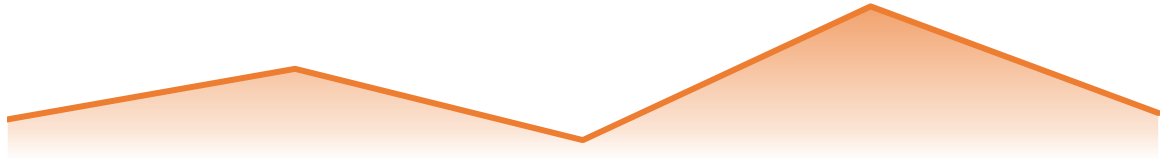


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OR

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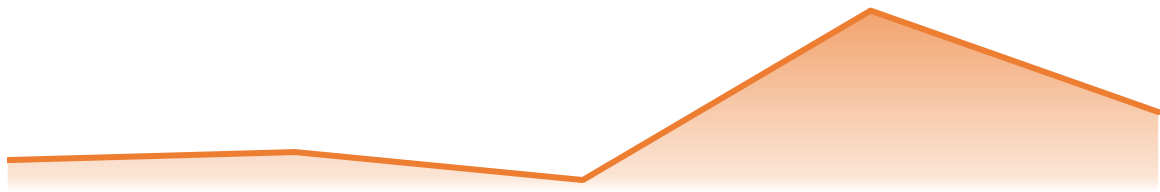
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Build in line with best practice (environmental, sustainable, accessible, etc.)

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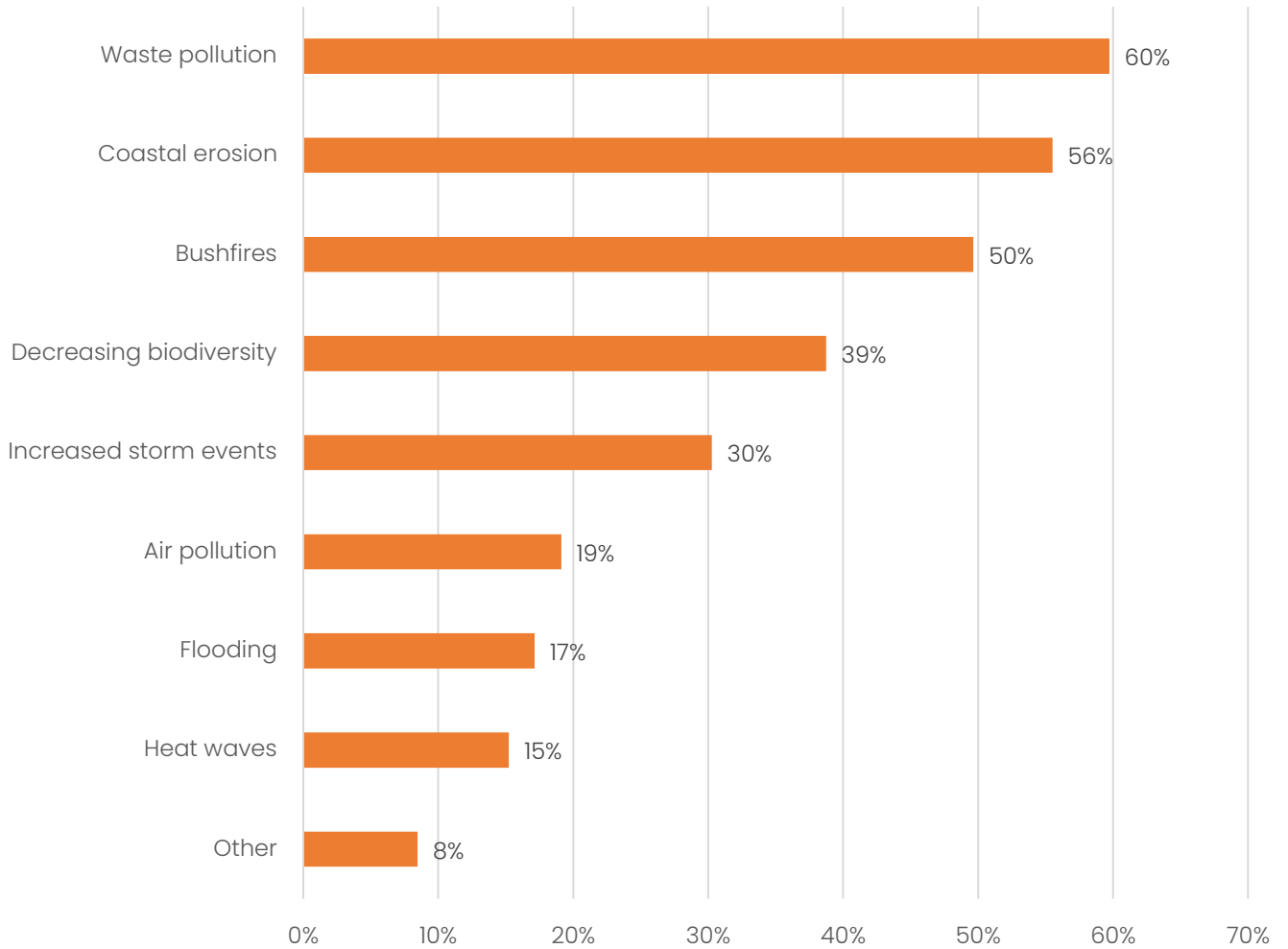
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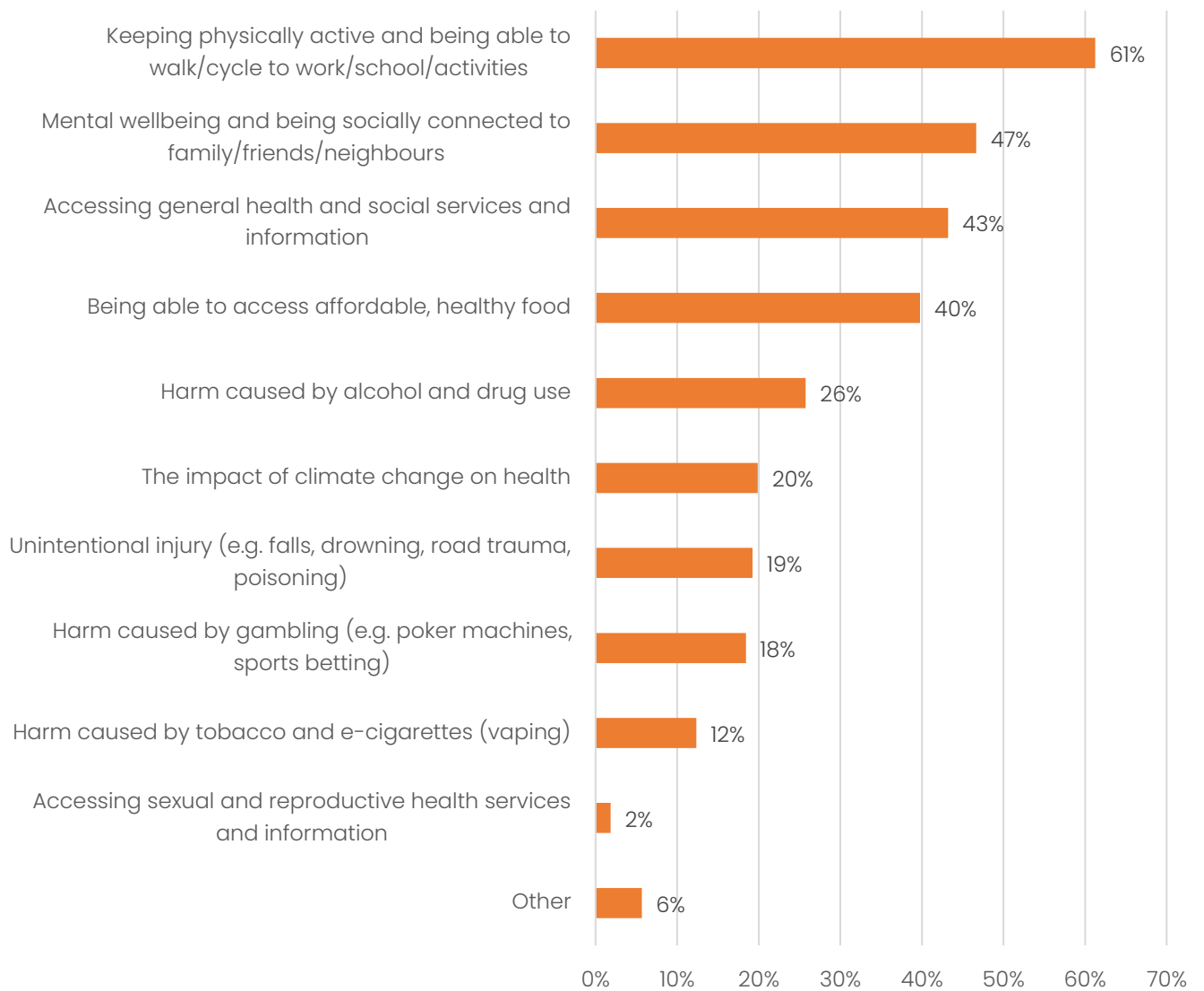
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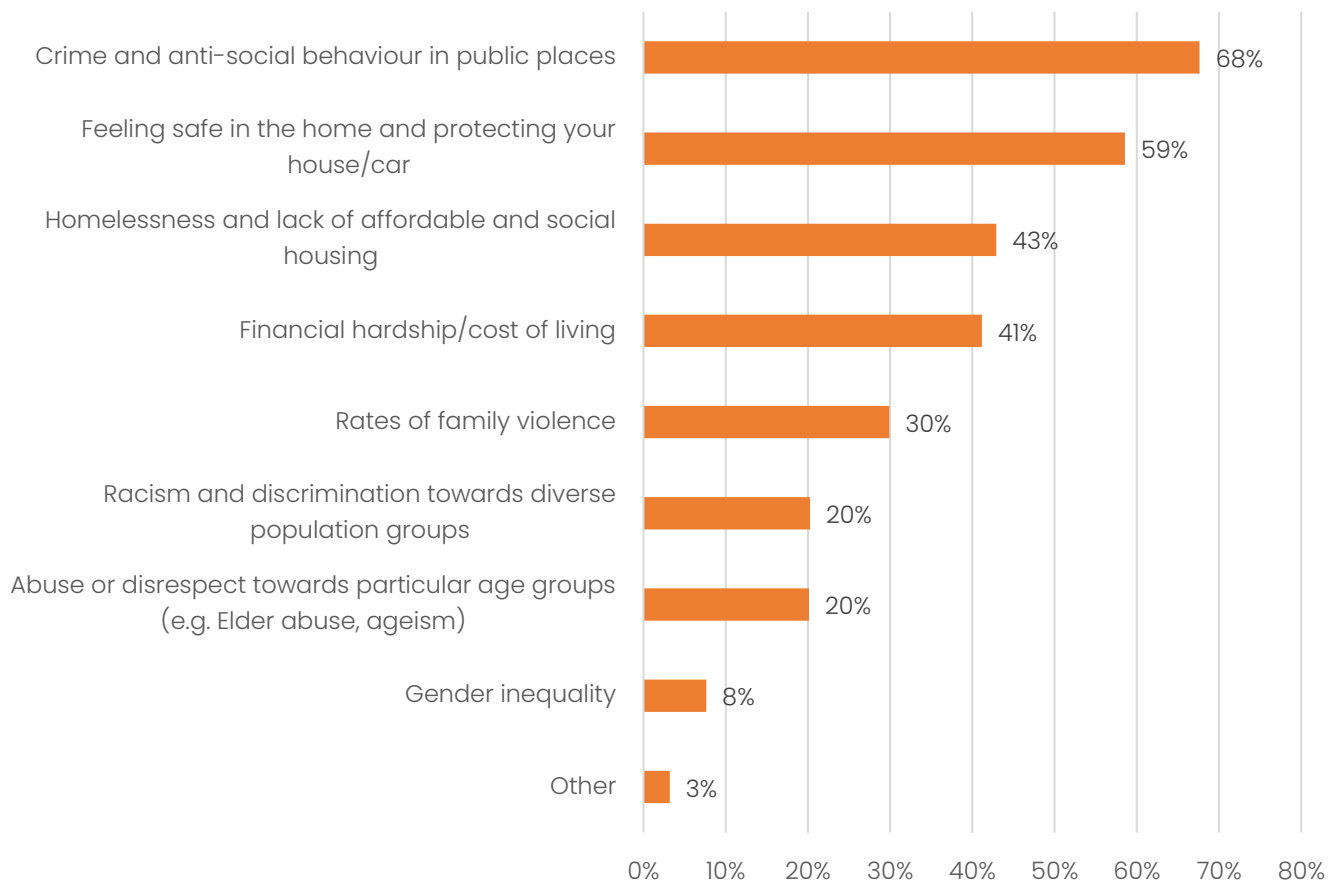
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Which of the following social issues concern you the most?



Broad Community Engagement Survey – Disaggregated data

Overview

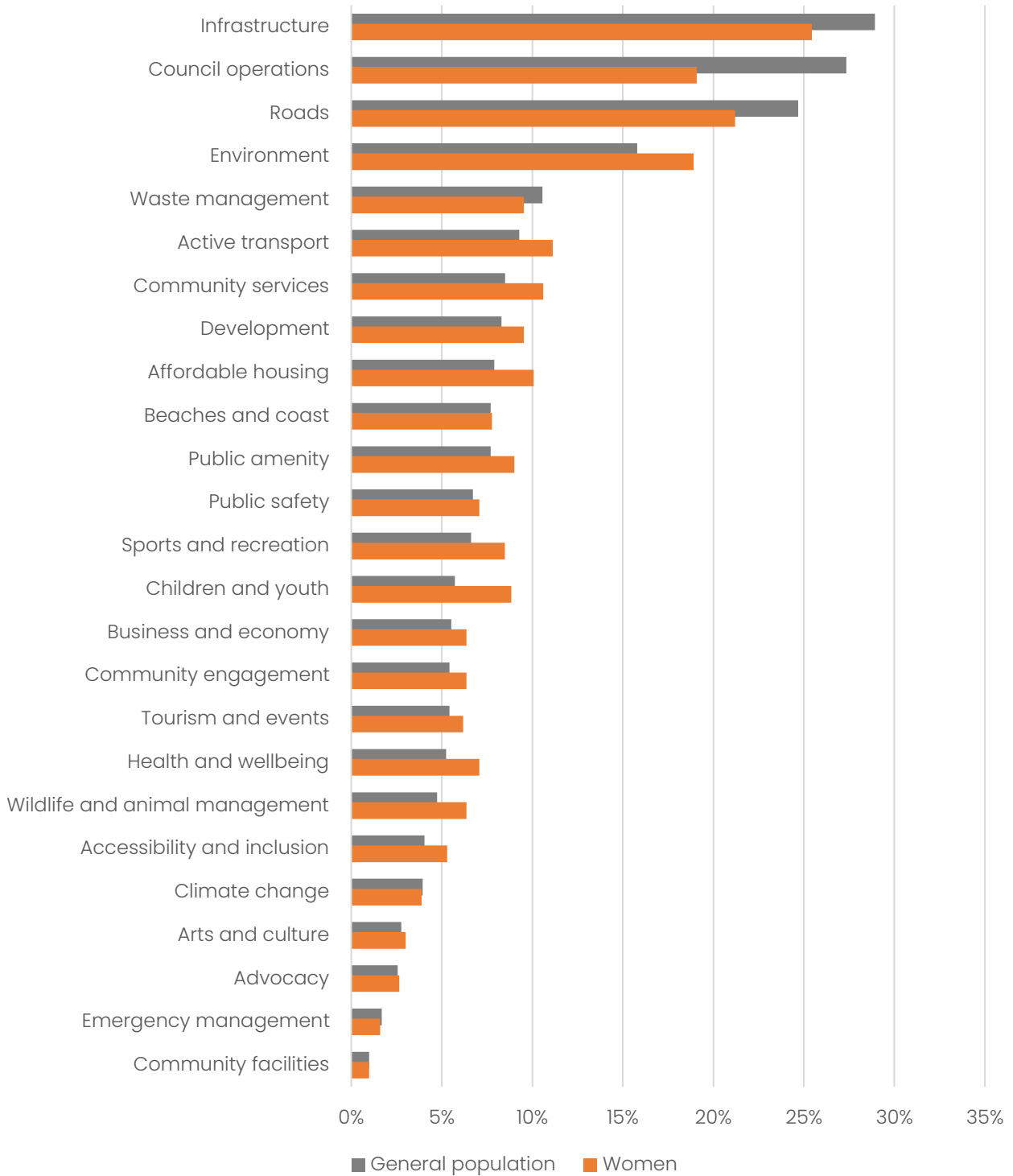
The data from the broad engagement survey has been disaggregated by key demographic groupings below. The groupings included are:

- Women
- Men
- People under the age of 60
- People 60 years and older
- People identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- People identifying as LGBTQIA+
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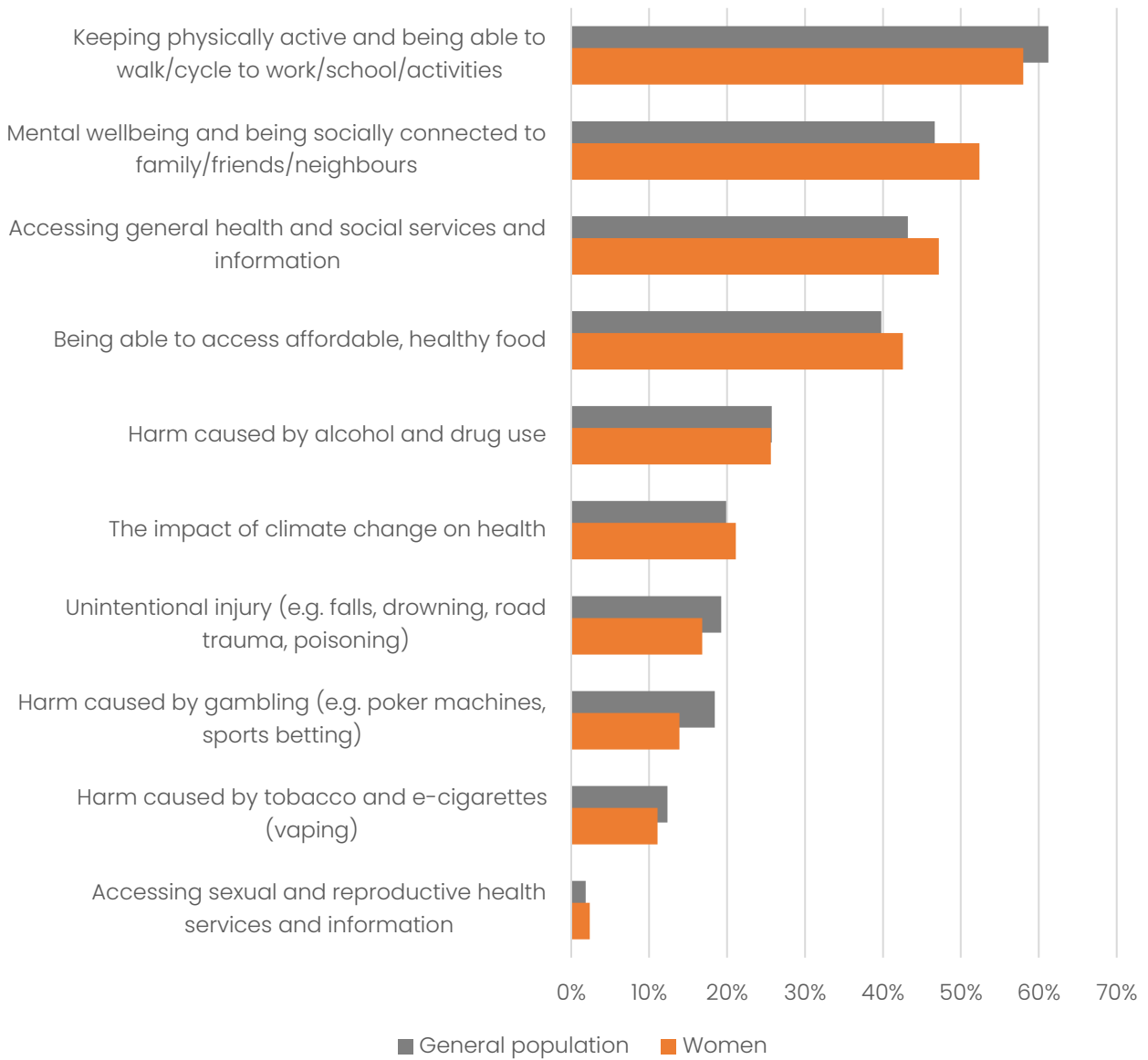
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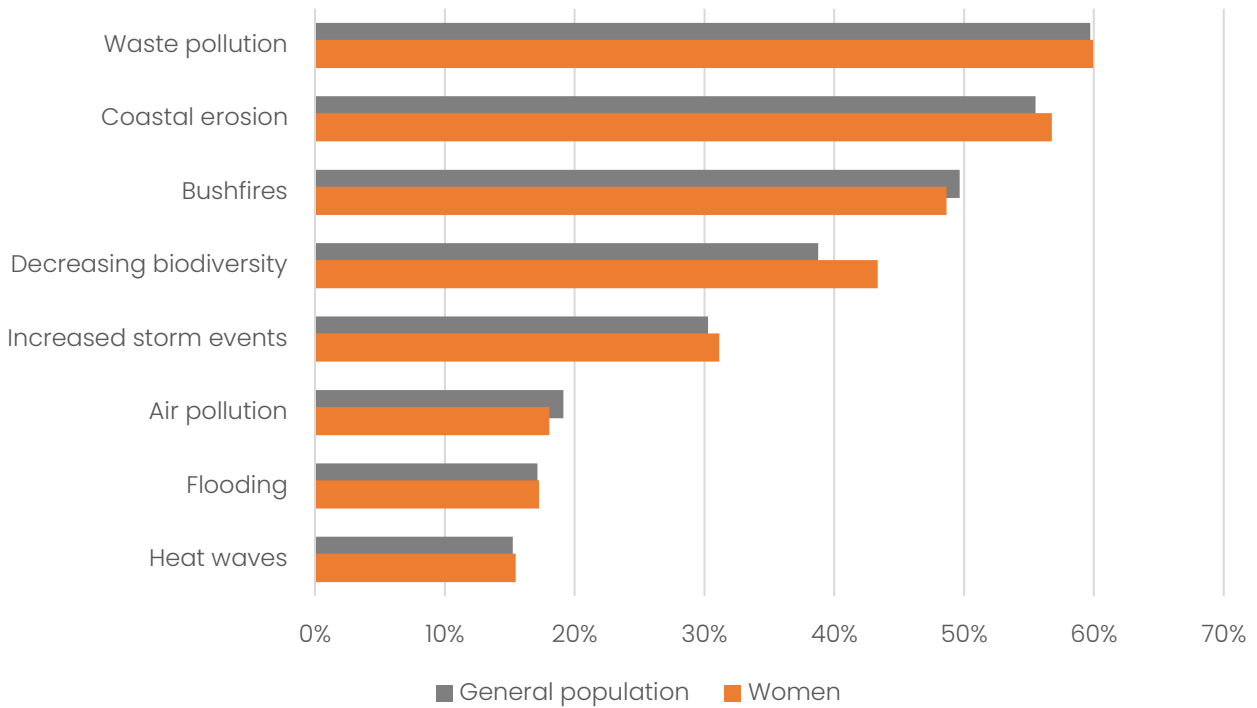
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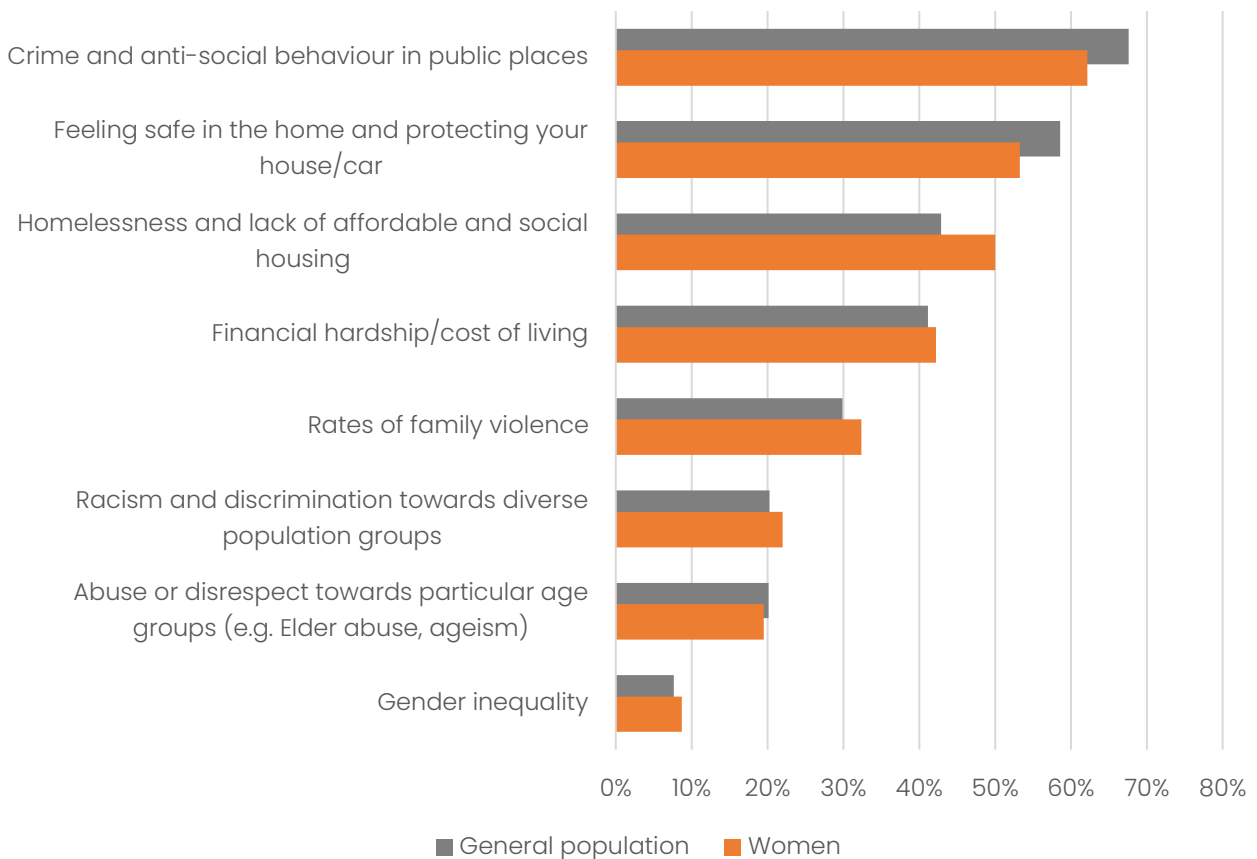
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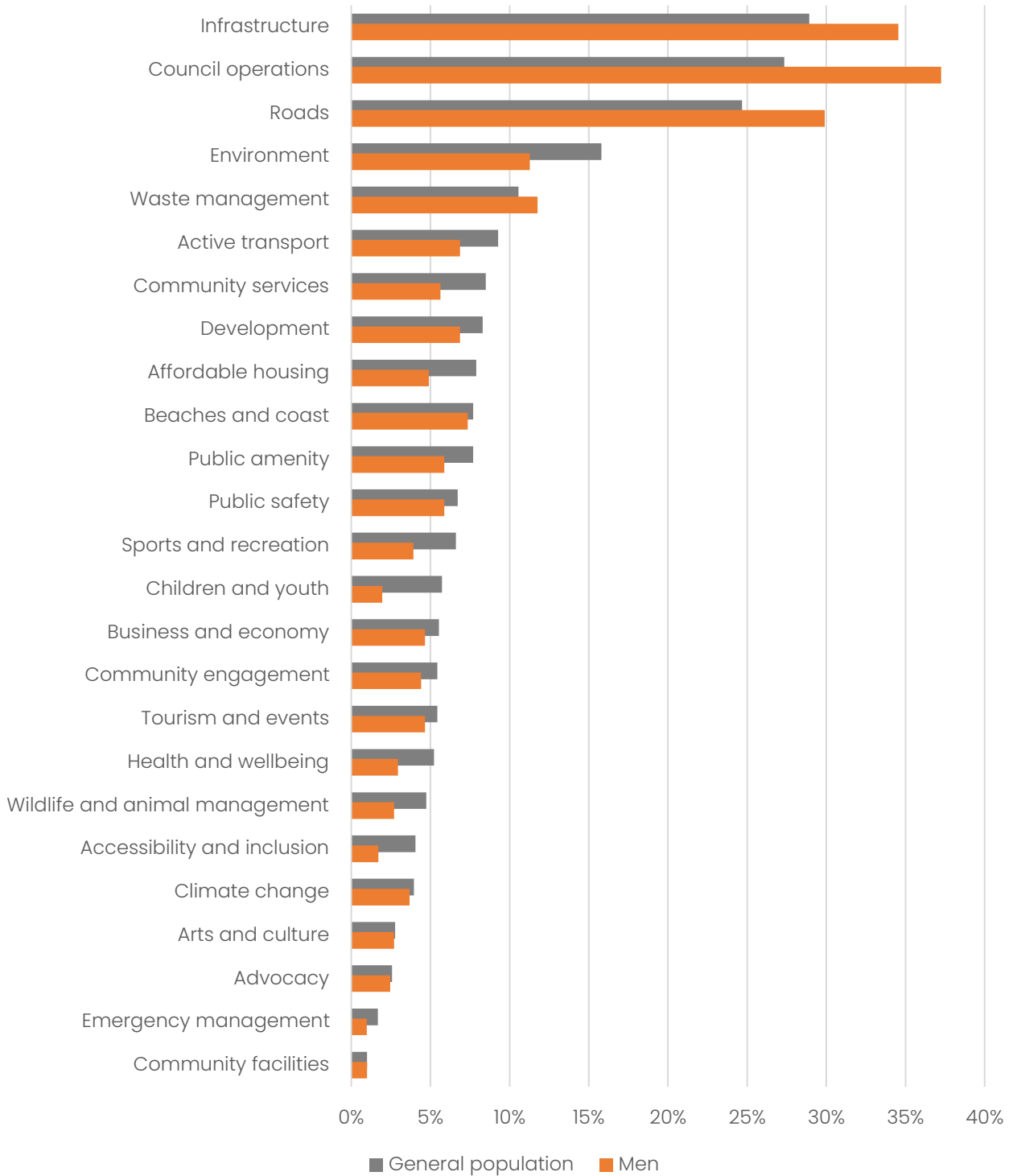


