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Executive Summary of engagement report:

Integrated Planning requires all councils to facilitate the development of a Community Strategic Plan which sets out the Community's Vision and Long Term Aspirations. To achieve this, Council undertook a series of community engagements consisting of a community satisfaction survey in August-September 2016 followed by a community engagement project at the beginning of 2017. These two projects aimed to bring together the views of the community and were integrated into the draft Plan. Council at its October meeting agreed to place the draft Community Strategic Plan on public exhibition for a period of six weeks. During this period Council undertook a further round of community engagement to seek community input to the draft Strategic Plan.

Some of the methods of engagement included the following:

- Via Council's online engagement hub (Engagement HQ) at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au
- Three community meetings at Bungendore, Braidwood and Queanbeyan
- Street stalls in Braidwood and Queanbeyan
- Engagement with staff
- Widely advertised via newspapers, social media, e-newsletters, posters and direct email to residents who have participated in previous engagement
- Letter circulated to a number of community and sporting organisations highlighting the vision, exhibition period and community meetings.

Participation in engagement:

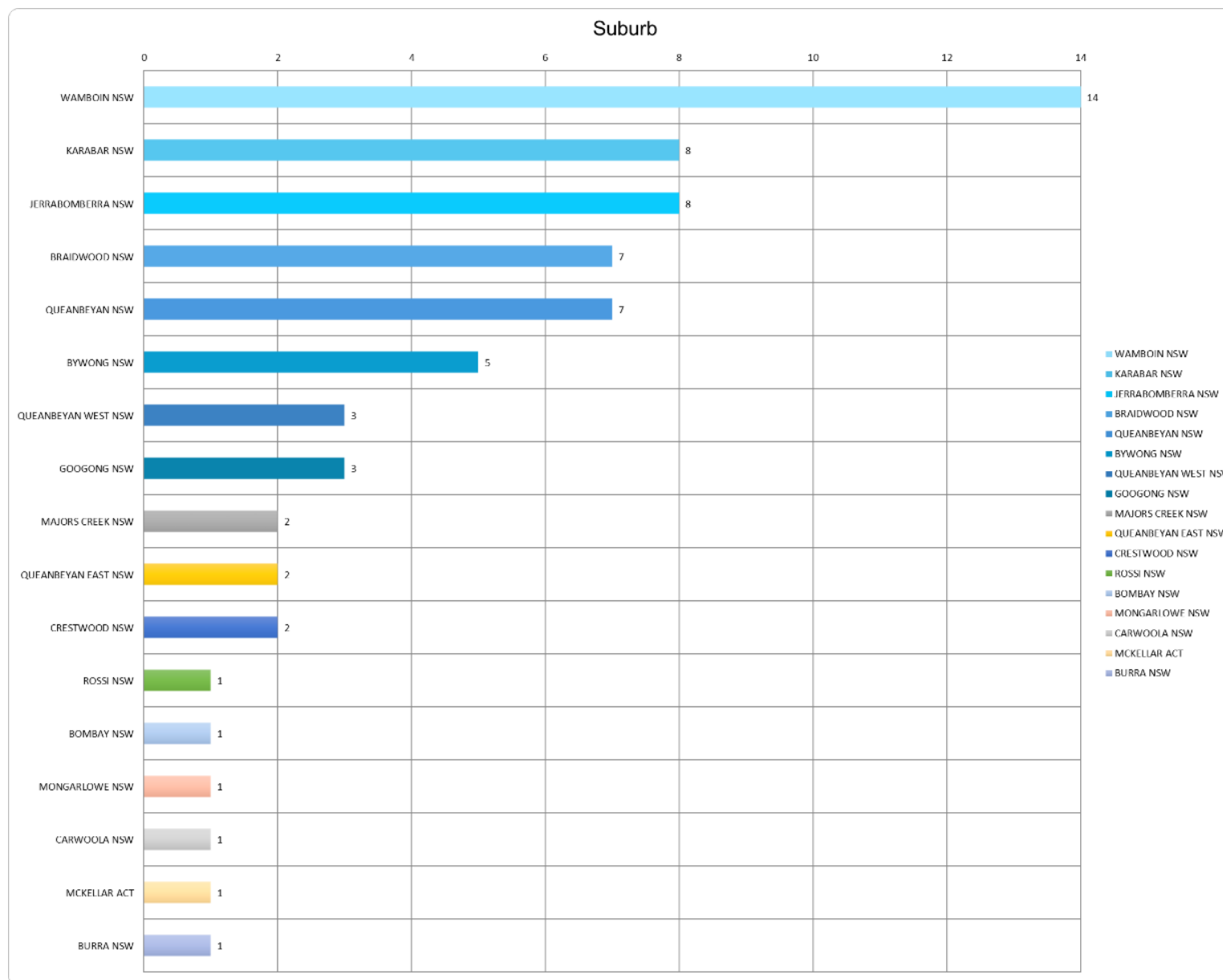
A total of 238 individuals downloaded the draft Community Strategic Plan from Council's website during the exhibition period with at 649 individuals visiting at least one page on Engagement HQ site on this subject.