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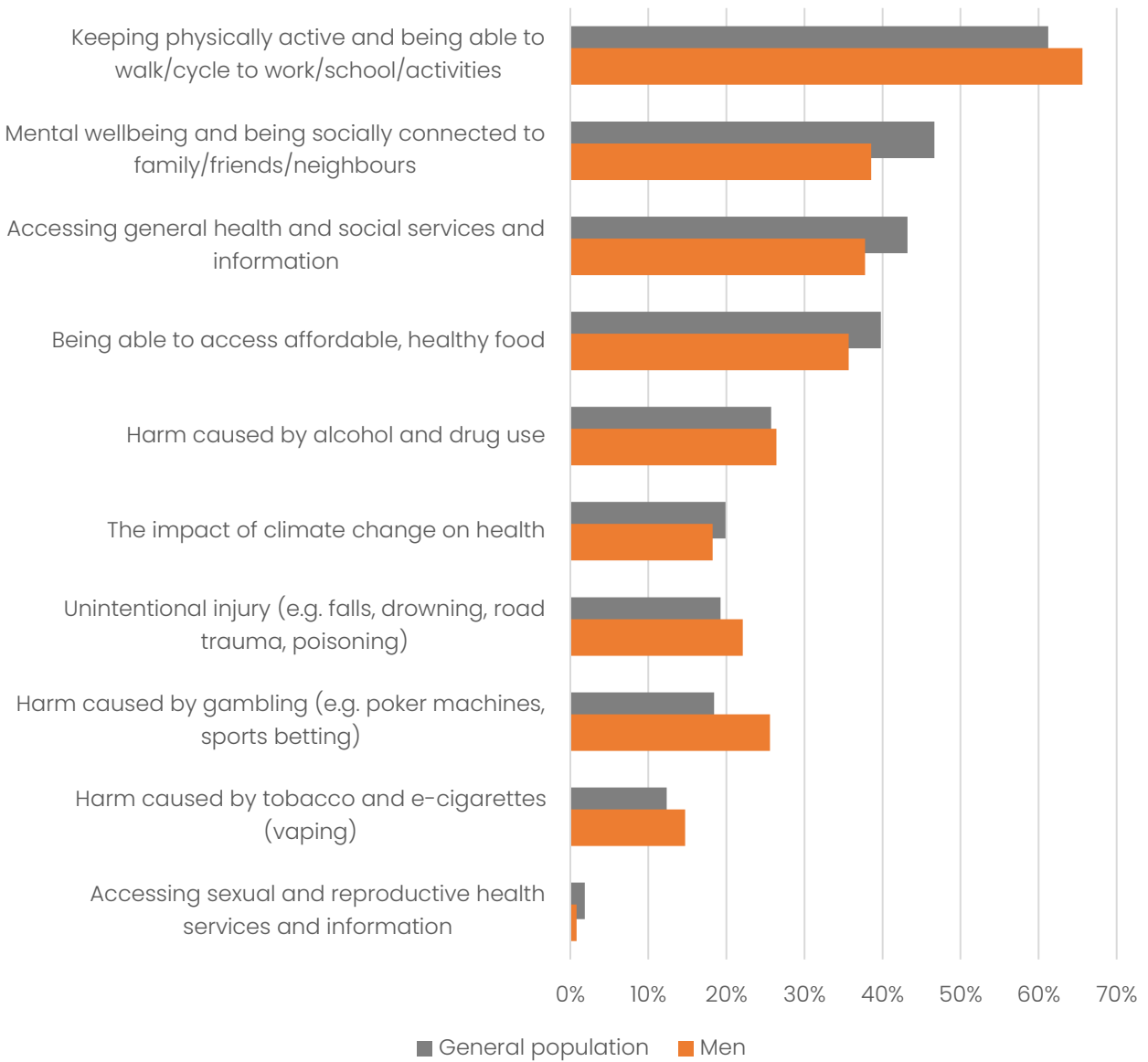


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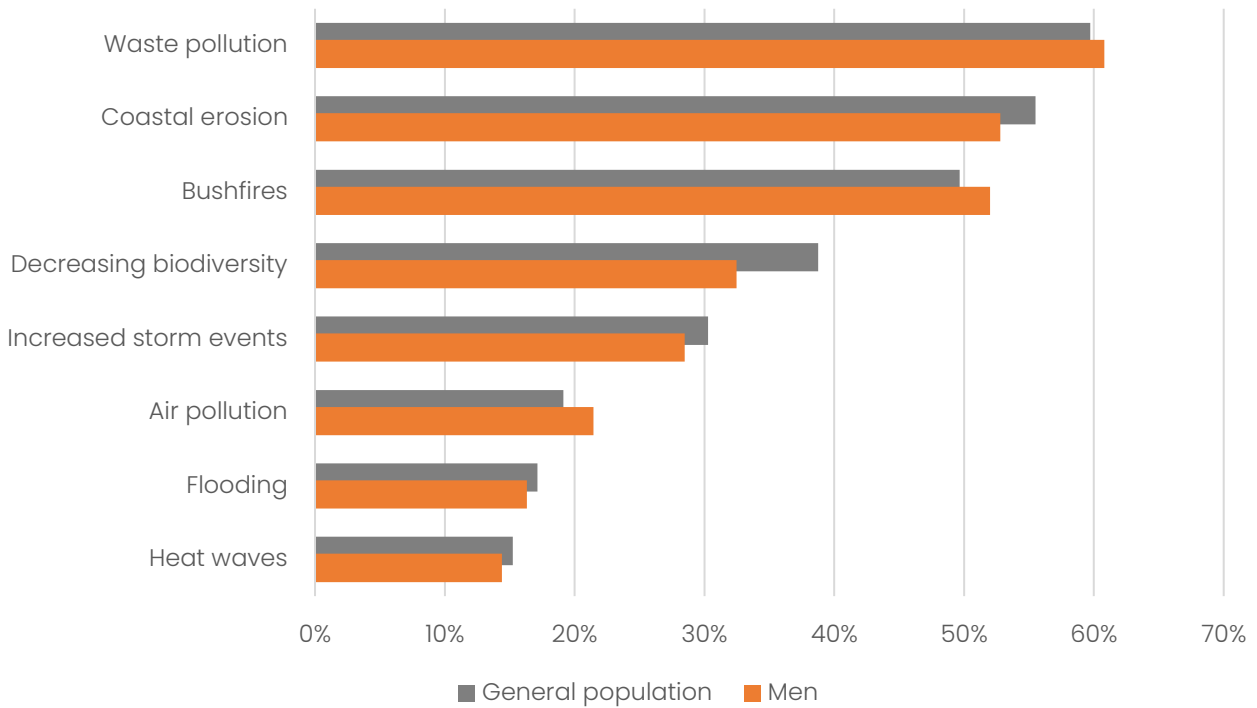
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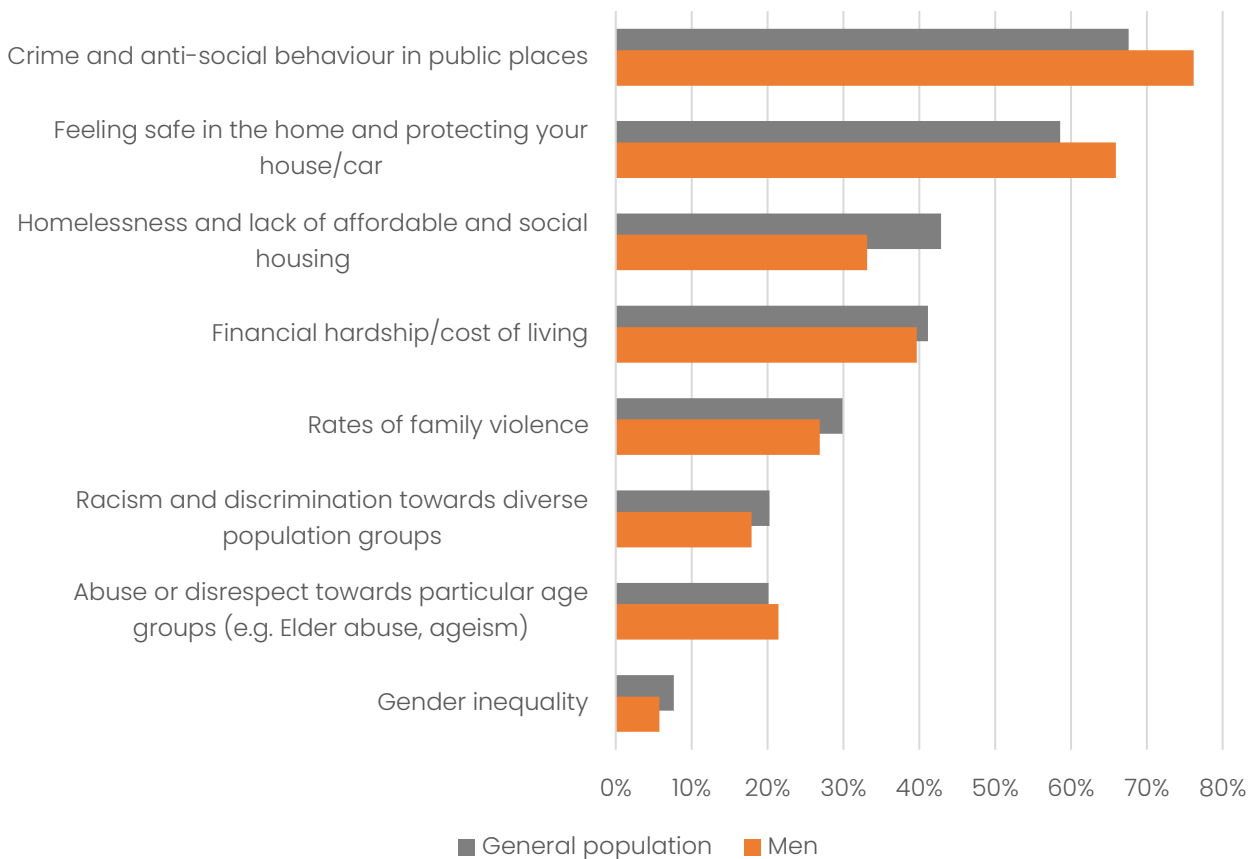
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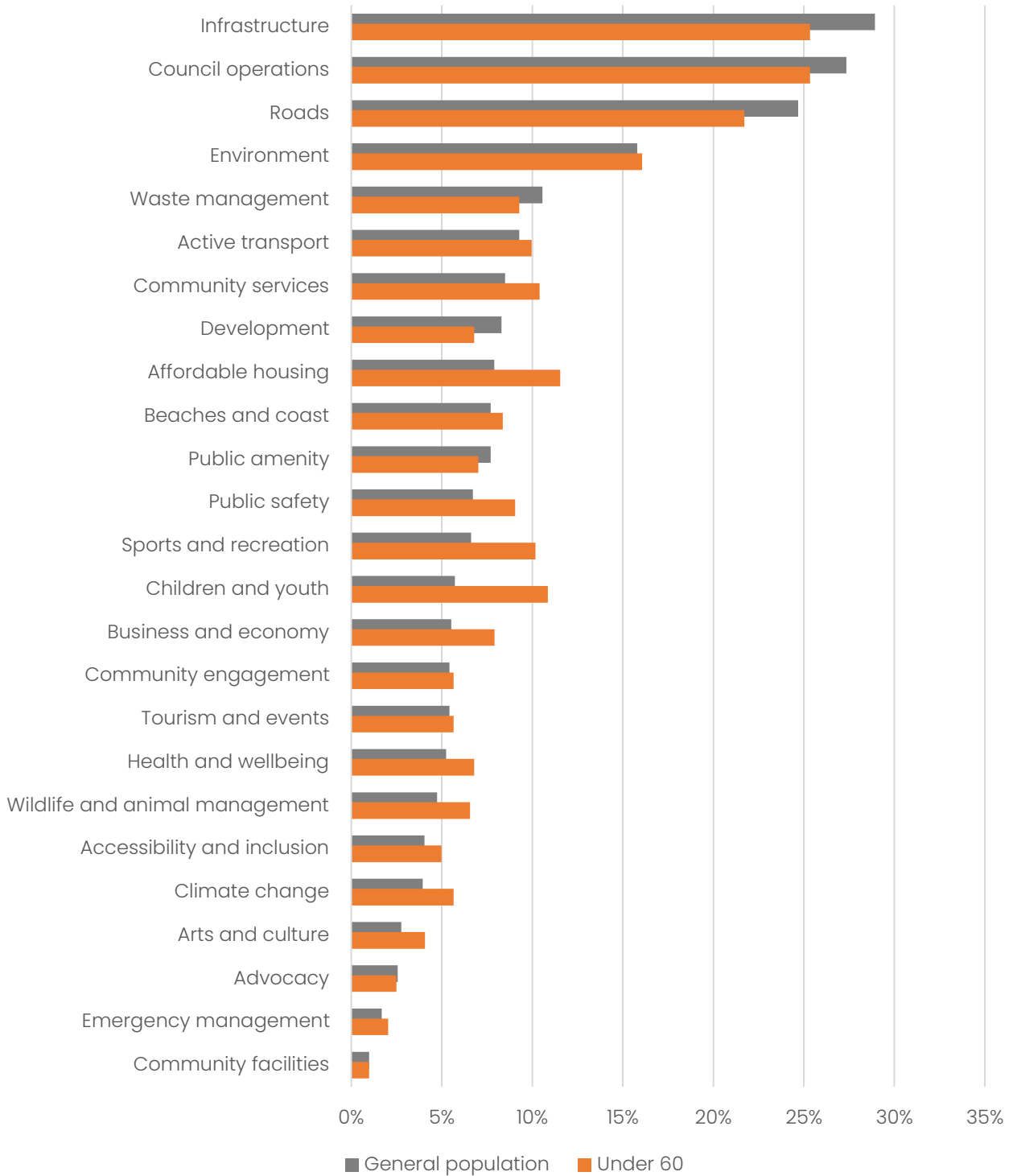


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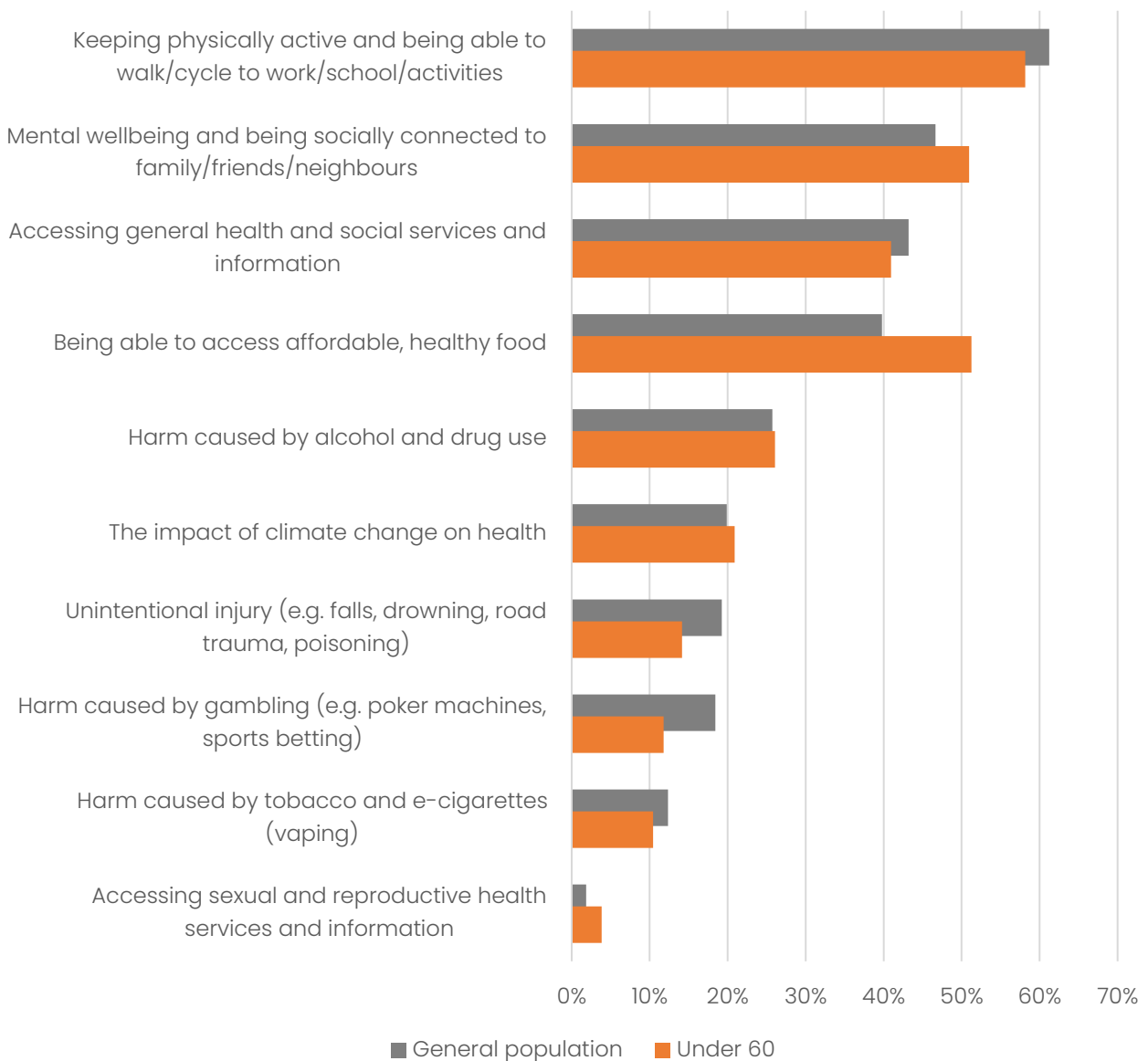


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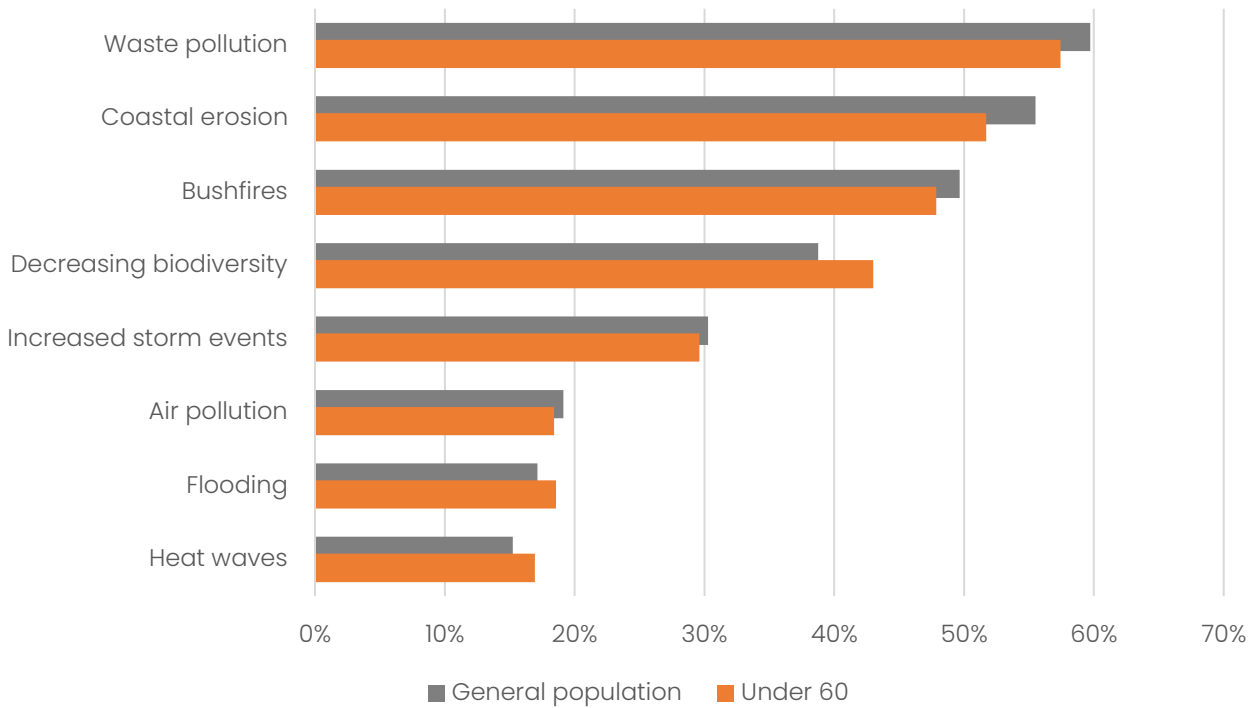
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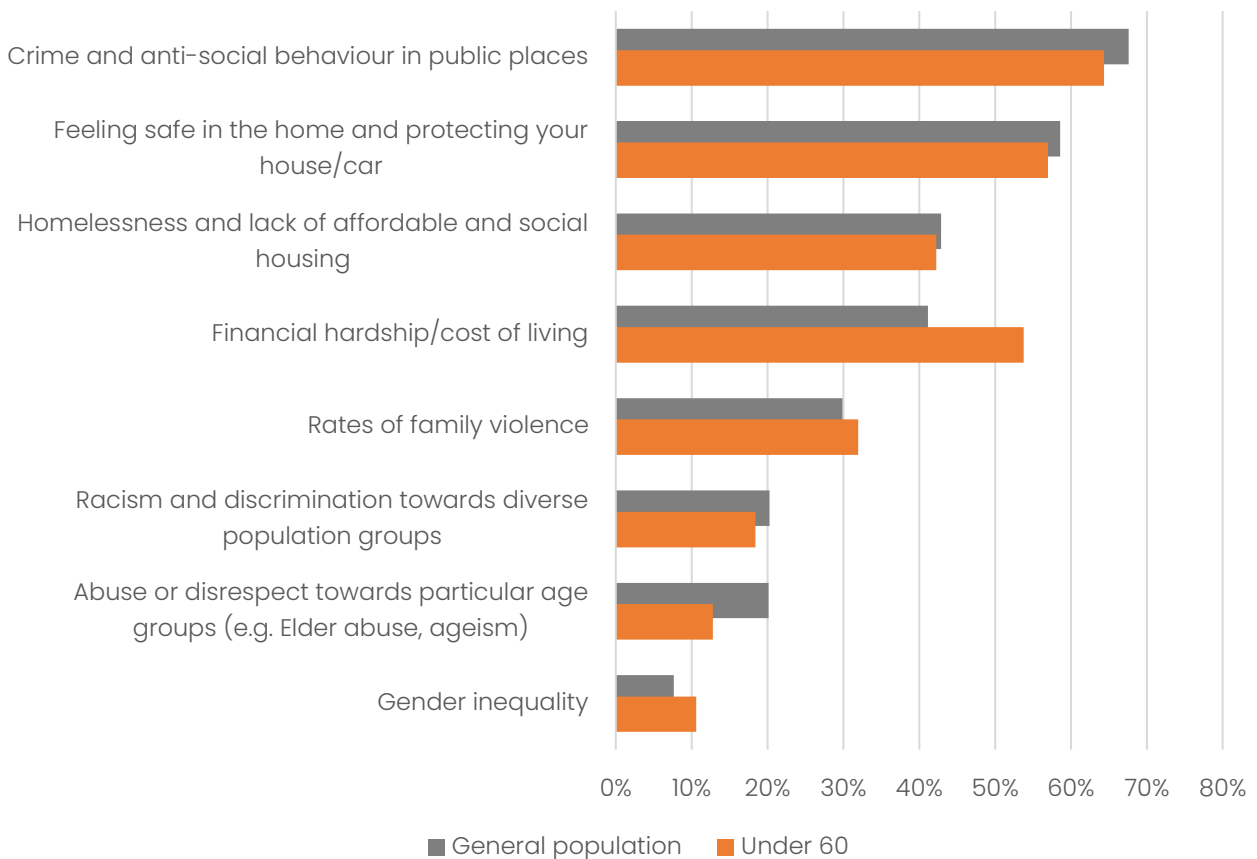
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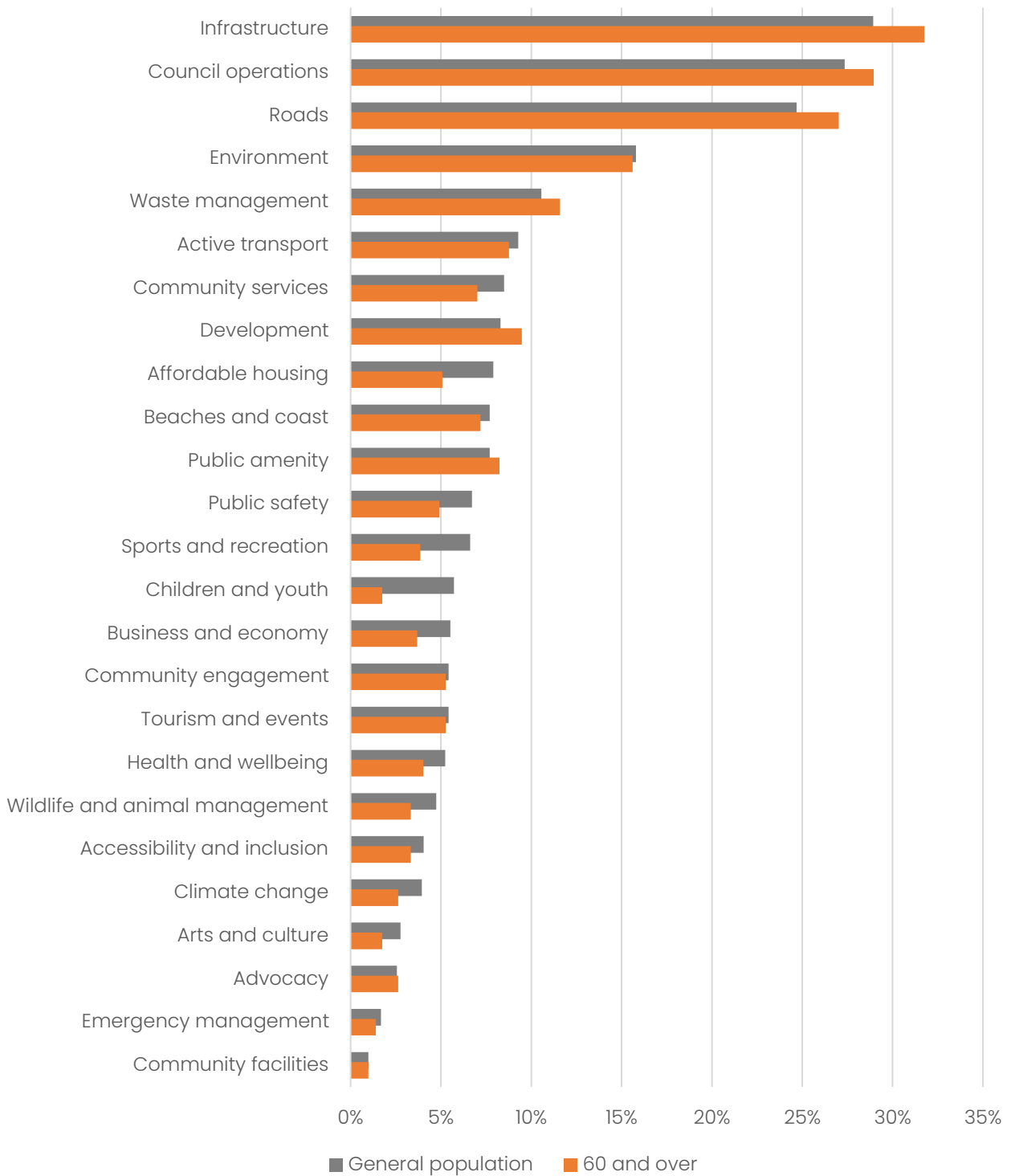


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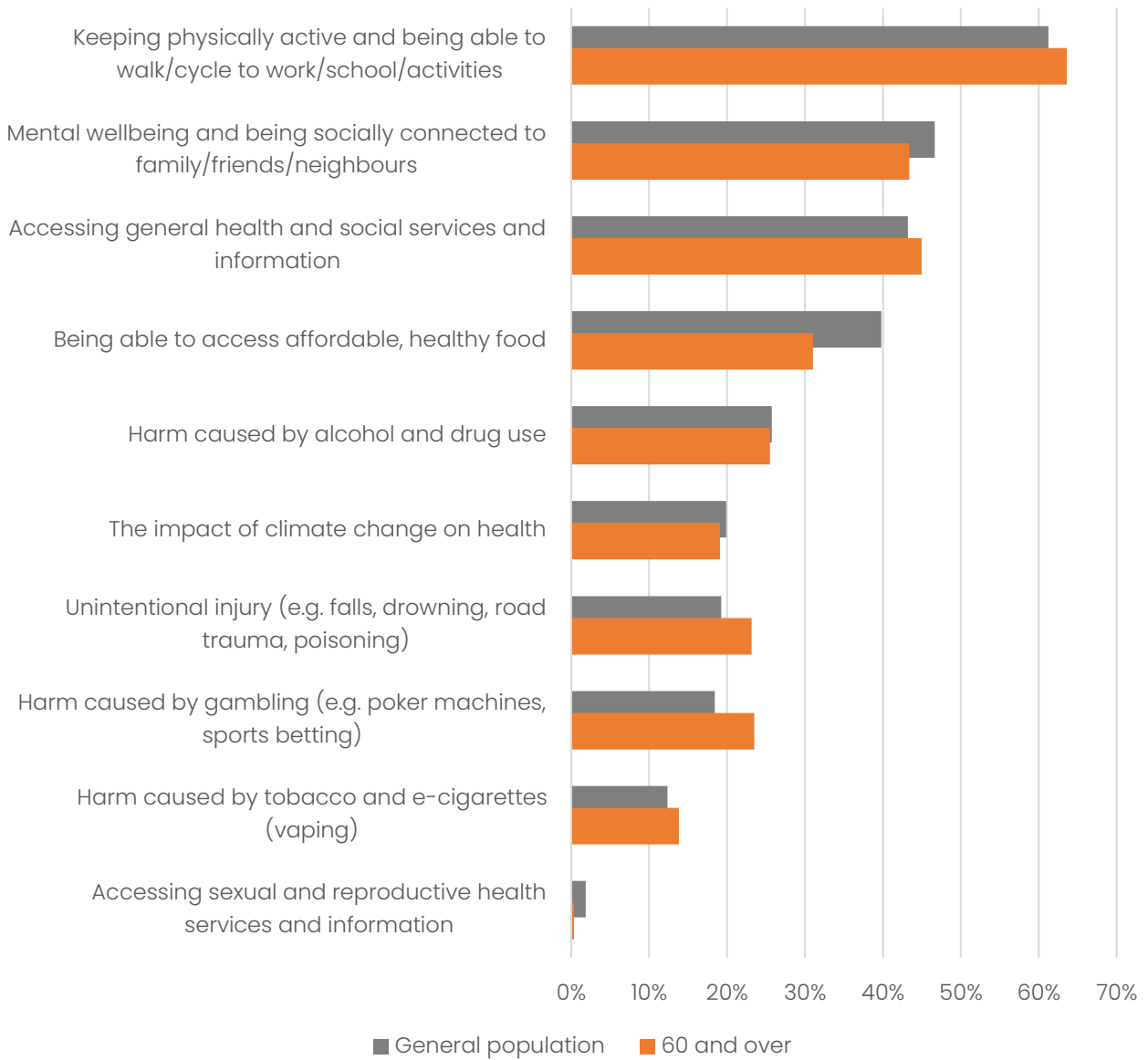


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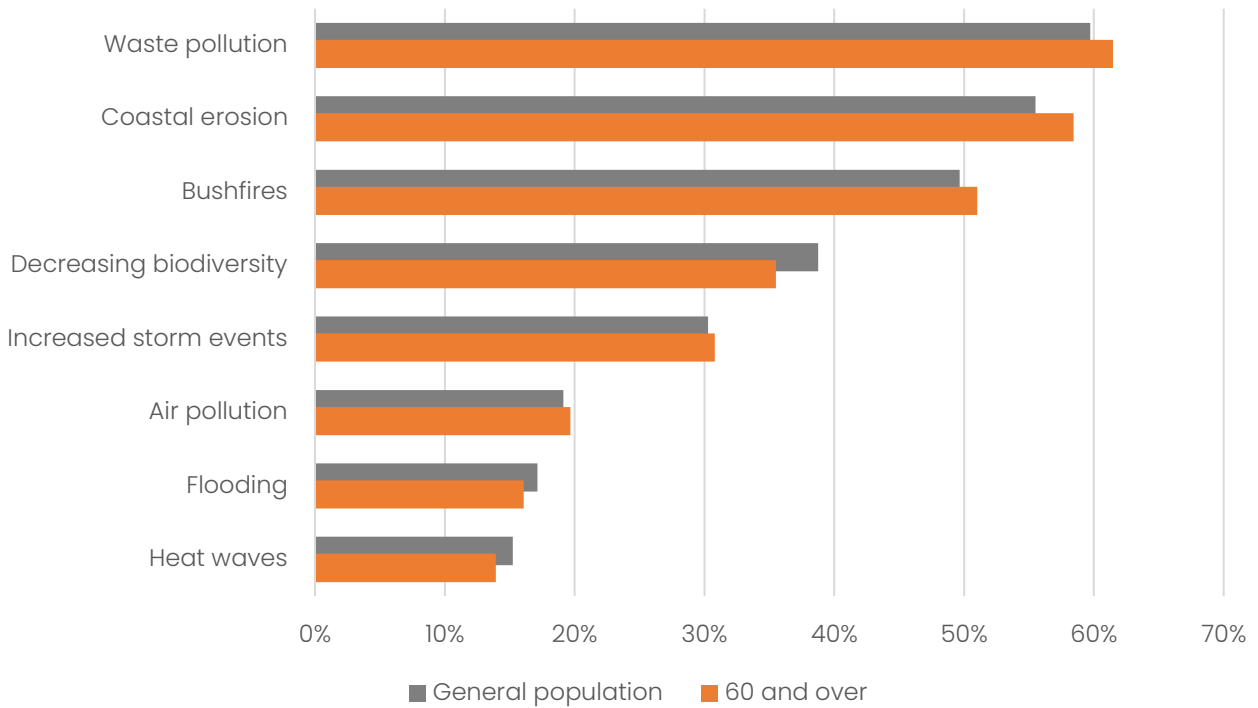
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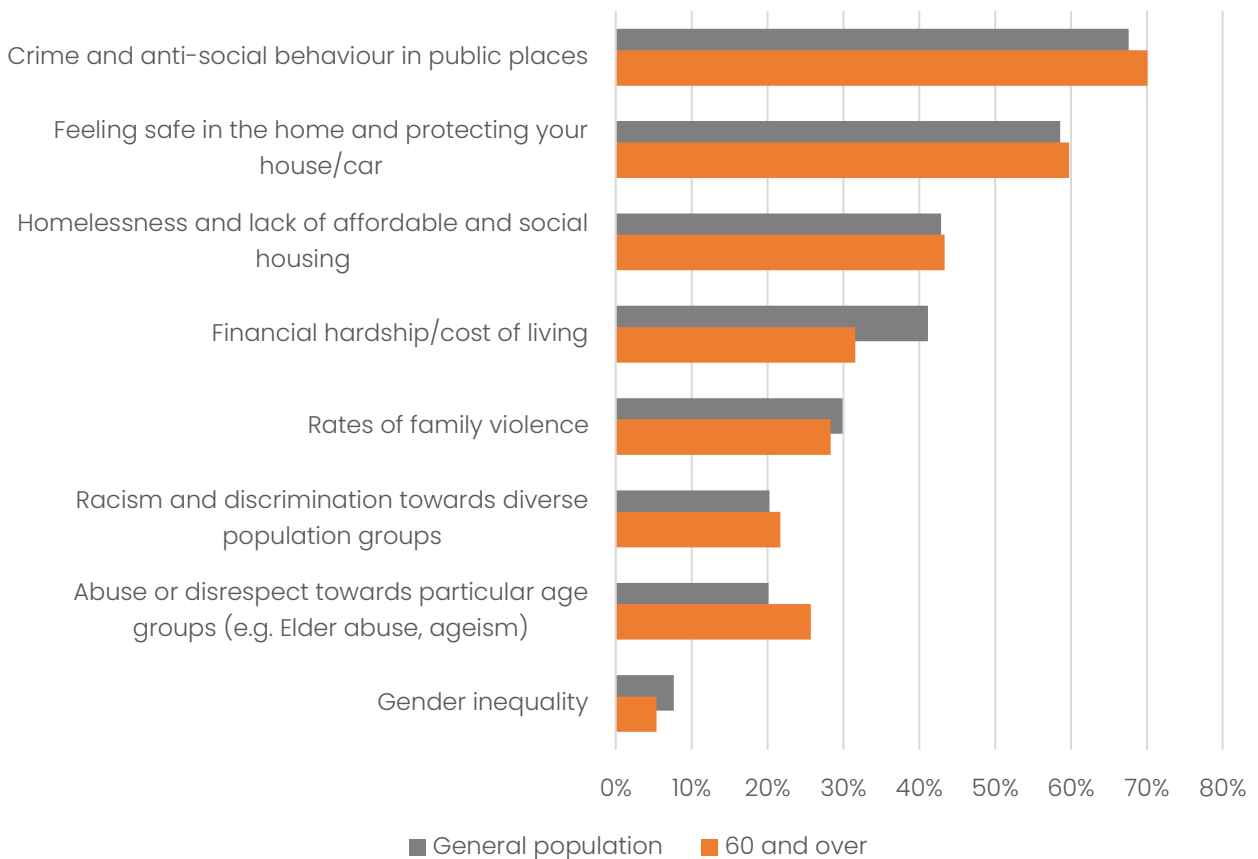
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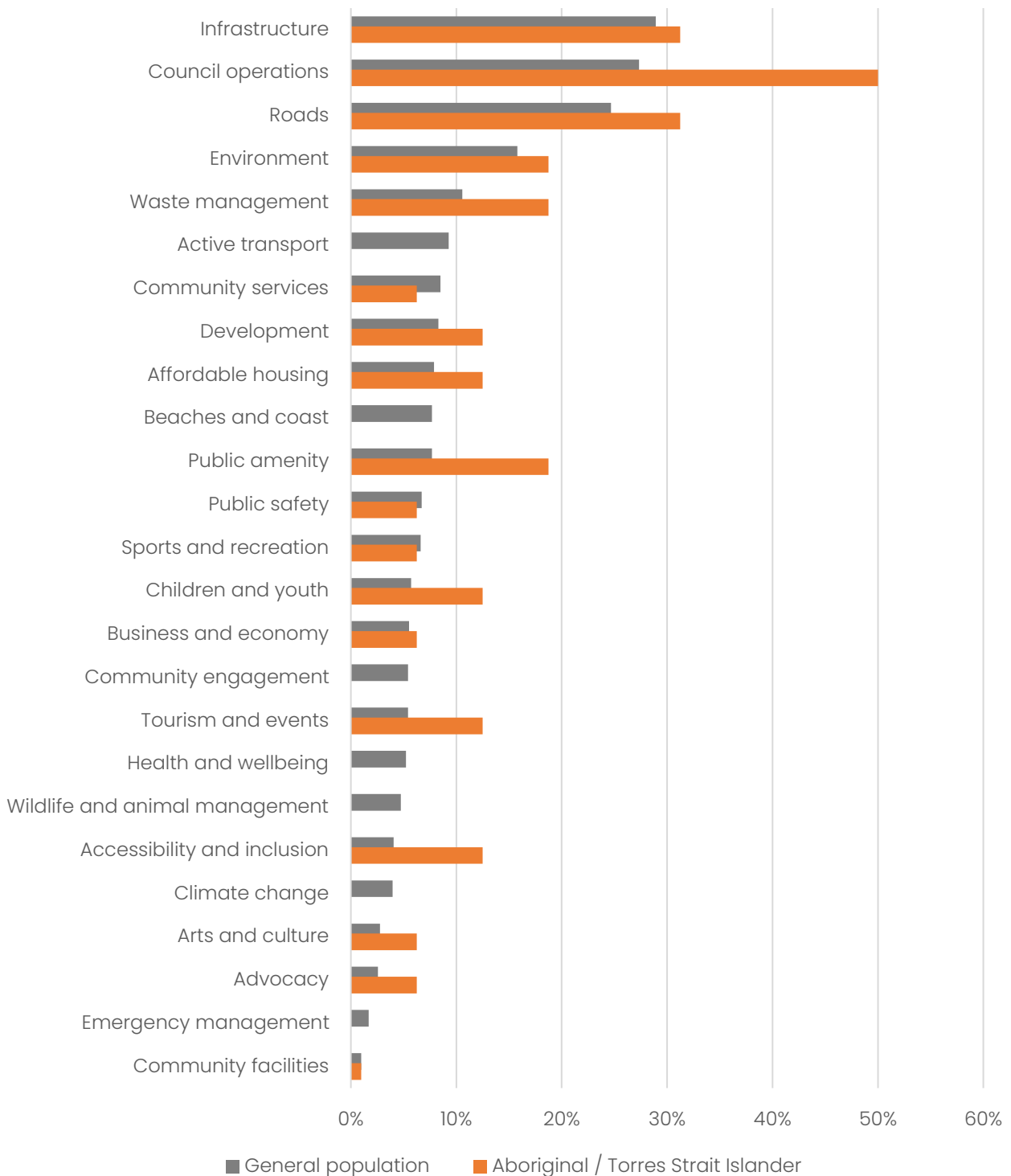
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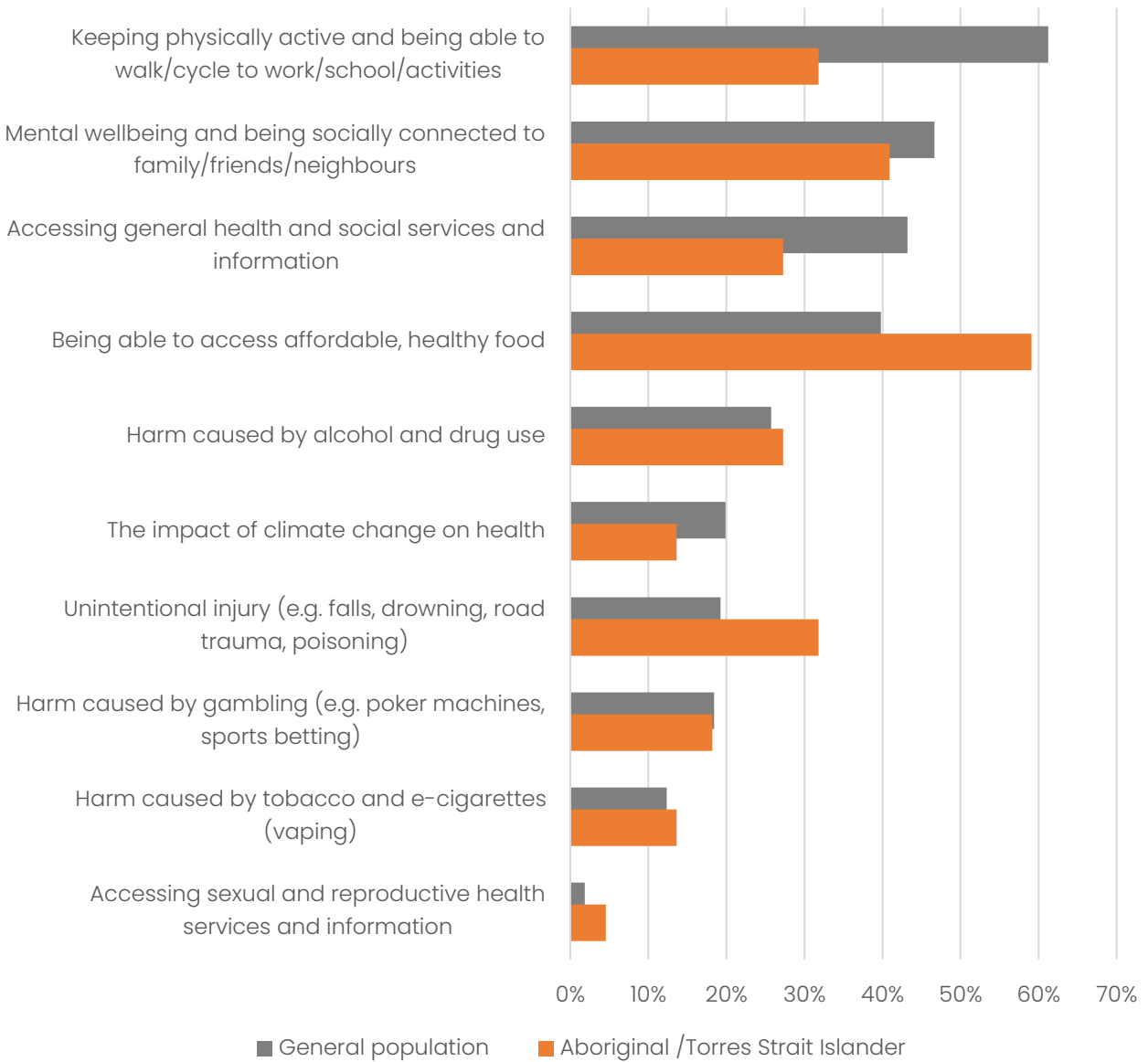
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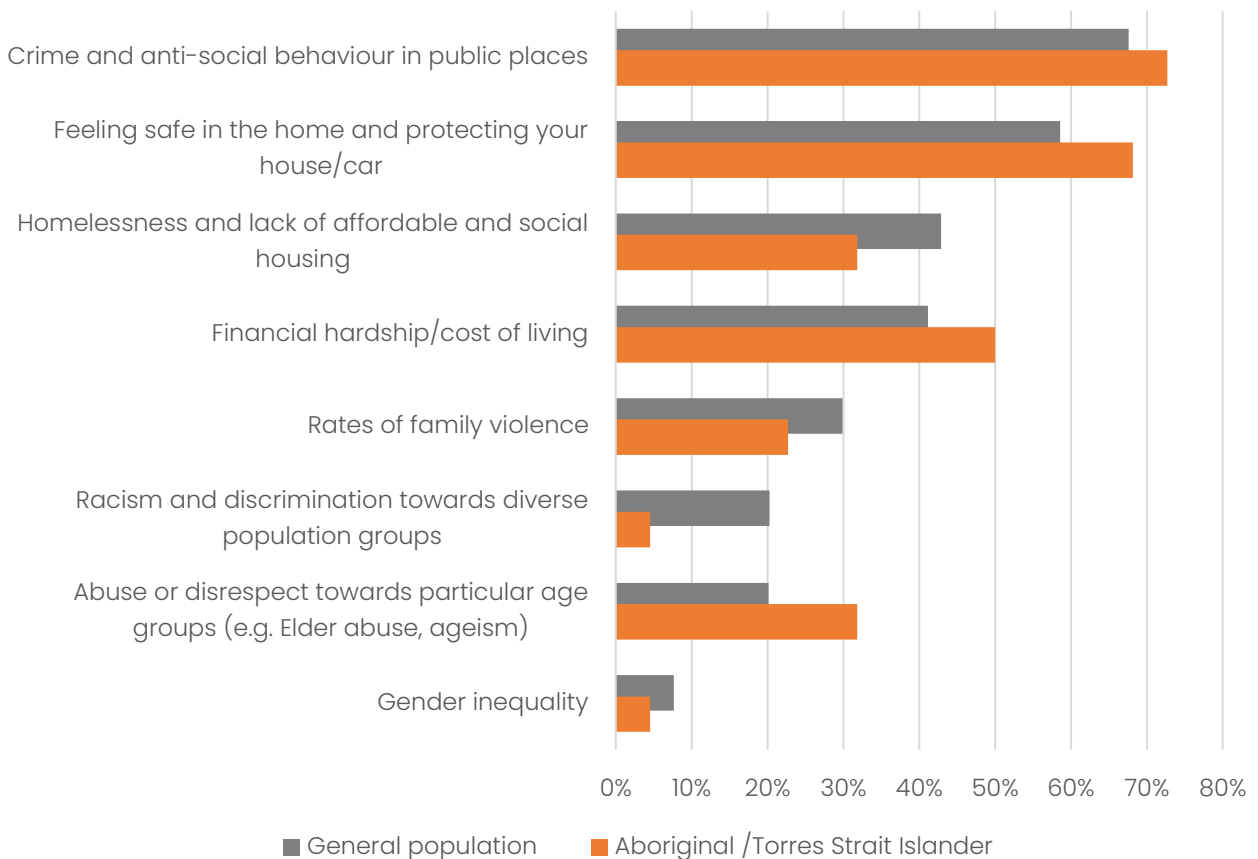
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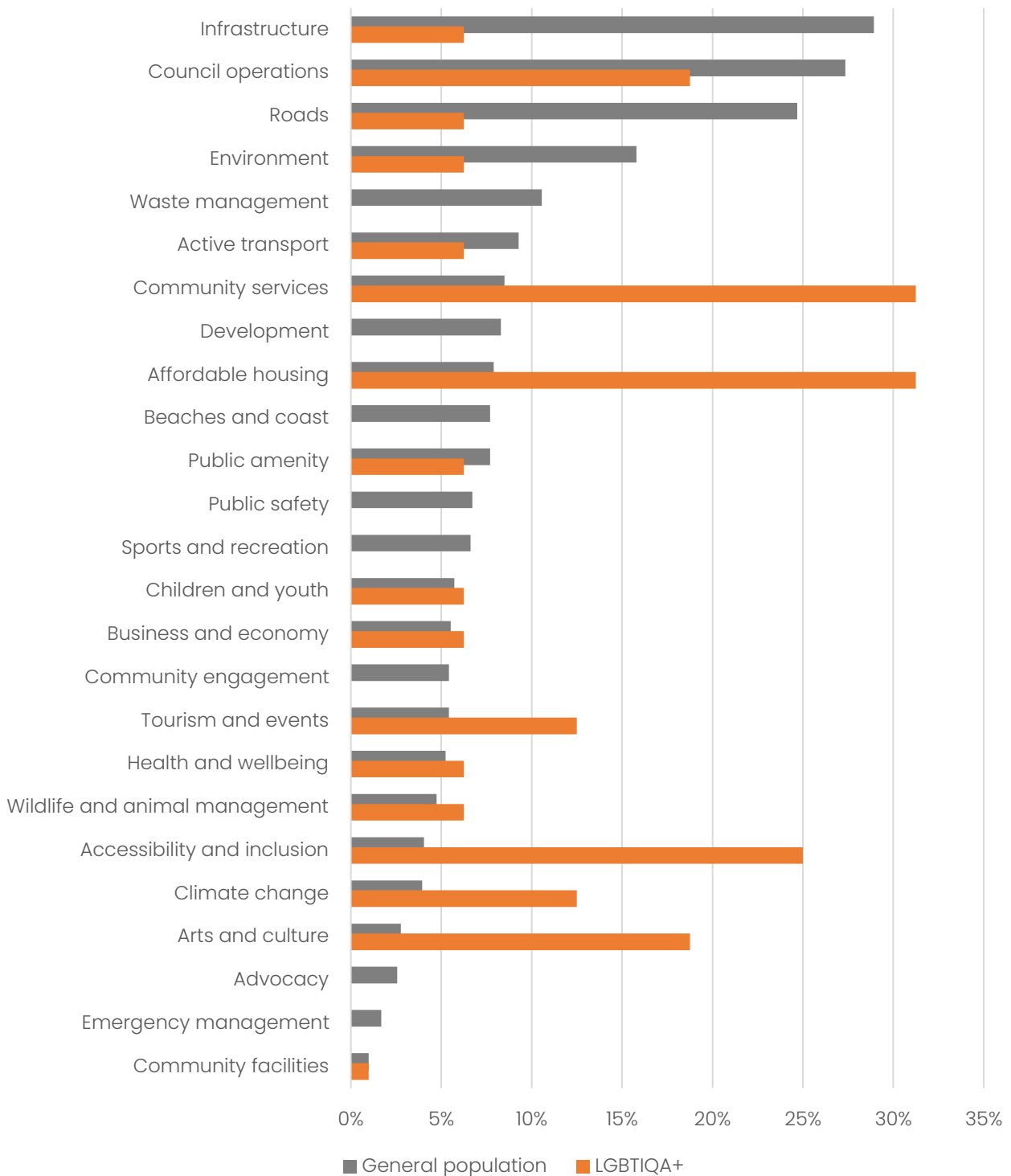
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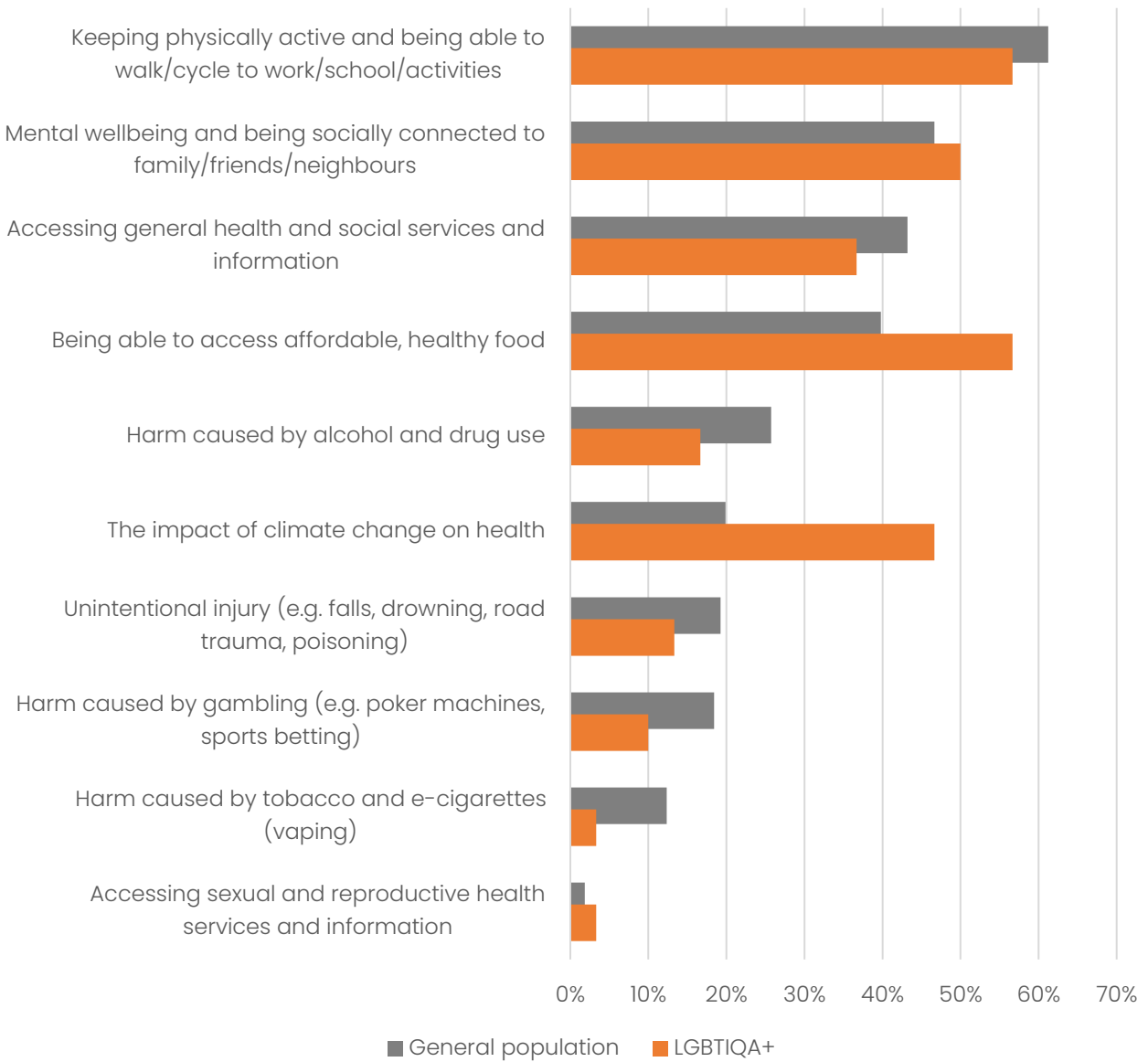
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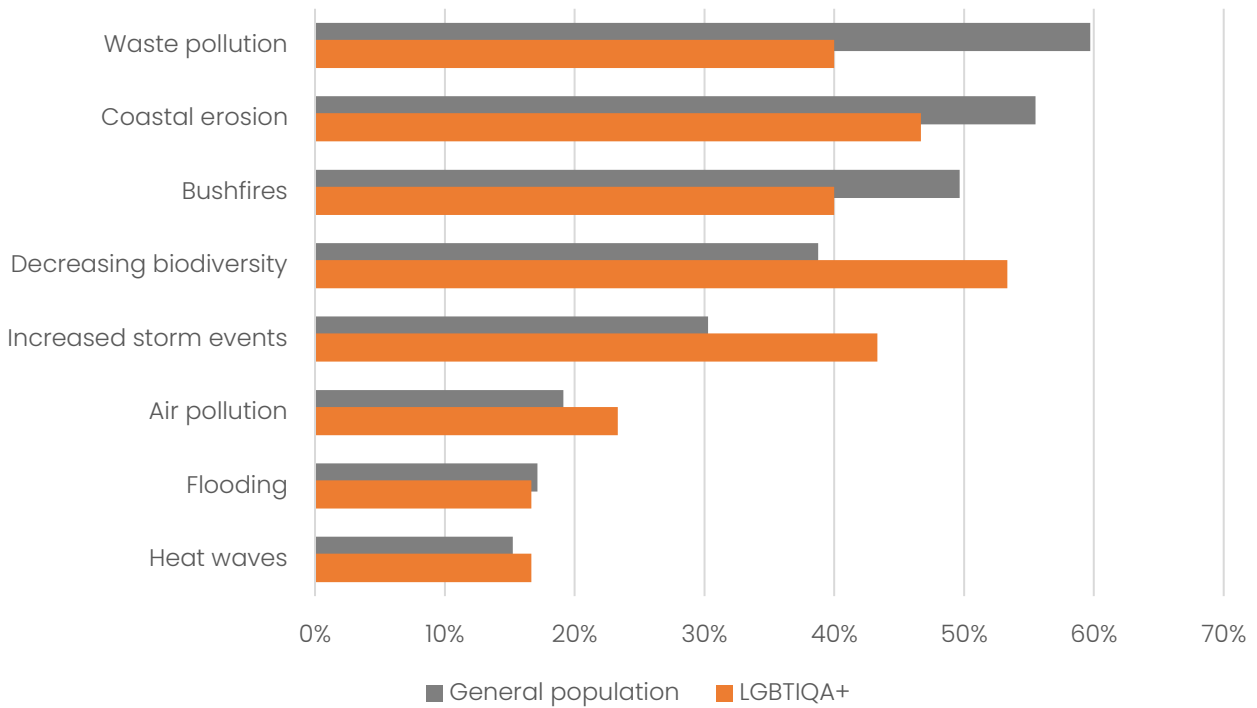
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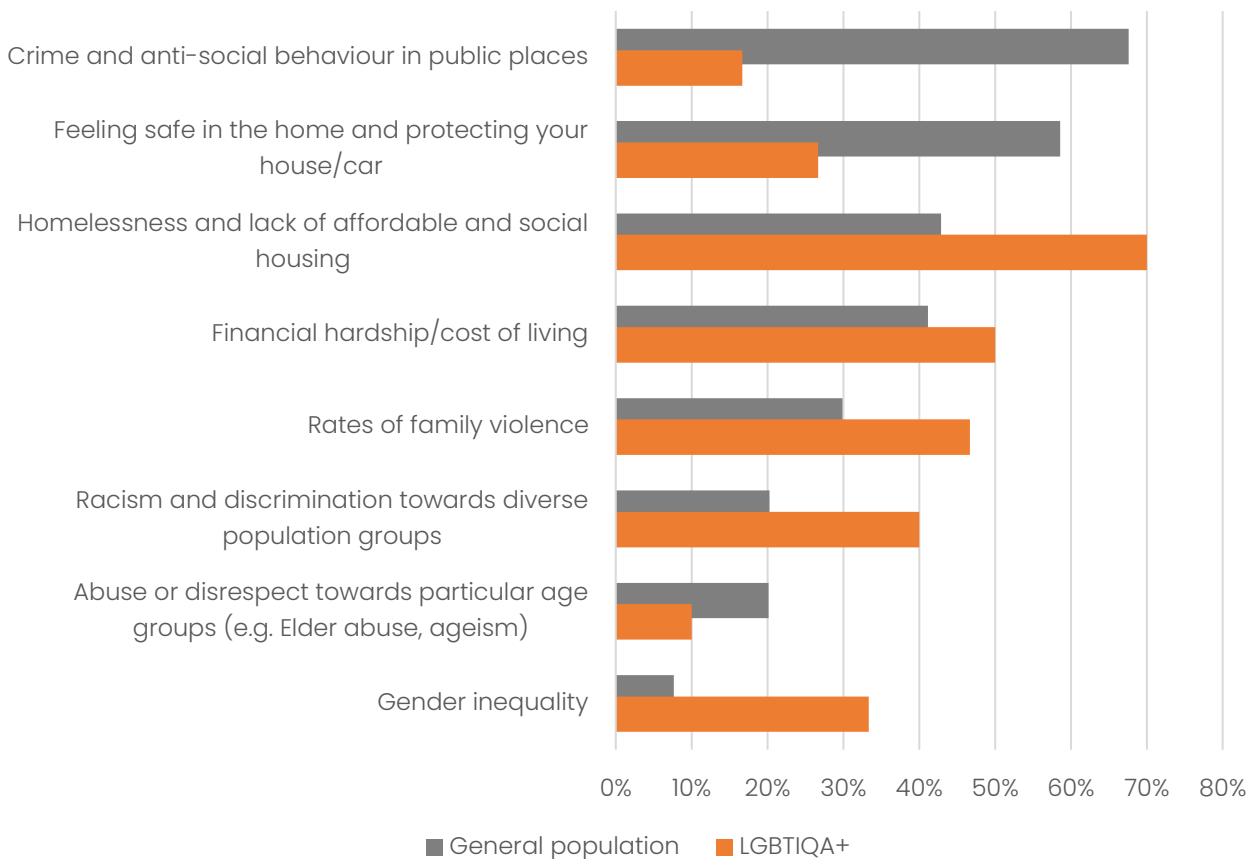
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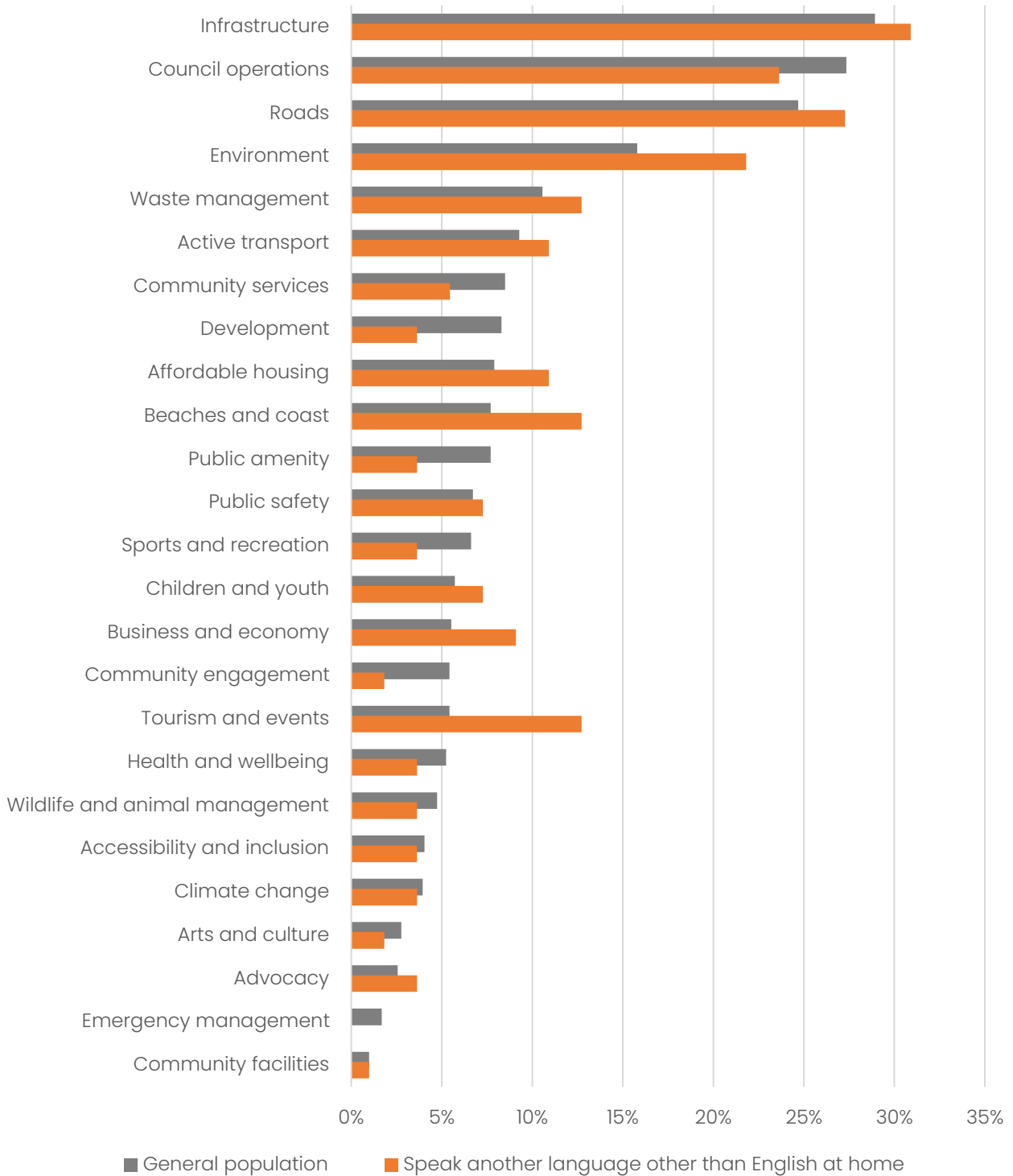


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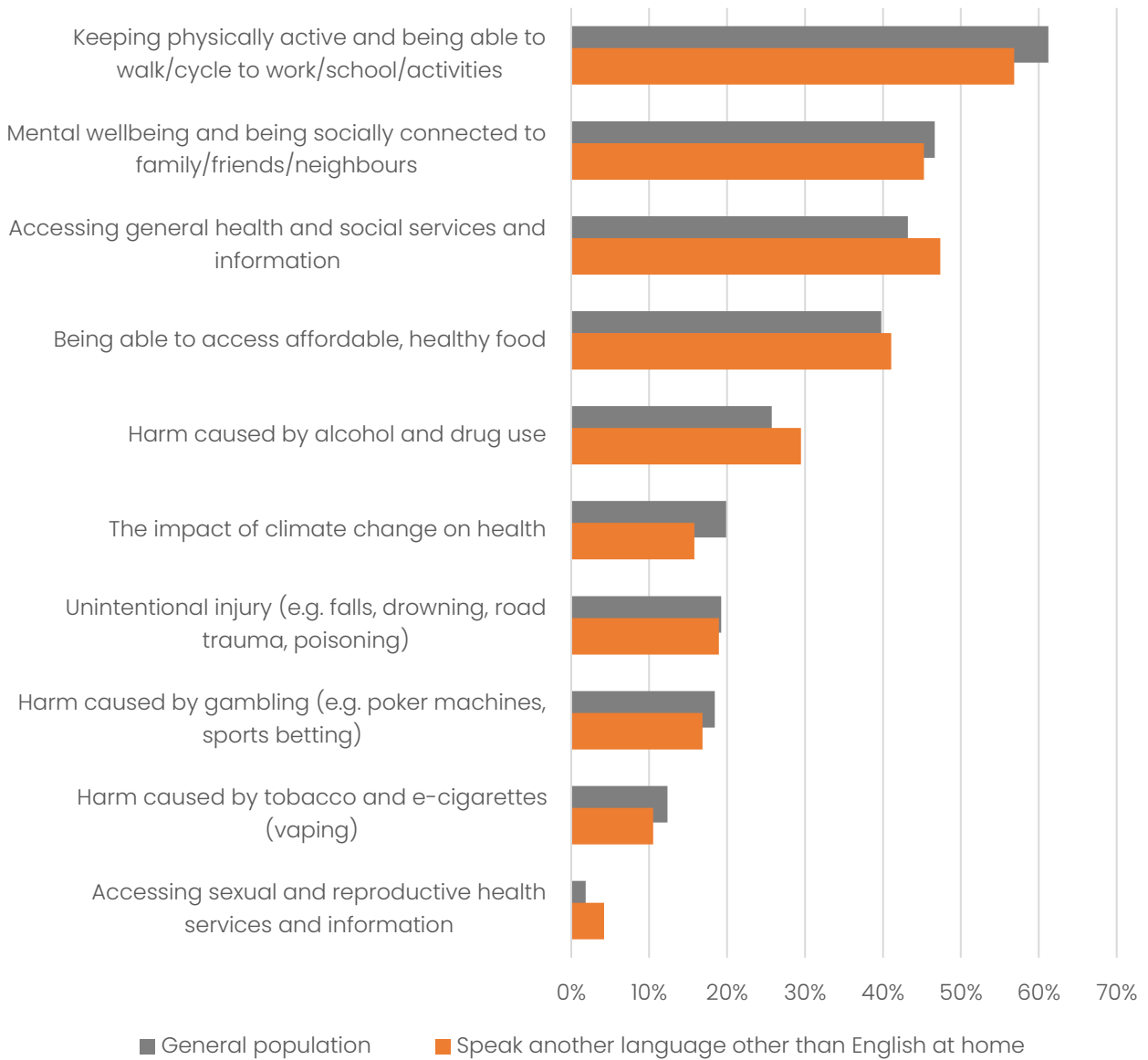


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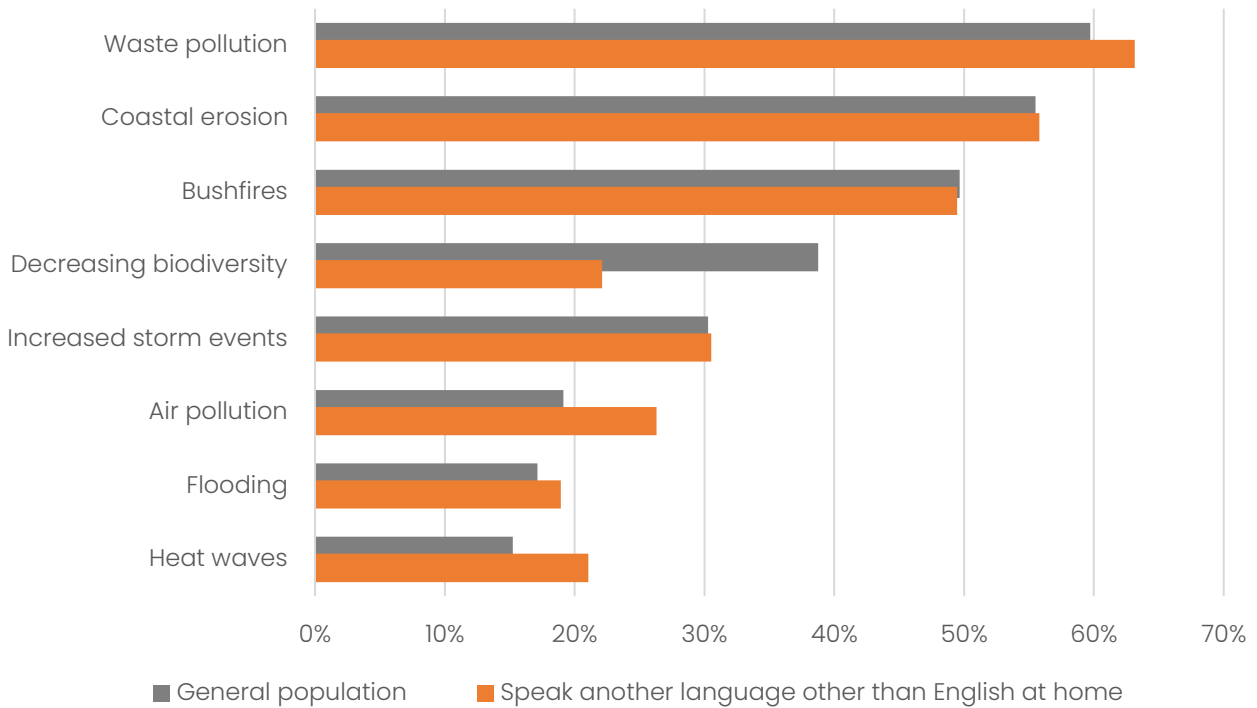
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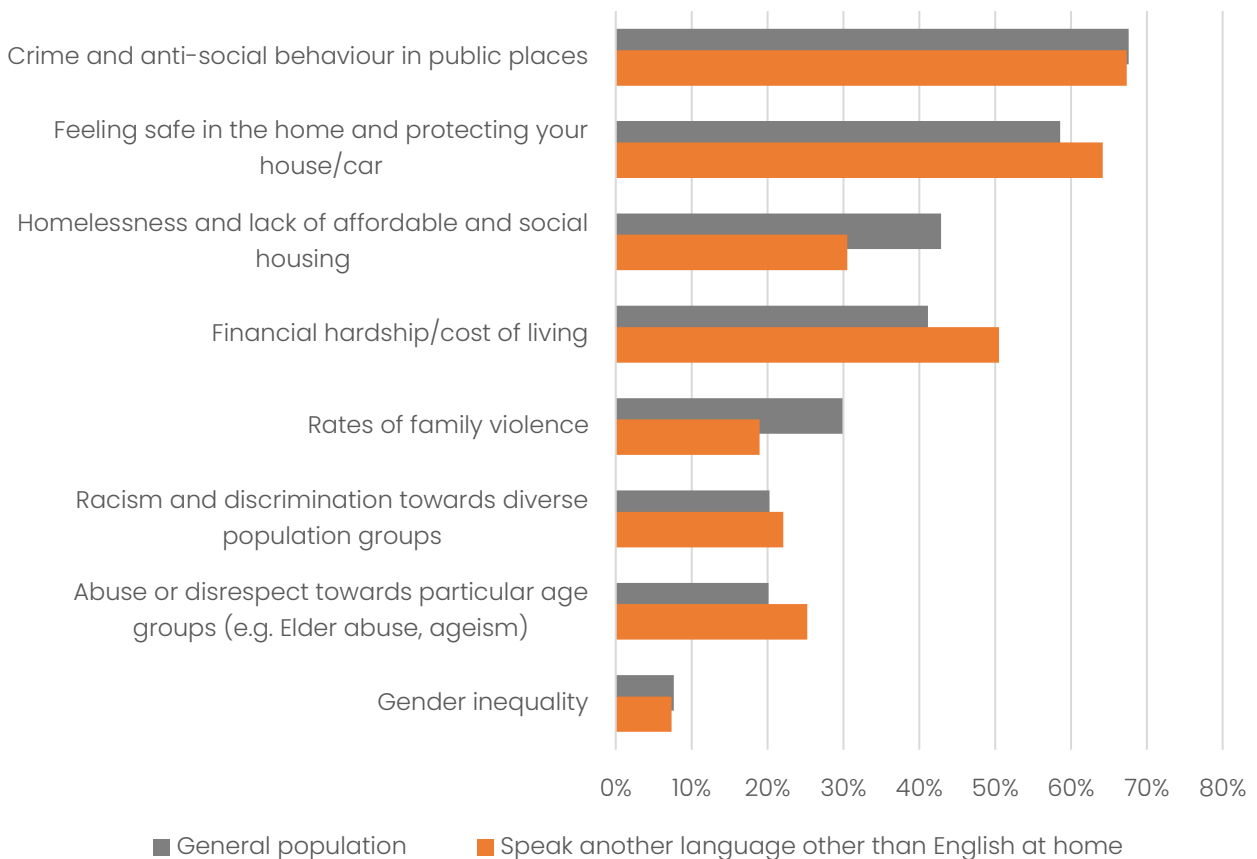
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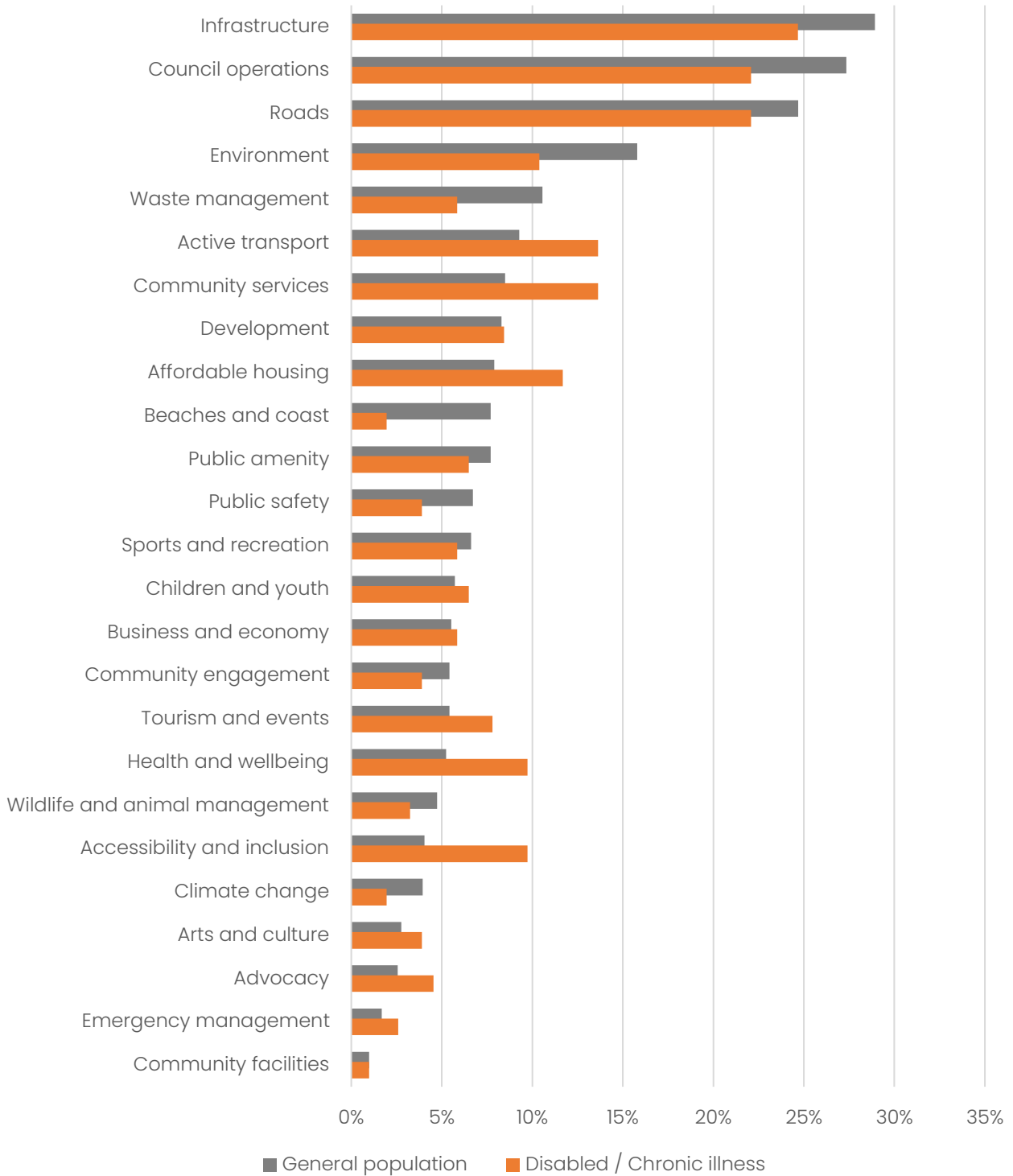


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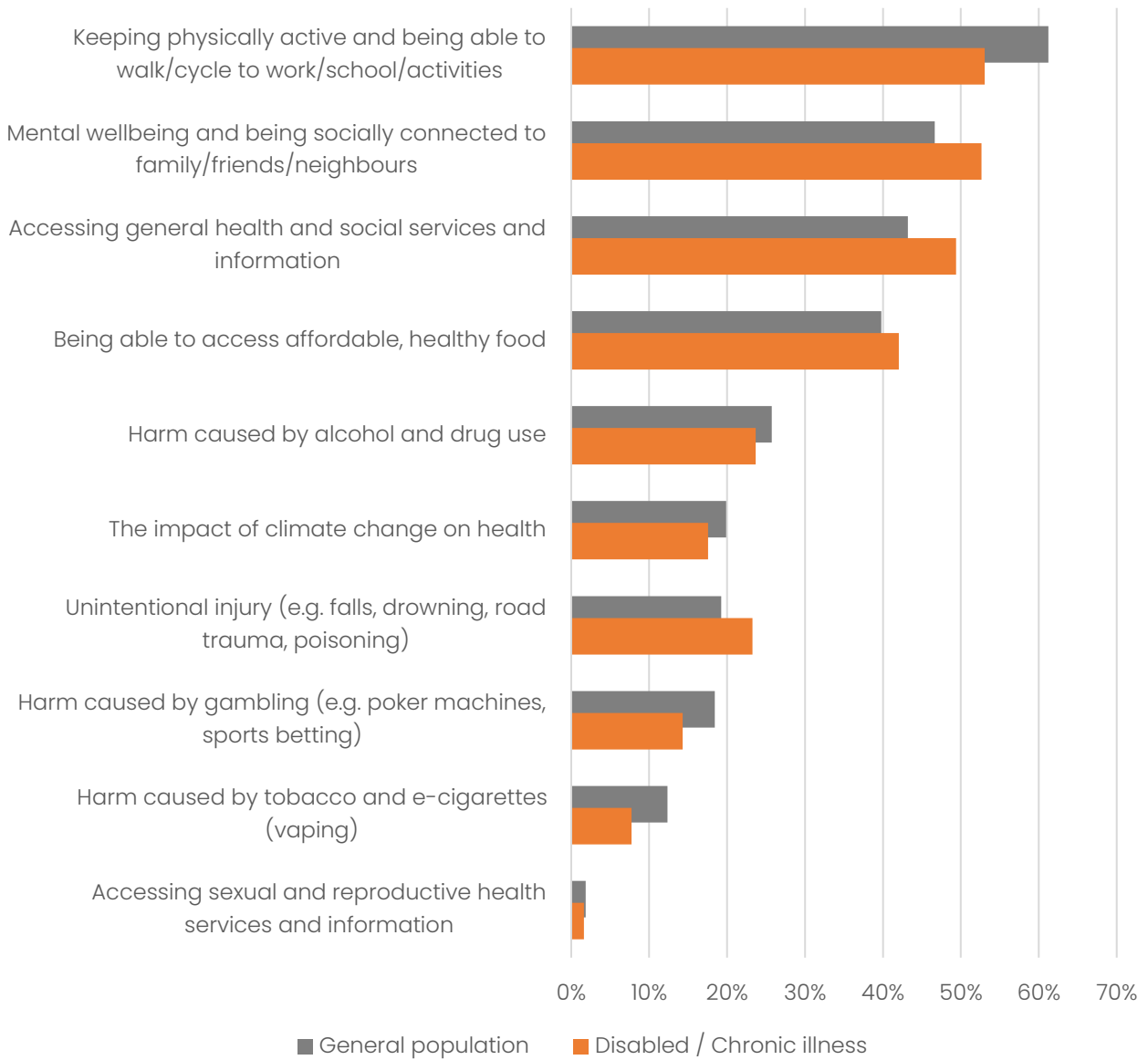


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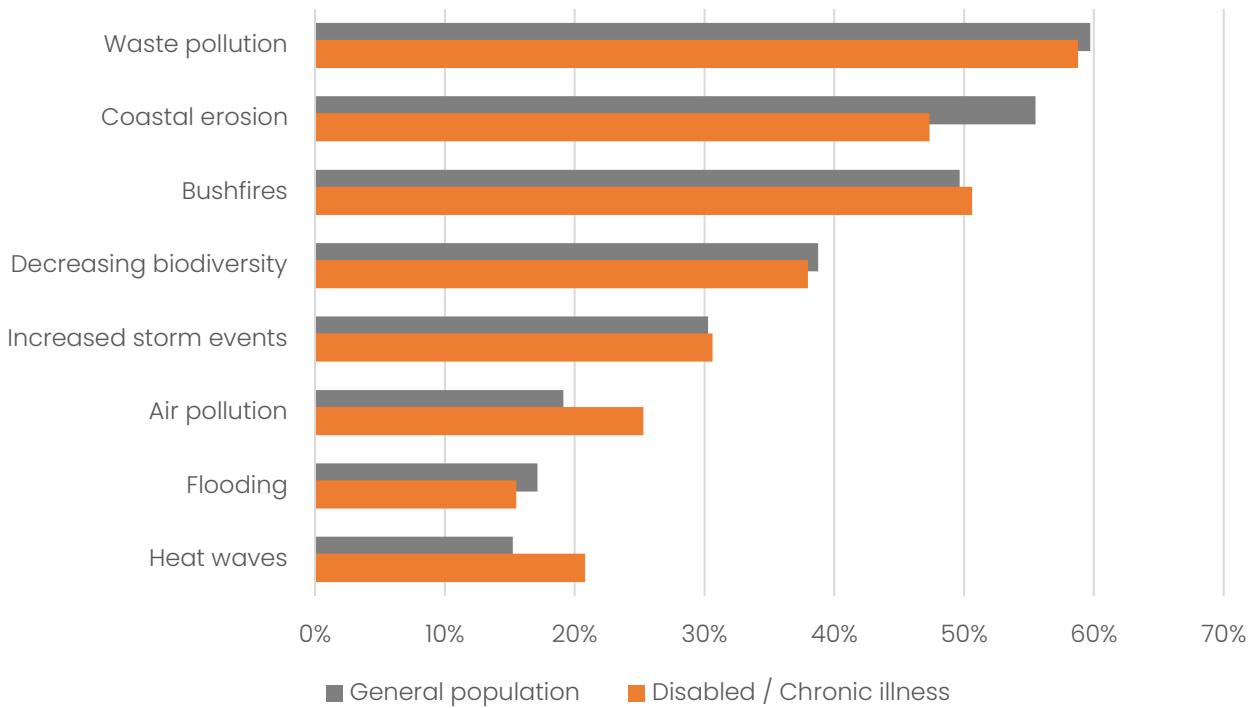
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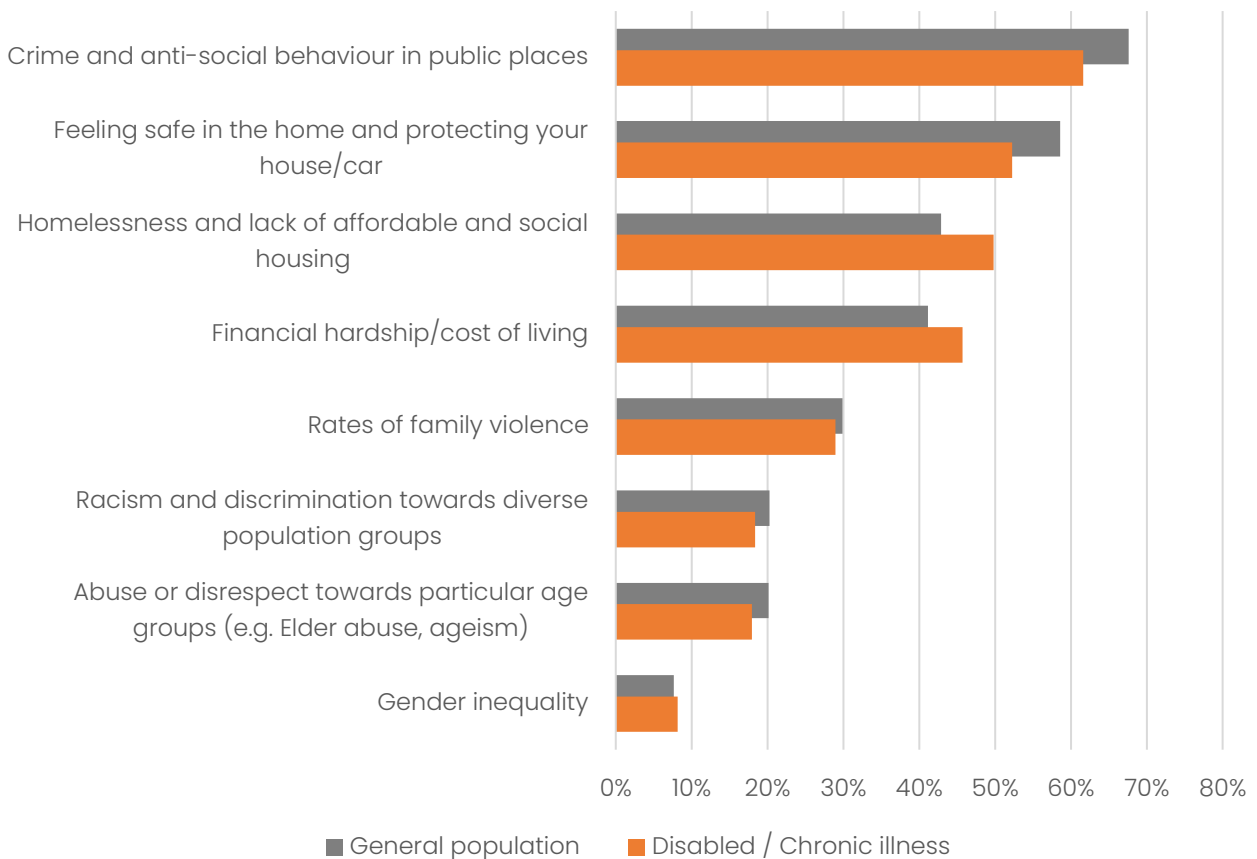
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Broad Community Engagement Outreach

Overview

Community pop-ups were run alongside the broad engagement survey and planned to hear from our harder to reach communities to support the findings from the survey and promote the survey to the public.

We talked to 930 people at 18 community pop-ups across the Peninsula held at various times and days of the week :

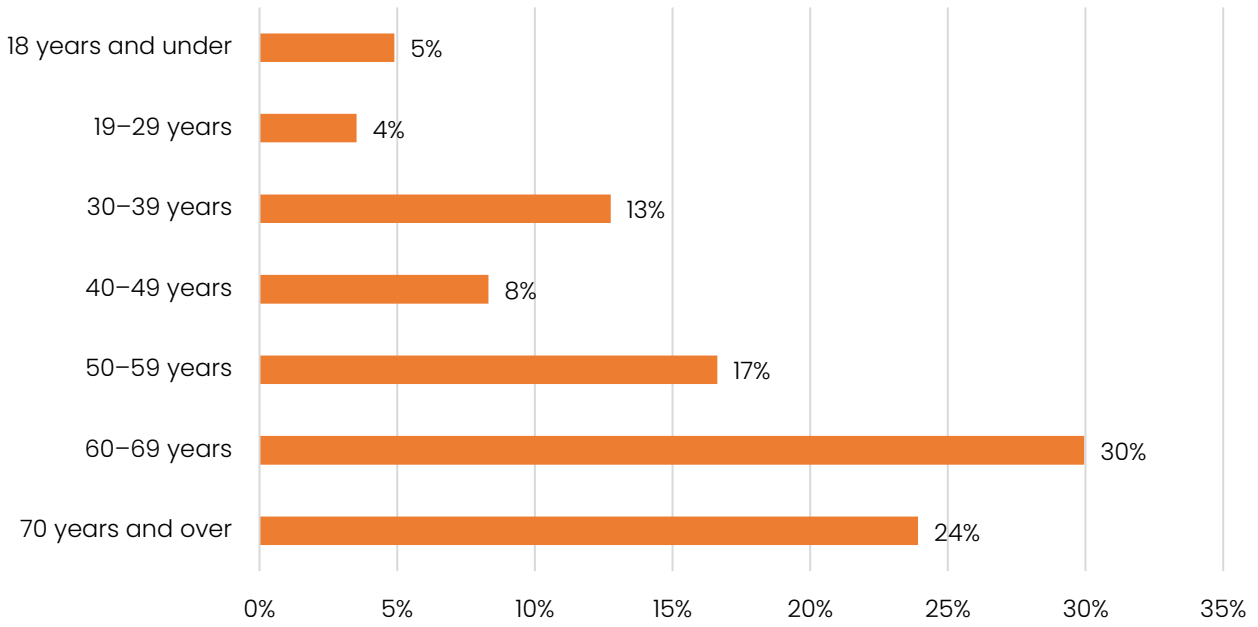
Event date	Event name	Event time	No. of participants
Sat, 22 Feb	Dromana Rotary Club Community Market	8.30am-1pm	50
Sat, 22 Feb	Tootgarook Primary School Market	8am-1pm	75
Sun, 23 Feb	Mount Eliza Farmers' Market	9am-1pm	150
Thu, 27 Feb	Hastings Thursday Street Market	9-11am	25
Fri, 28 Feb	Tounnin Wominjeka Youth Hub Community Day	3-7pm	50
Sun, 2 Mar	Bittern Rotary Community Market	8am-1pm	50
Thu, 6 Mar	Yawa Aquatic Centre	9am-1pm	31
Sat, 8 Mar	Point Nepean Portsea Market	9am-2pm	72
Tue, 11 Mar	Civic Reserve Recreation Centre	3.30-7pm	40
Wed, 12 Mar	Balnarring Village Shopping Centre	7.30-9.30am	30
Wed, 12 Mar	Mornington Main Street Market	9am-3pm	87
Thu, 13 Mar	Somerville Central Shopping Centre	9:30am-12:30pm	38
Thu, 13 Mar	Your Local Connection Point, Red Hill	9am-12pm	8
Thu, 13 Mar	Dromana Hub Shopping Centre	2-5pm	34
Sat, 15 Mar	Somerville Recreation Centre	9am-1pm	60
Thu, 20 Mar	Ritchies SUPA IGA Mt Martha	10am-4pm	65
Fri, 21 Mar	McCrae Plaza	9.30am-11.30am	20
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Three interactive activities were held at each of the pop-ups to engage the community in discussions. The results of these activities are provided on the following pages.

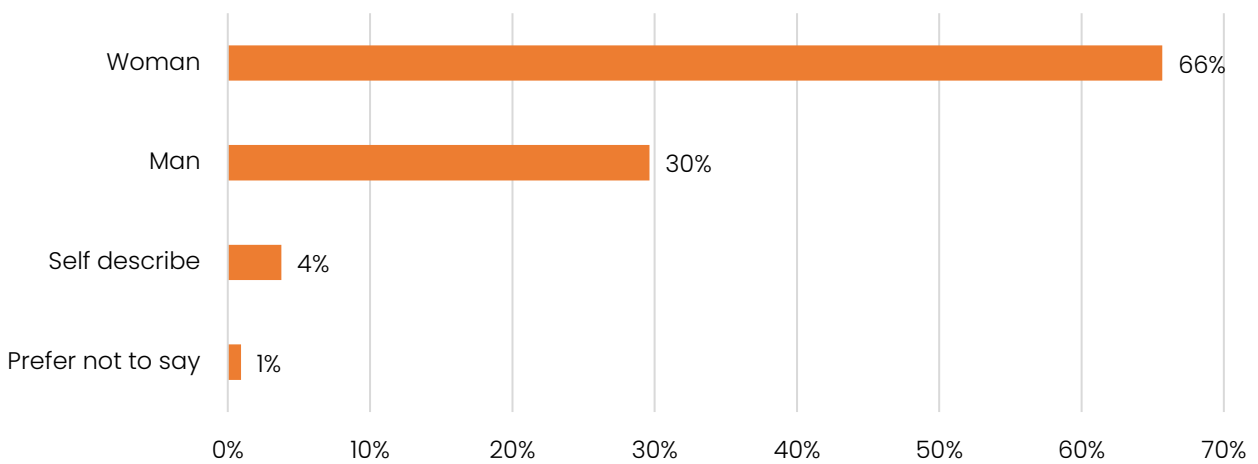
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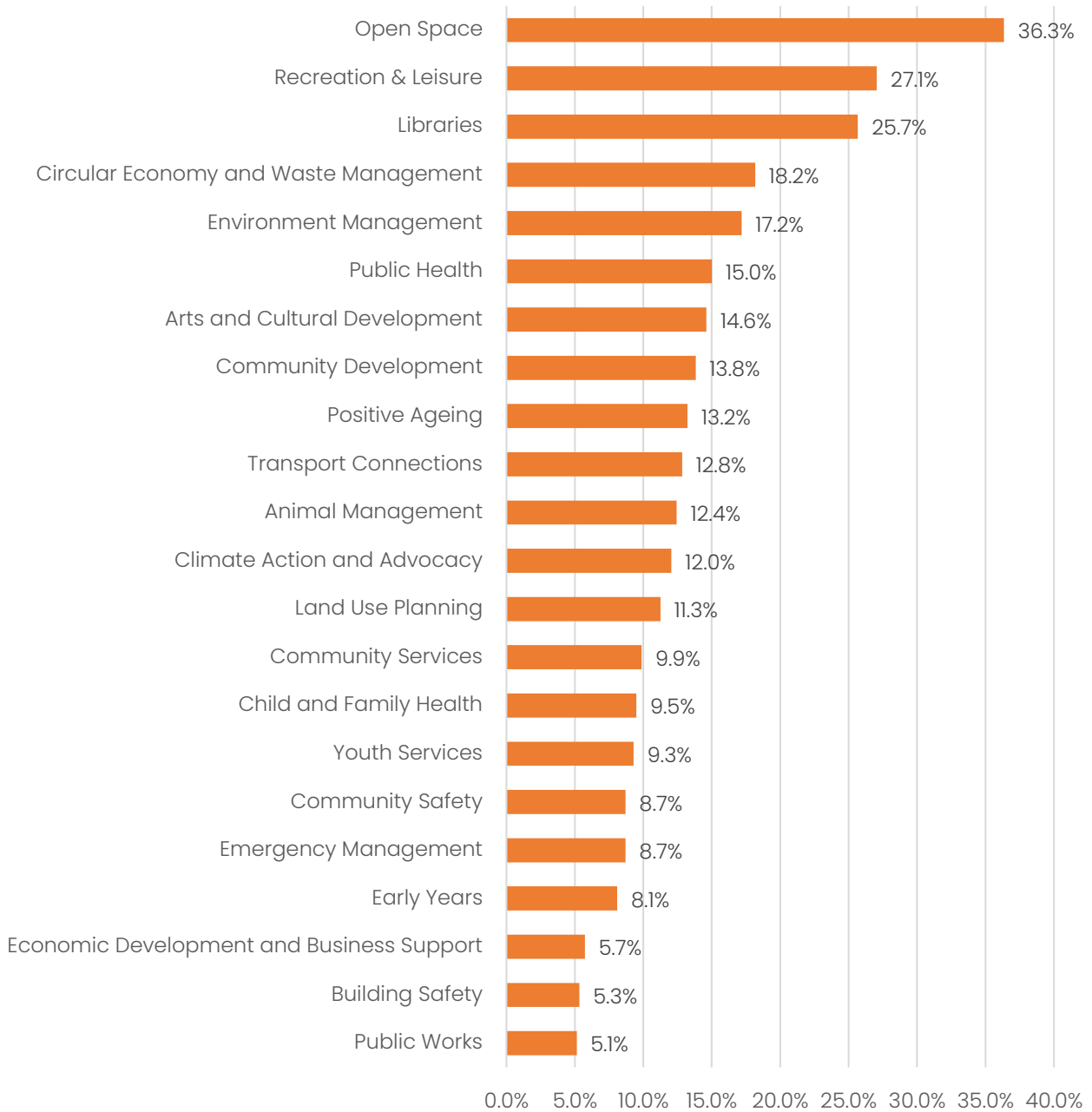


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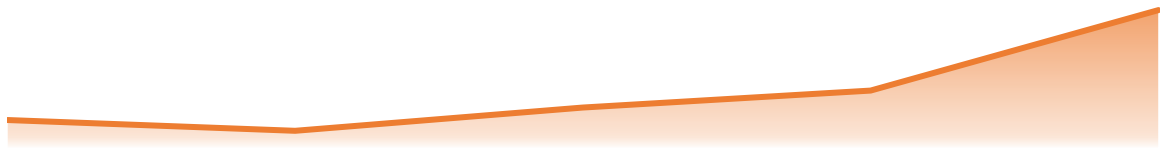
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What three services do you access most that are provided by Council?



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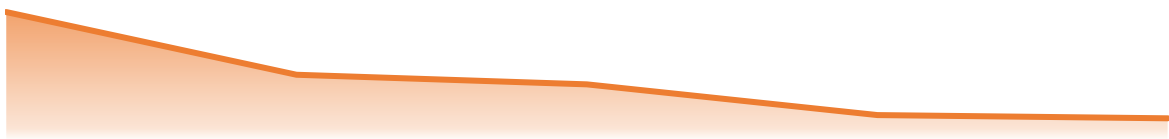
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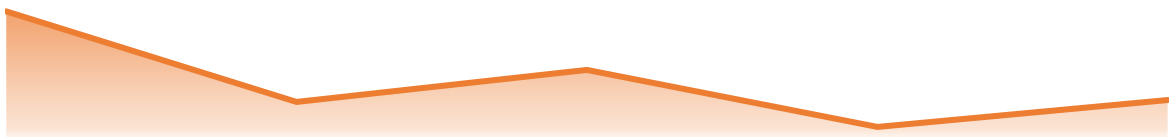
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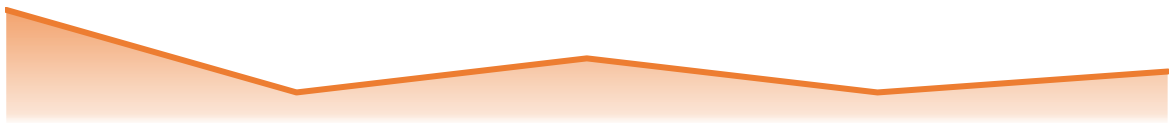
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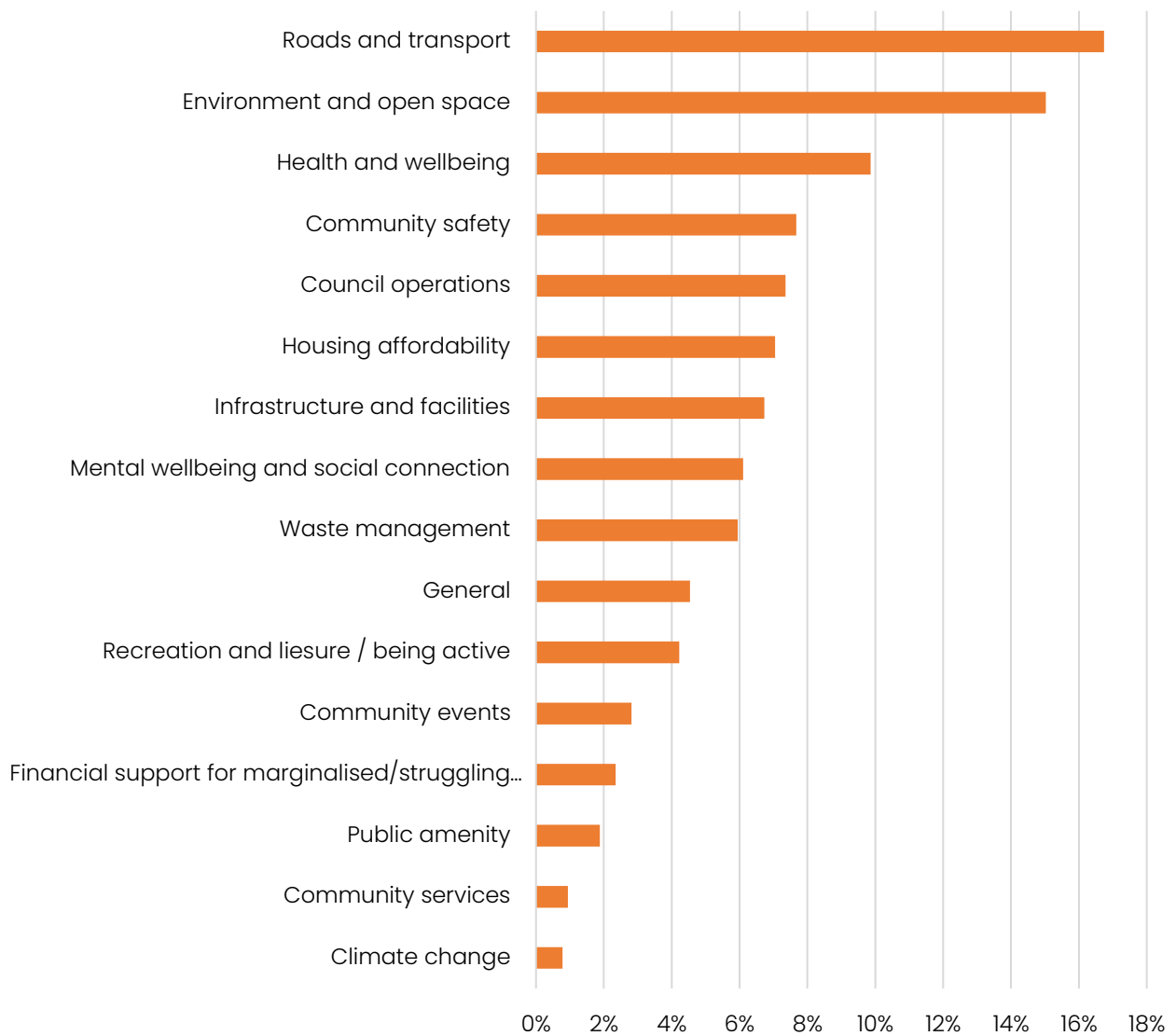


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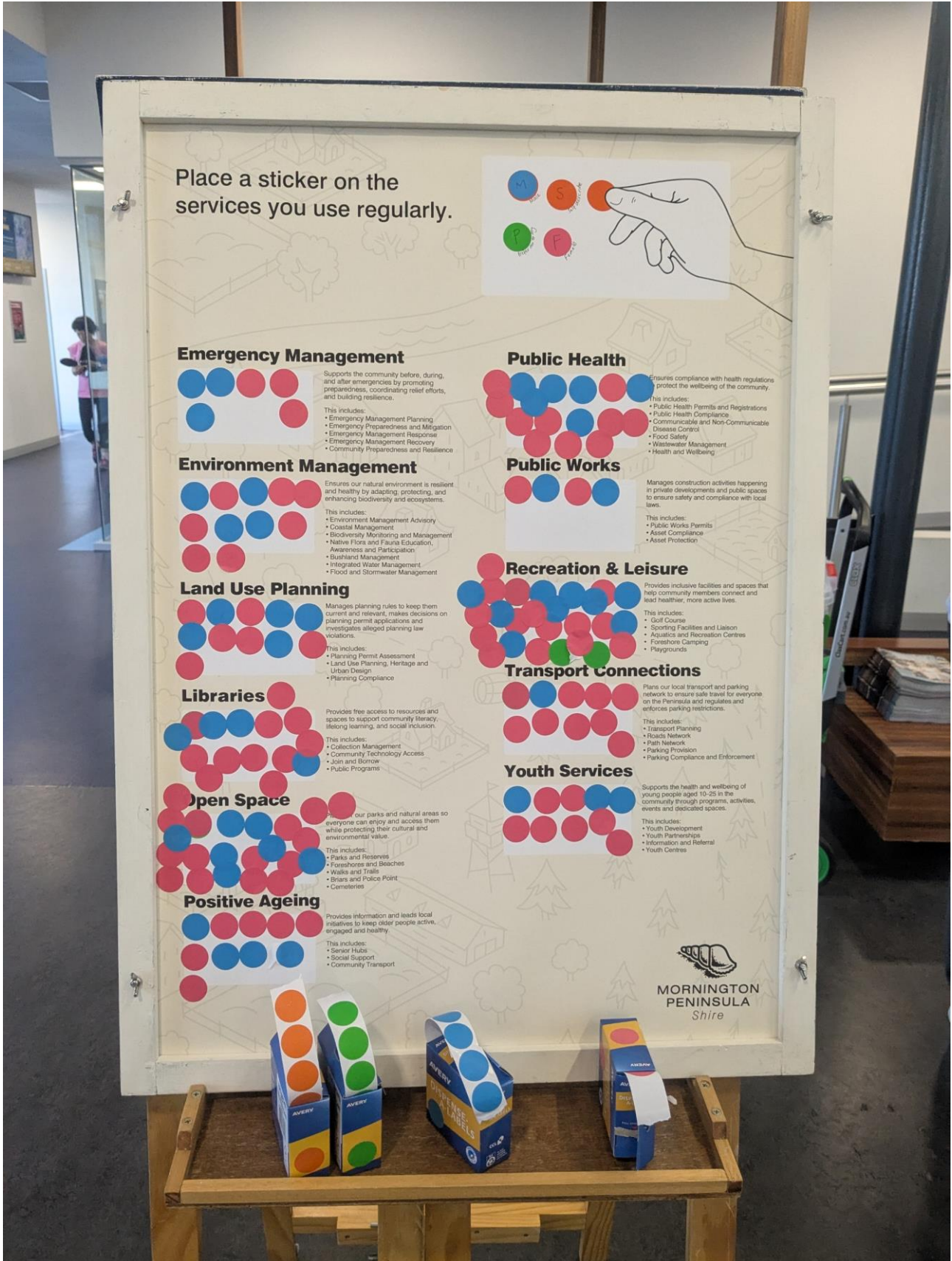
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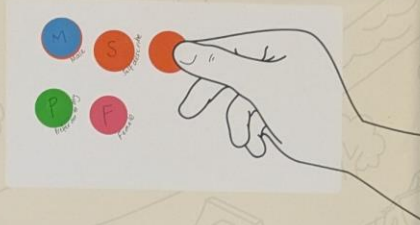


Broad Community Engagement Outreach





Place a sticker on the services you use regularly.



Emergency Management



Supports the community before, during, and after emergencies by promoting preparedness, coordinating relief efforts, and building resilience.

- This includes:
- Emergency Management Planning
 - Emergency Preparedness and Mitigation
 - Emergency Management Response
 - Emergency Management Recovery
 - Community Preparedness and Resilience

Environment Management



Ensures our natural environment is resilient and healthy by adapting, protecting, and enhancing biodiversity and ecosystems.

- This includes:
- Environment Management Advisory
 - Coastal Management
 - Biodiversity Monitoring and Management
 - Native Flora and Fauna Education, Awareness and Participation
 - Bushland Management
 - Integrated Water Management
 - Flood and Stormwater Management

Land Use Planning



Manages planning rules to keep them current and relevant, makes decisions on planning permit applications and investigates alleged planning law violations.

- This includes:
- Planning Permit Assessment
 - Land Use Planning, Heritage and Urban Design
 - Planning Compliance

Libraries



Provides free access to resources and spaces to support community literacy, lifelong learning, and social inclusion.

- This includes:
- Collection Management
 - Community Technology Access
 - Join and Borrow
 - Public Programs

Open Space



Protects our parks and natural areas so everyone can enjoy and access them while protecting their cultural and environmental value.

- This includes:
- Parks and Reserves
 - Foreshores and Beaches
 - Walks and Trails
 - Briars and Police Point
 - Cemeteries

Positive Ageing



Provides information and leads local initiatives to keep older people active, engaged and healthy.

- This includes:
- Senior Hubs
 - Social Support
 - Community Transport

Public Health



Ensures compliance with health regulations protect the wellbeing of the community.

- This includes:
- Public Health Permits and Registrations
 - Public Health Compliance
 - Communicable and Non-Communicable Disease Control
 - Food Safety
 - Wastewater Management
 - Health and Wellbeing

Public Works



Manages construction activities happening in private developments and public spaces to ensure safety and compliance with local laws.

- This includes:
- Public Works Permits
 - Asset Compliance
 - Asset Protection

Recreation & Leisure



Provides inclusive facilities and spaces that help community members connect and lead healthier, more active lives.

- This includes:
- Golf Course
 - Sporting Facilities and Liaison
 - Aquatics and Recreation Centres
 - Foreshore Camping
 - Playgrounds

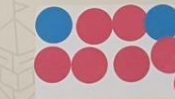
Transport Connections



Plans our local transport and parking network to ensure safe travel for everyone on the Peninsula and regulates and enforces parking restrictions.

- This includes:
- Transport Planning
 - Roads Network
 - Path Network
 - Parking Provision
 - Parking Compliance and Enforcement

Youth Services



Supports the health and wellbeing of young people aged 10-25 in the community through programs, activities, events and dedicated spaces.

- This includes:
- Youth Development
 - Youth Partnerships
 - Information and Referral
 - Youth Centres



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Kindergarten Activity

Overview

Three kindergartens participated in an activity where we shared with the children what Council does. They were then asked to select what things they thought were most important for Council to do. We also asked them to write a story about how community members can stay happy and healthy.

We talked to 44 children at the three kindergartens. The results from these activities are below.

Responses

What is important for Council to do?

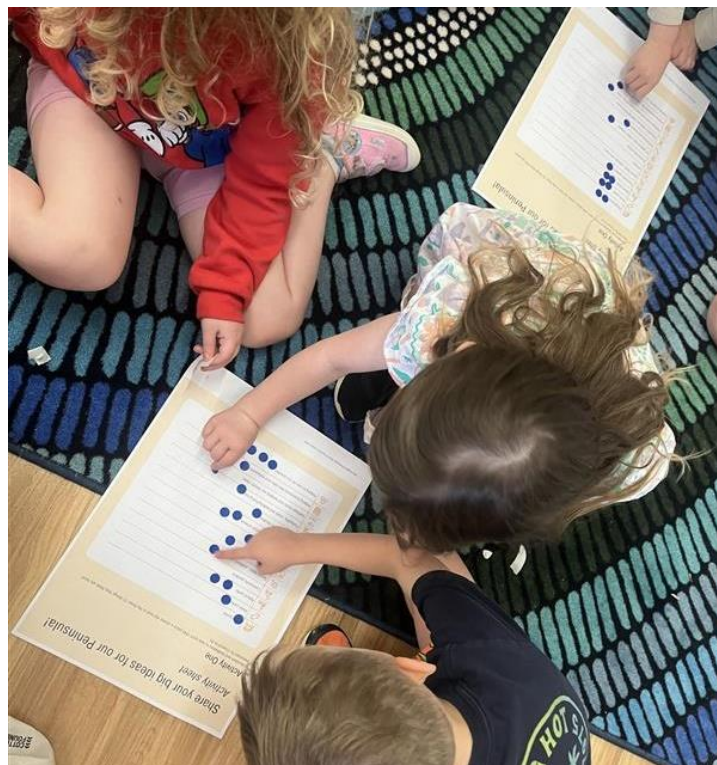


Write a short story about the three things you think are most important for helping us to stay happy and healthy?

Princess Spunky lives on the Mornington Peninsula and she loves to eat healthy food like broccoli, apples, carrots, and all the vegetables. She loves skateboarding, running and being active. To help her mind feel happy, she loves reading, sleeping, and breathing healthy air. She feels calm at the skate park, library and the beach. She helps to keep her neighbourhood clean by giving our plants and trees water and putting rubbish in the bin, Princess Spunky thinks we need more rubbish bins at the beach and for the community to be able to go to community gardens more easily.

Once upon a time, Princess (Mario) Foodie did lots of things in her community to stay healthy, like...

- eating healthy food from the shops, like toast, rainbow food, fish, broccoli, carrot
- getting out of the house for fresh air
- exercising, like swimming, yoga, taking their bike or scooter on the pump tracks
- brushing her teeth
- helping people
- being nice
- cleaning up, cleaning up, cleaning up
- going to the beach



Children's Postcards

Overview

Hearing our younger people's thoughts about our future is important to us, but they can be difficult to reach. It was important for us to prepare our engagement questions and methods in a tailored, meaningful way, accessible to them.

A children's postcard captured 262 children's voices from 10 schools and our libraries.

The postcard asked three questions from the children linking into the broader engagement survey. An example of the postcard is below.

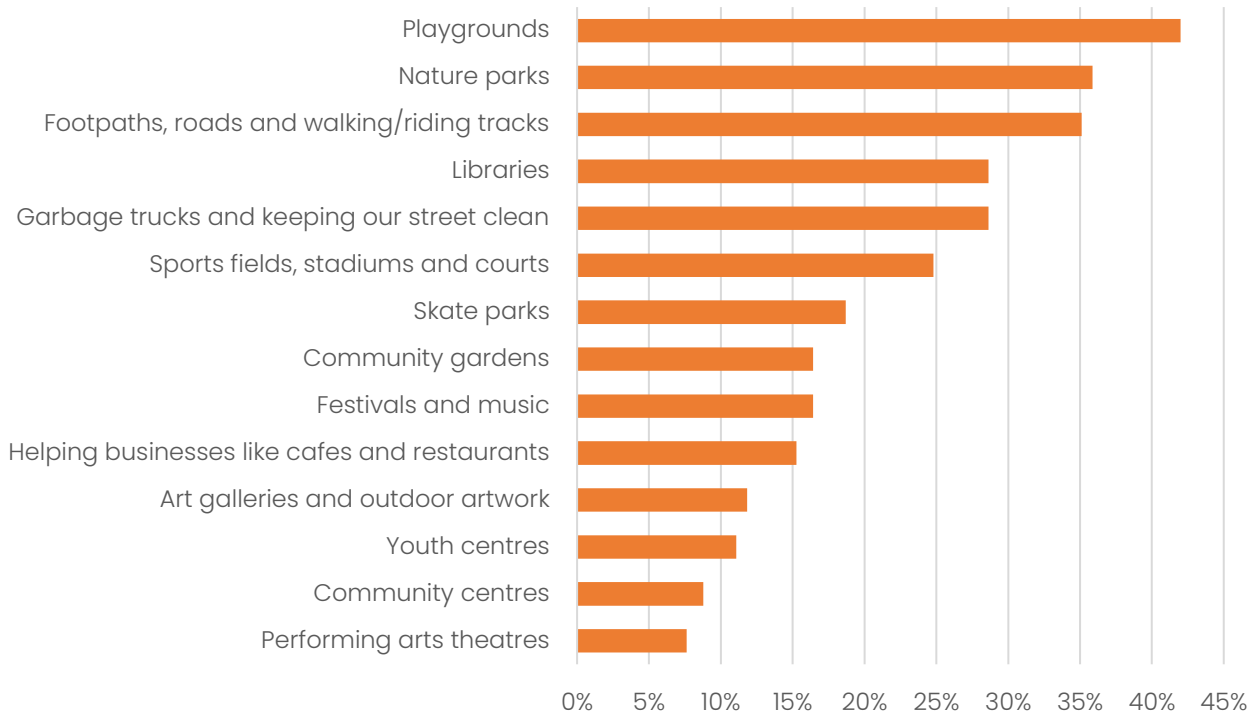
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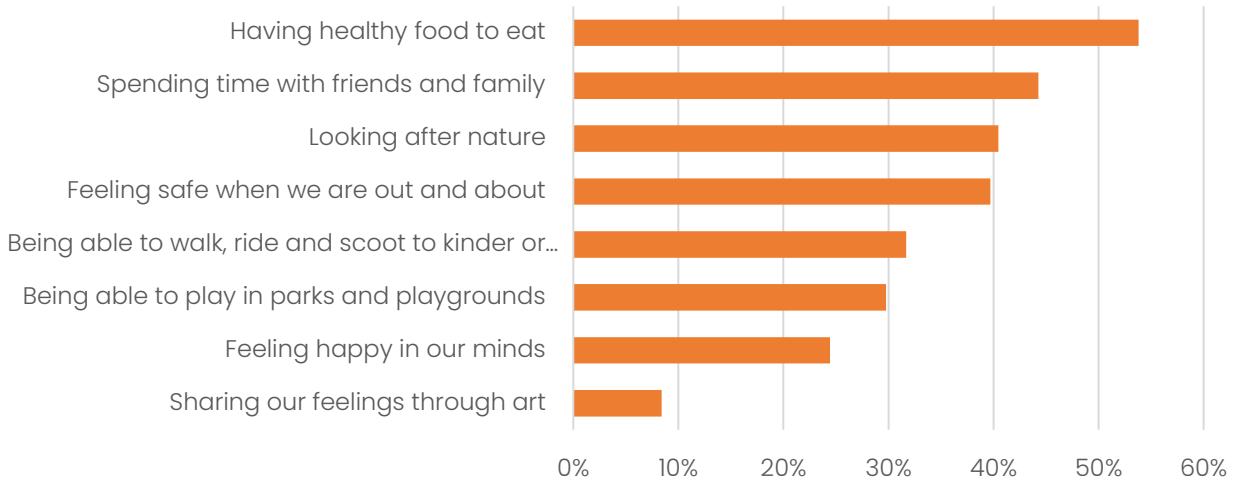
Responses

Total Responses: **262**

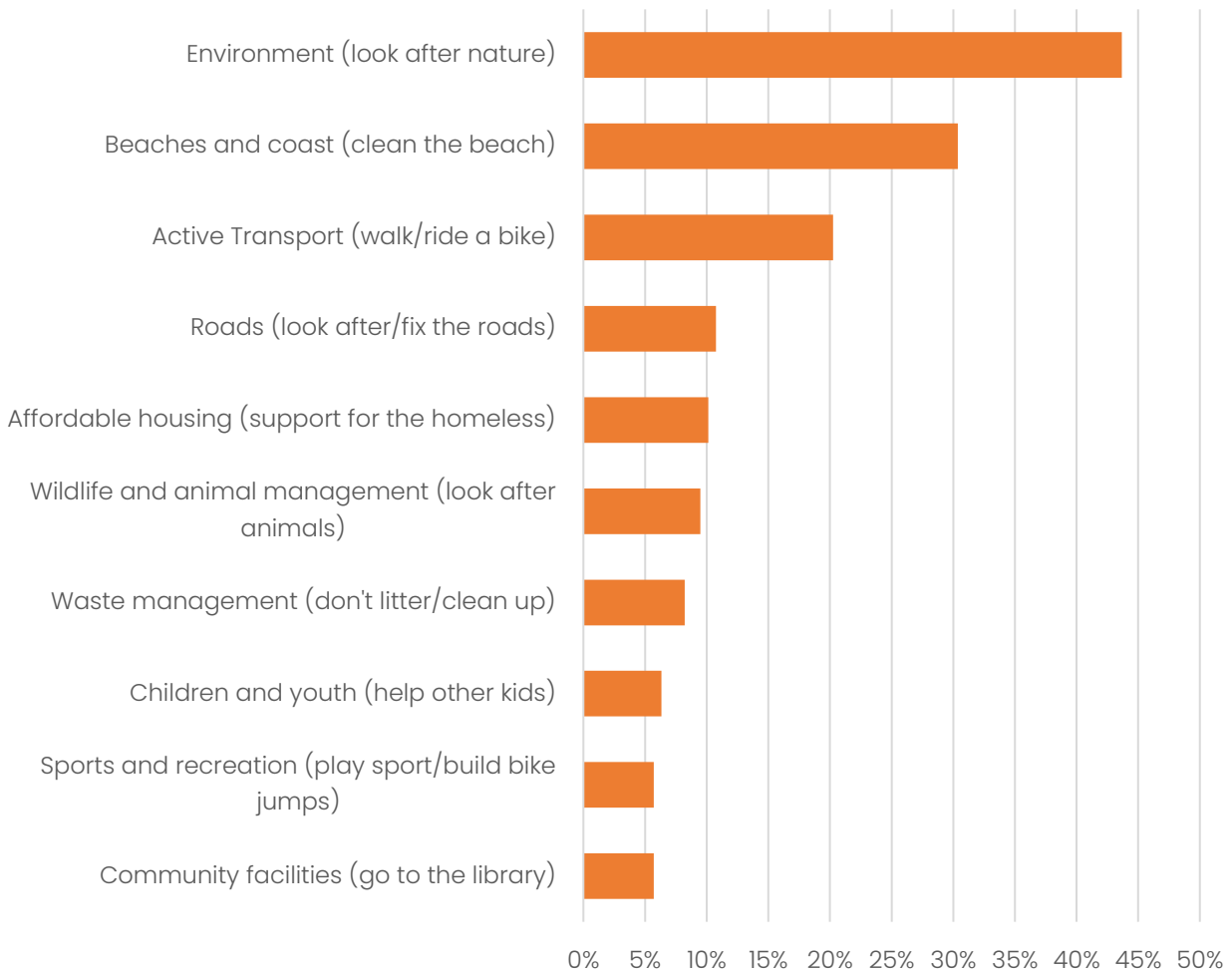
What do you think are the most important things for Council to do?



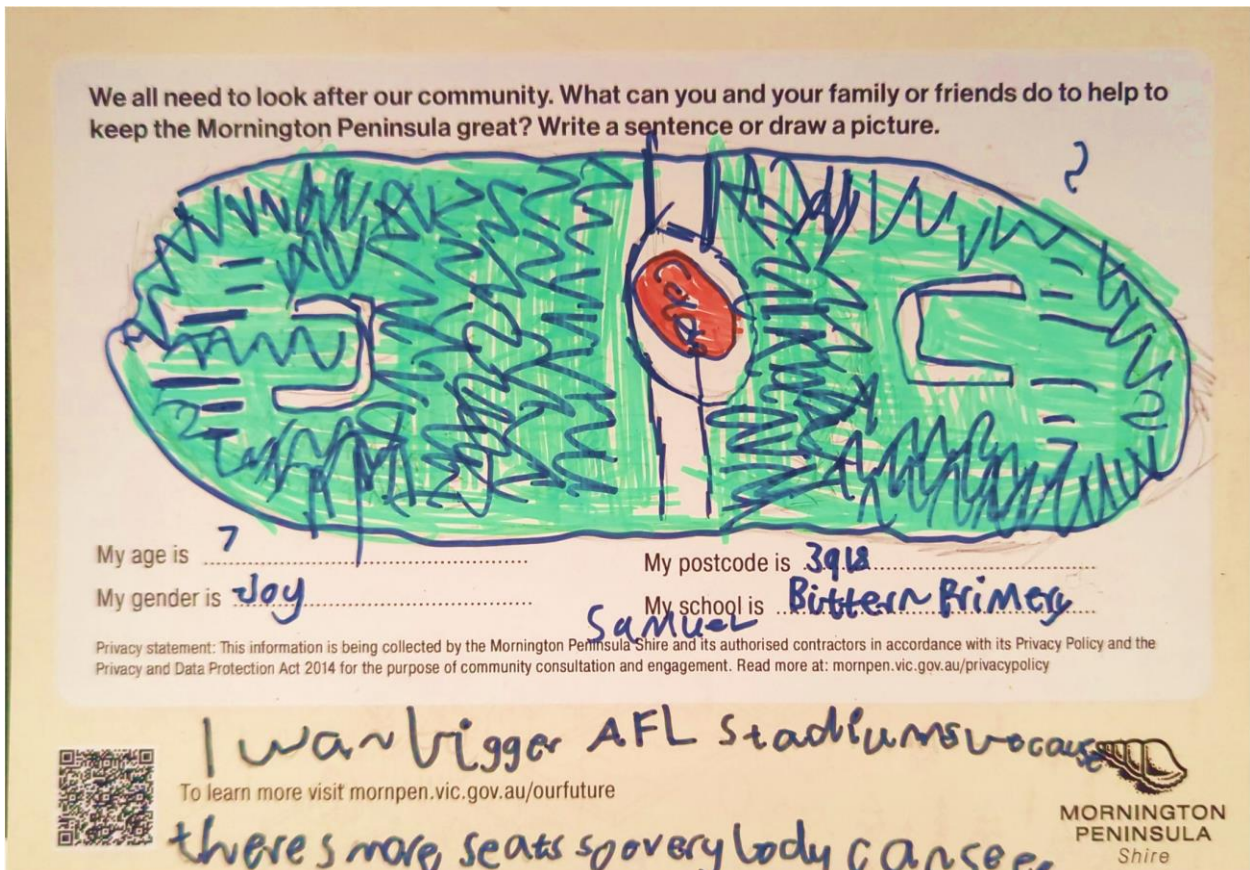
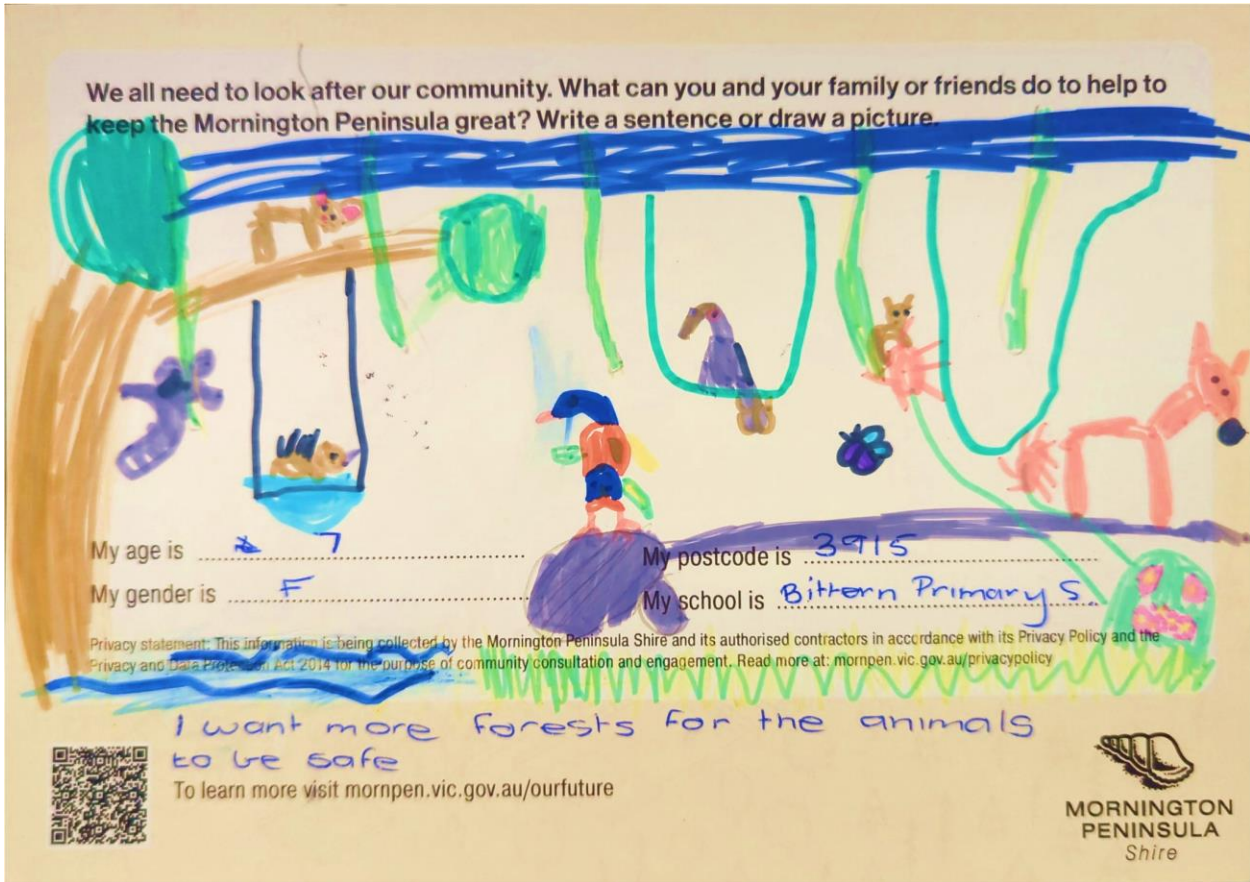
There are lots of things that help us to be healthy and feel happy. Which do you think are most important?

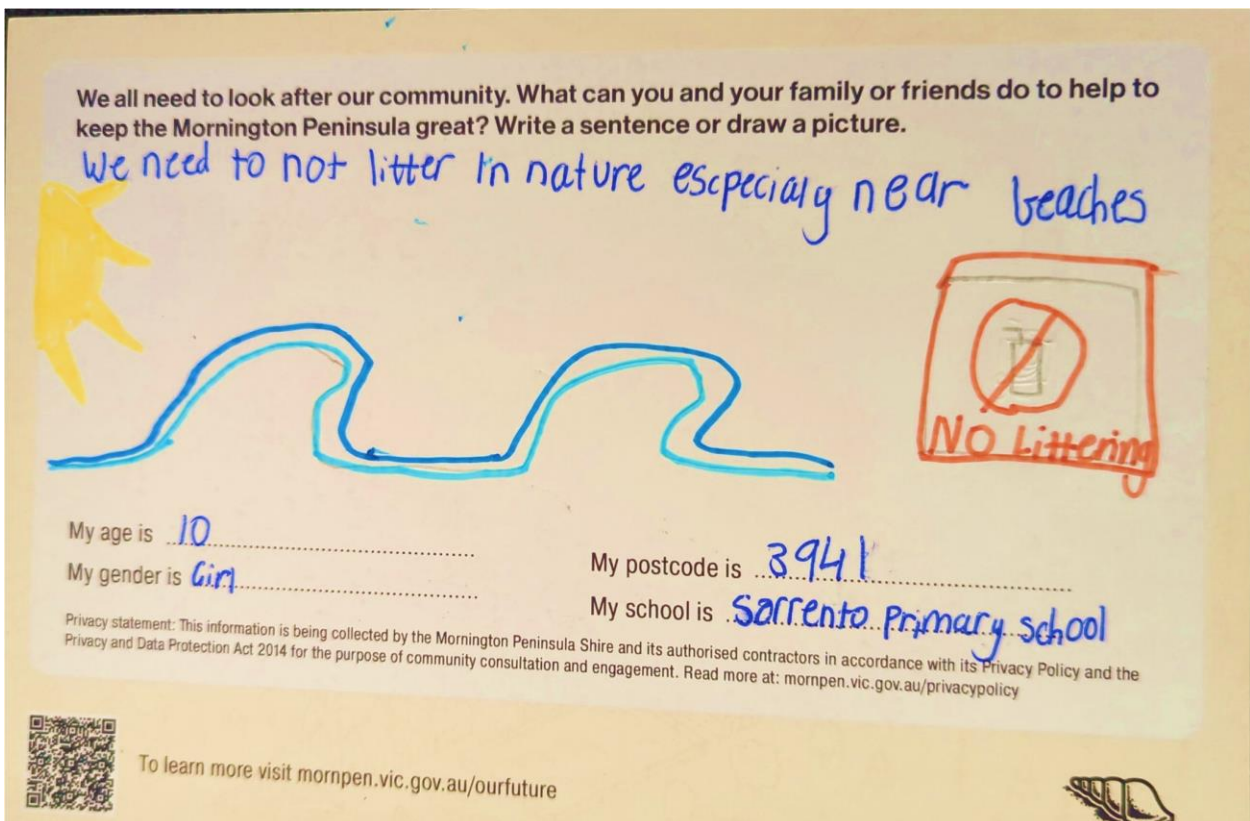
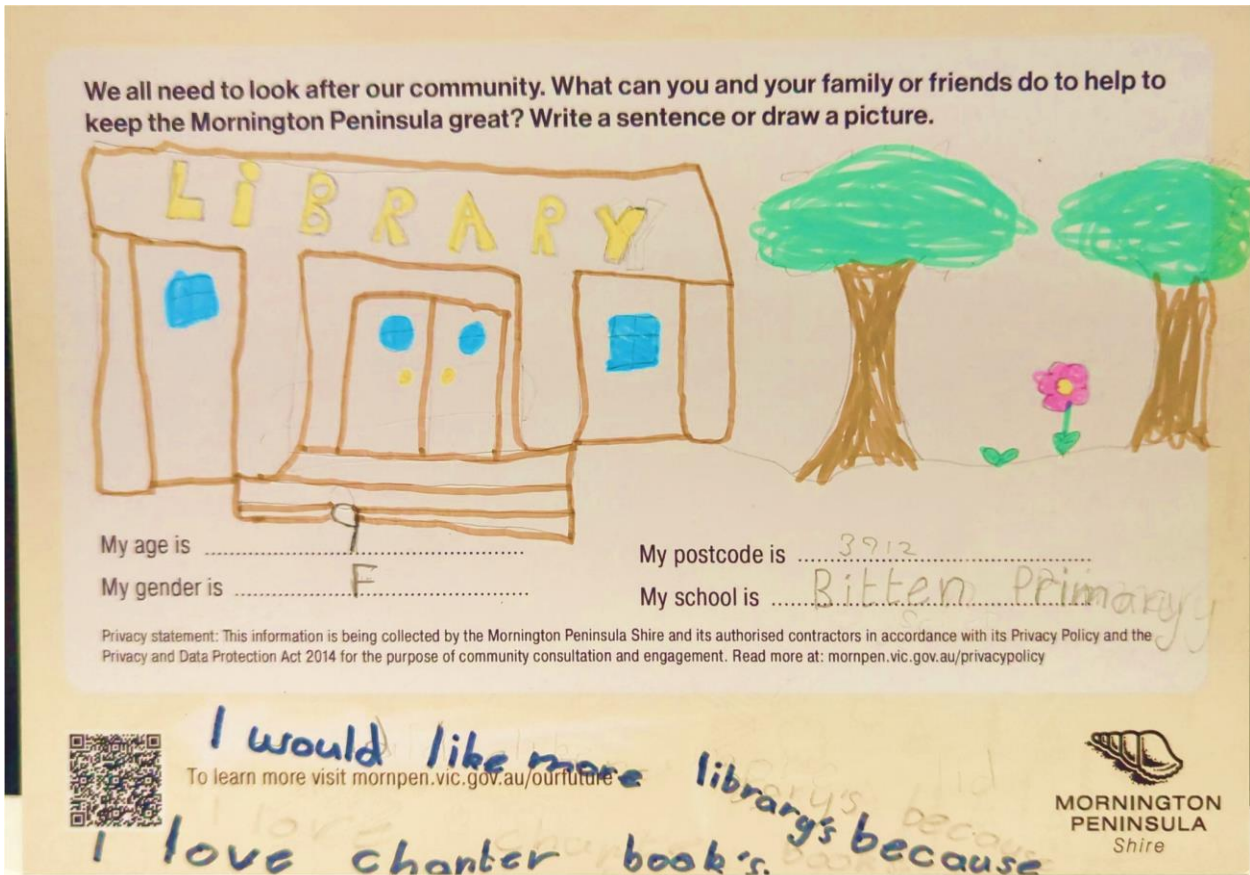


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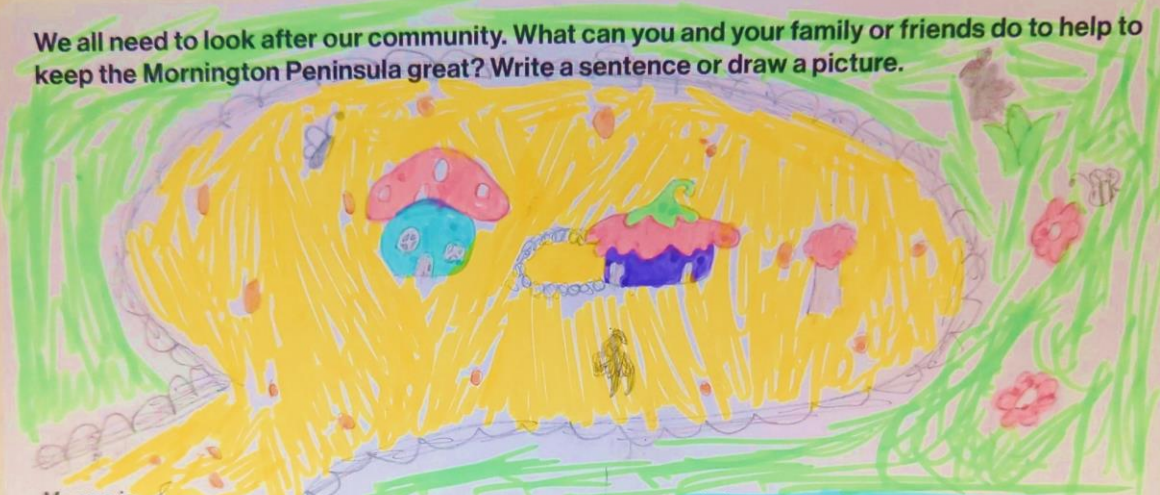


Example Postcards






We all need to look after our community. What can you and your family or friends do to help to keep the Mornington Peninsula great? Write a sentence or draw a picture.




My age is My postcode is

My gender is female My school is Bittern


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My age is My postcode is 3915

My gender is My school is Bittern


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I want more kindness around the world.


MORNINGTON PENINSULA Shire


We all need to look after our community. What can you and your family or friends do to help to keep the Mornington Peninsula great? Write a sentence or draw a picture.




My age is 8
 My gender is F

My postcode is 3918
 My school is Bittern Primary

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 I want more festivals so people have some thing todo instead of being bored.


 MORNINGTON PENINSULA Shire


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To keep the Morning Peninsula great, I reccomend that there should be less trash, so more garbage bins! Secondly, Festivals and music! It makes the Peninsula happy and excited! Lastly, and the most important of them all... FEELING SAFE EVERYWHERE! We need to keep this safe comfortable and safe all the time.

My age is 10
 My gender is Girl

My postcode is 3941
 My school is Tootgarook Primary school

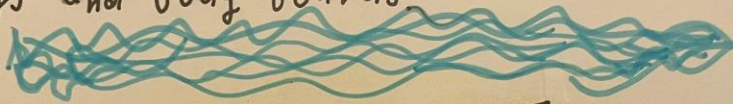
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I would love to see a toy library at the beach with sand toys and body boards



My age is Year 6

My postcode is Mount Martha 3934

My gender is

My school is Osborne Primary School

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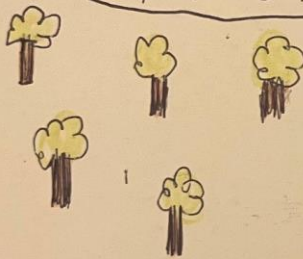
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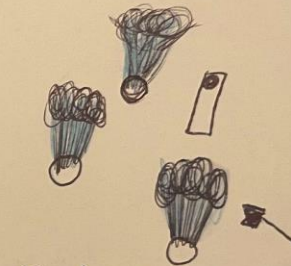
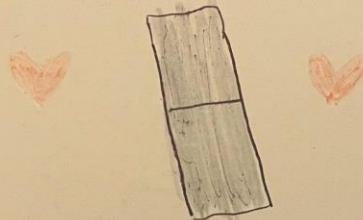
MORNINGTON PENINSULA Shire

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Plant more trees



better Footpaths



Splash Pad

My age is 11

My postcode is 3931

My gender is Female

My school is Osborne primary school

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Youth Survey

Overview

A youth version of the general survey was prepared for our 12–18-year-old members of our community, distributed via our Youth Services Team’s contacts .

We were able to hear from participants at an Open Day held at our Tounnin Wominjeka Youth Hub Community Day. 70 young people completed the survey.

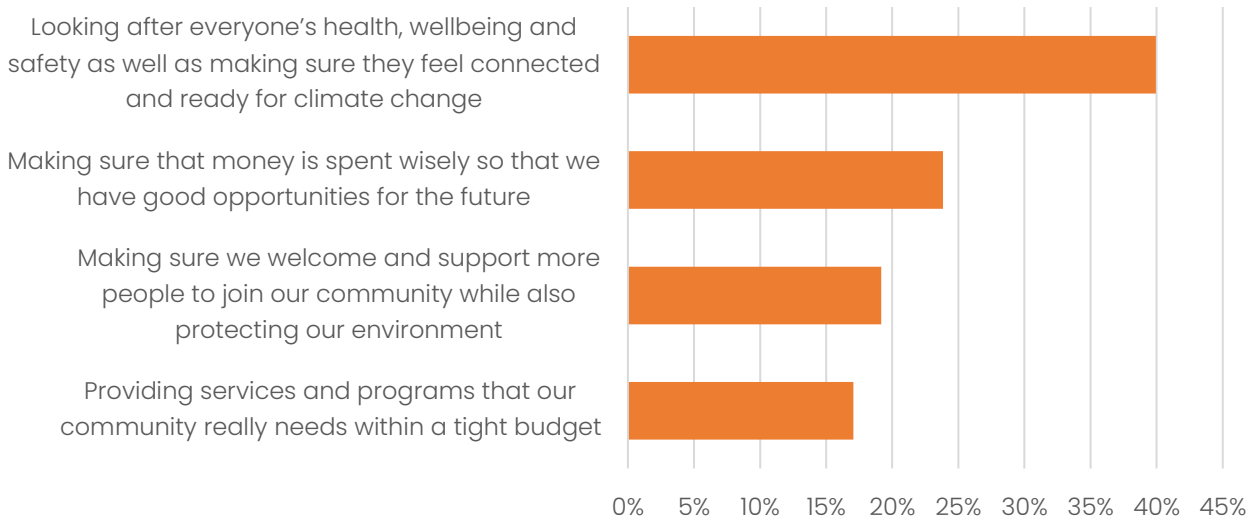
The results are provided on the pages below.



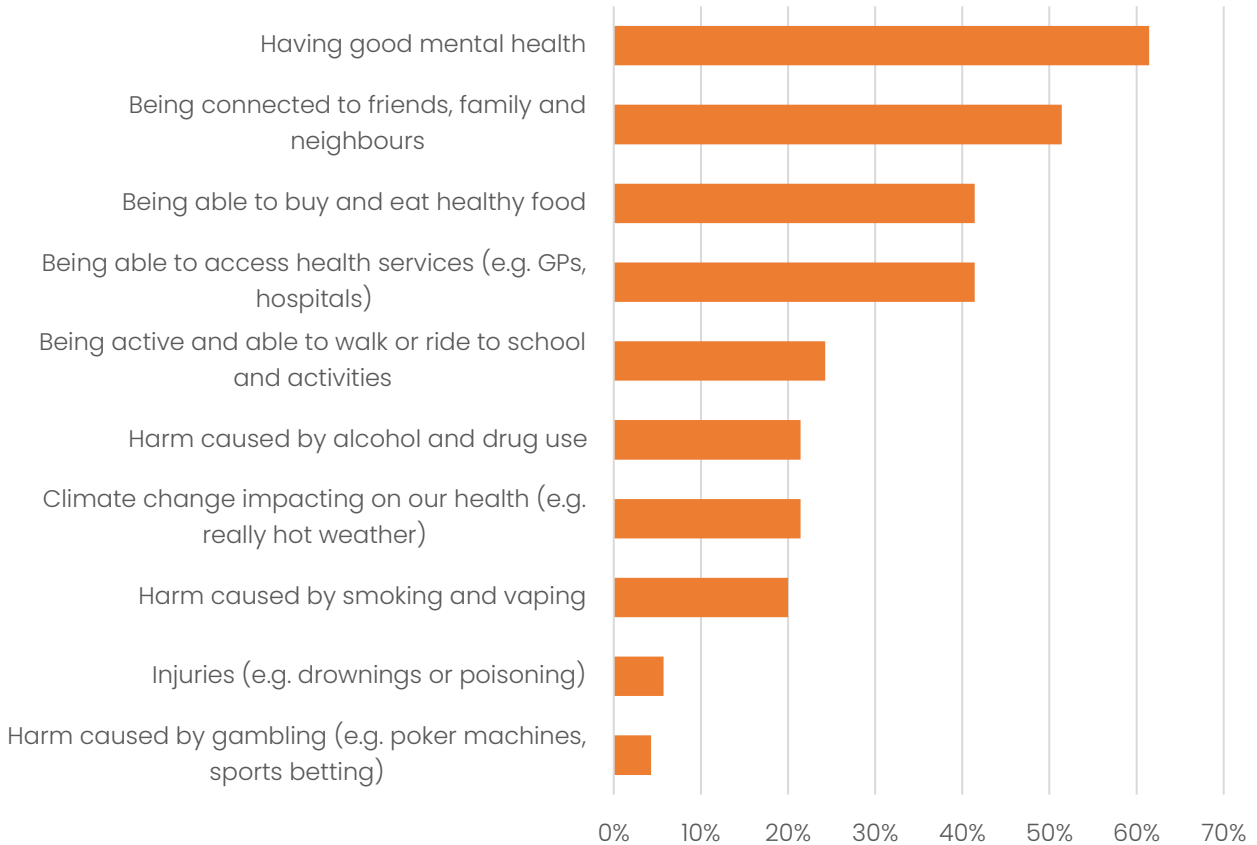
Responses

Total Responses: 70

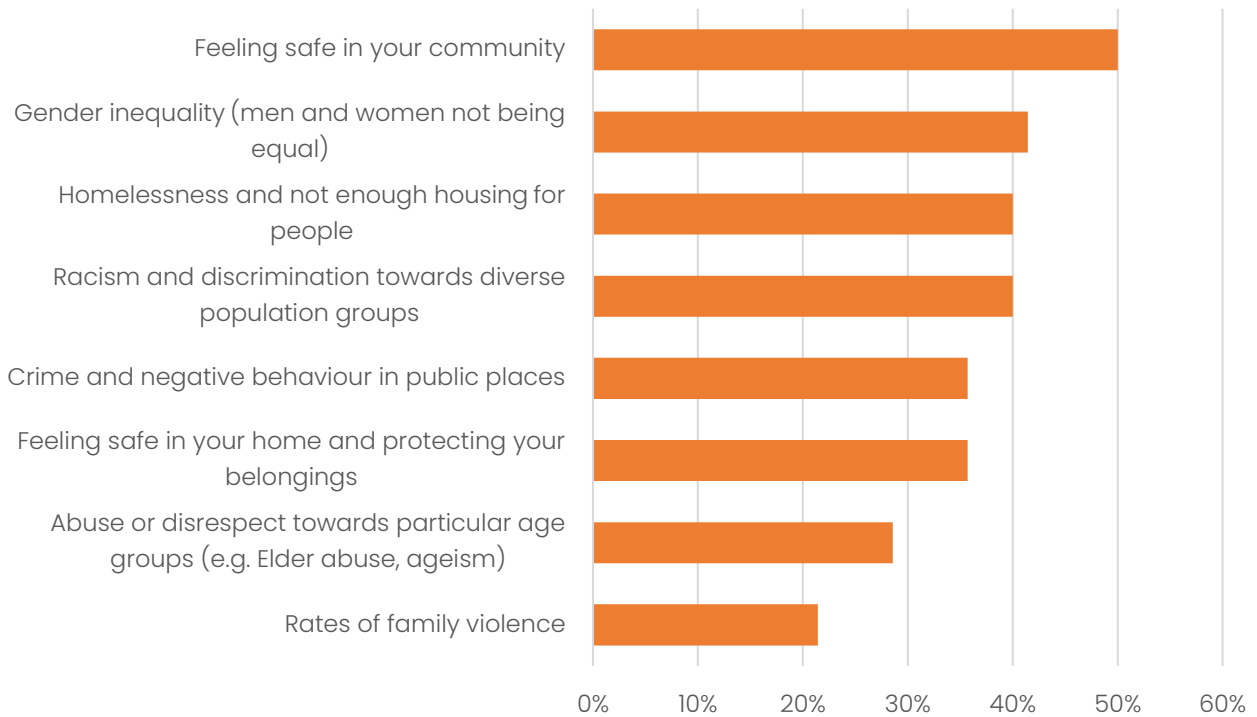
Which of these things do think is most important for Council to do?



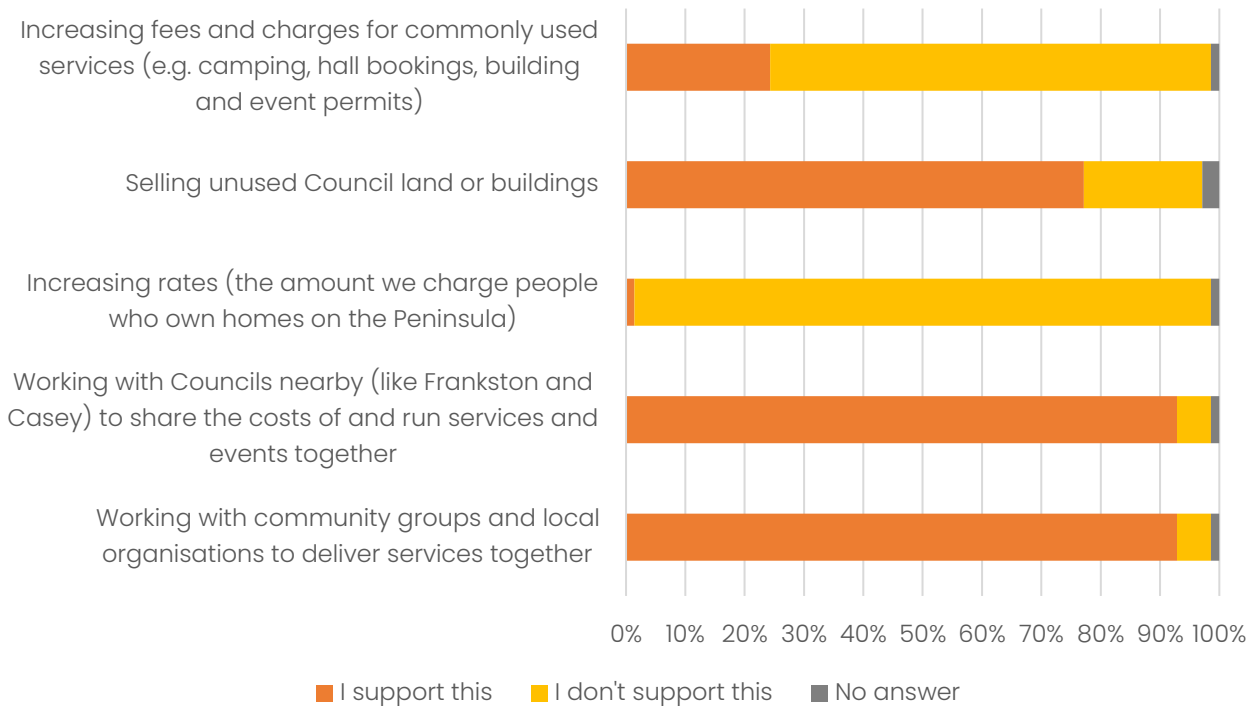
Which of these health and wellbeing issues are most important to you?



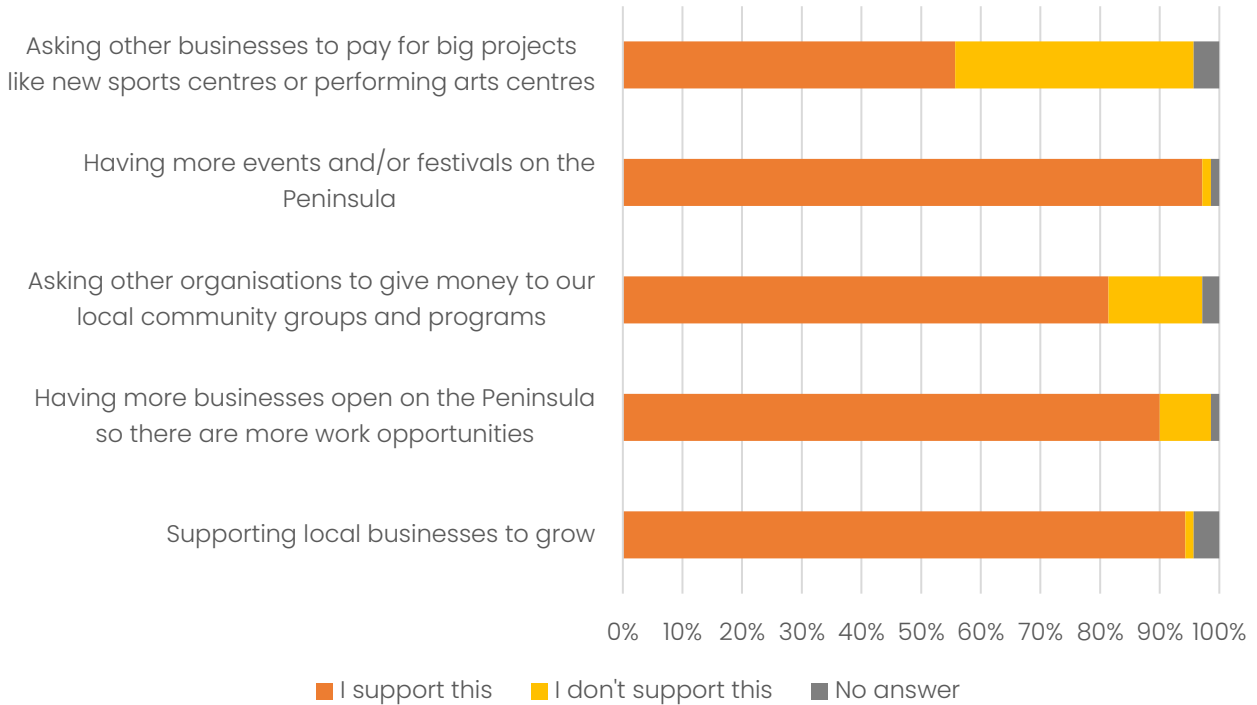
Which of these social issues matter most to you?



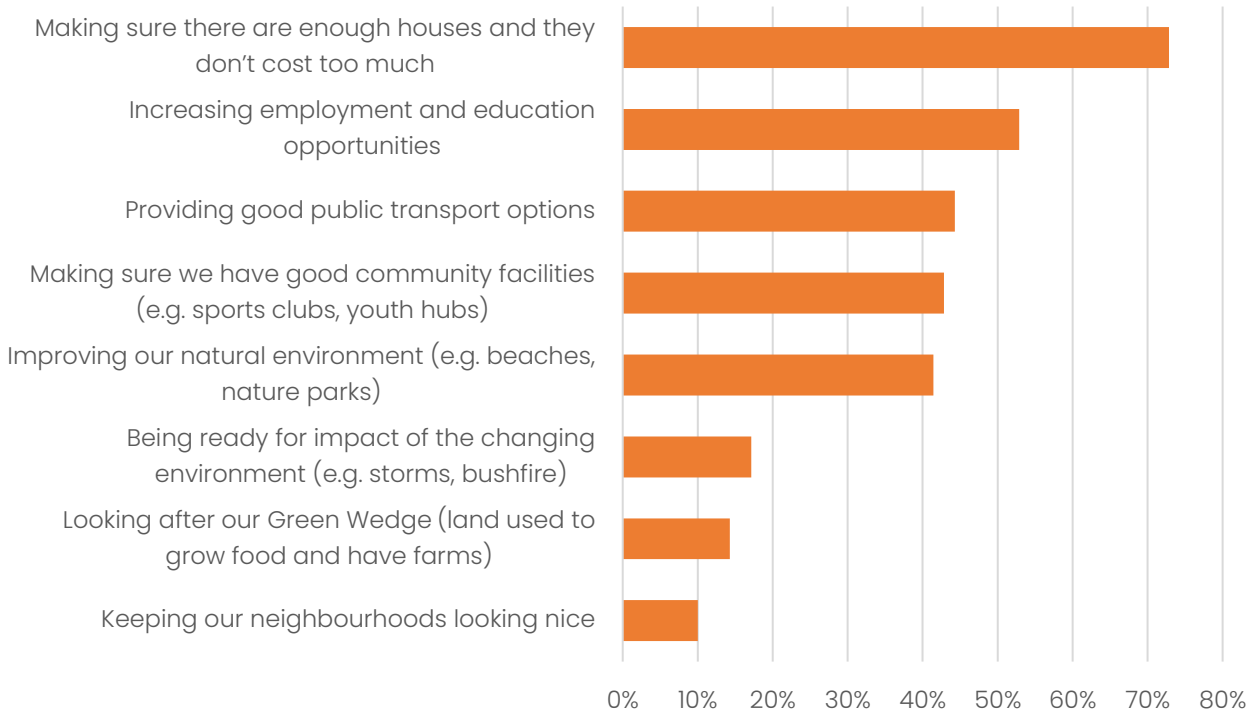
Which of these options would you support so that Council can have more money for important services?



Which of the following options do you support Council doing so we can have a better future?



Which of these services do you think are most important?



What do you think should be Council’s top priorities for protecting our environment for the future?