A total of 76 submissions were received on the draft plan by the close of submissions on 1 December 2017 consisting of:

- 8 hardcopy responses
- 4 internal submissions from Councillors and staff
- 64 submissions via Council's Engagement HQ online portal

An analysis of the on-line submissions shows that there was a very strong response level from the rural community with areas like Wamboin, Bywong and Braidwood providing feedback on the draft Plan. Regional areas within the LGA provided 48% of submissions whilst the Queanbeyan urban area provided 49%. The graph below provides a breakdown of the origin of the respondents.

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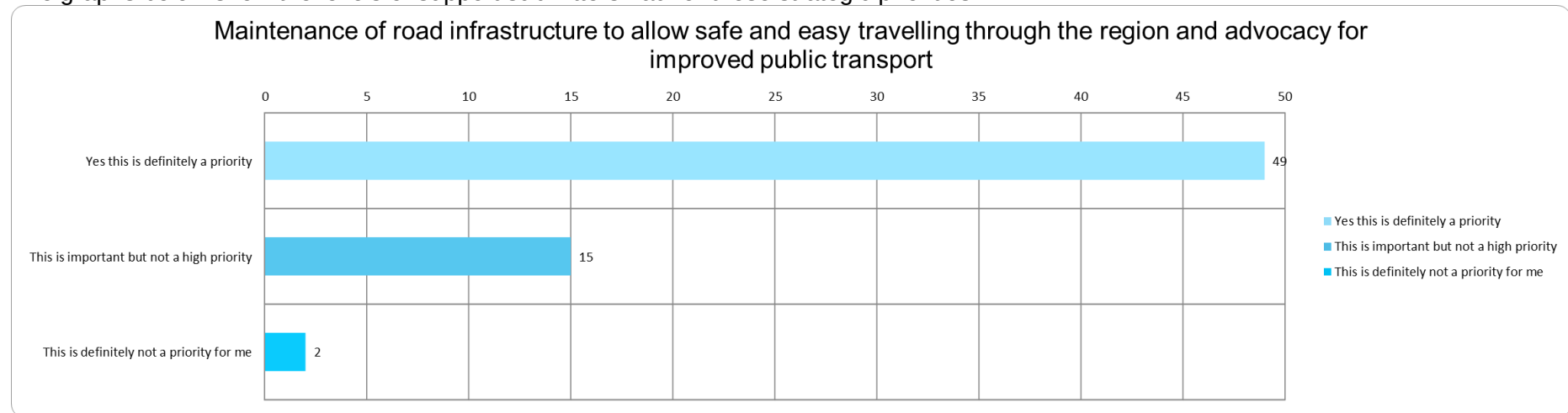
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Comments received:

Overall, submitters showed very strong levels of support for the Strategic Priorities which had been identified in the community engagement process for the development of the draft Plan. During the community engagement process for the development of the draft plan the community identified six priorities which they saw as being important to them consisting of:

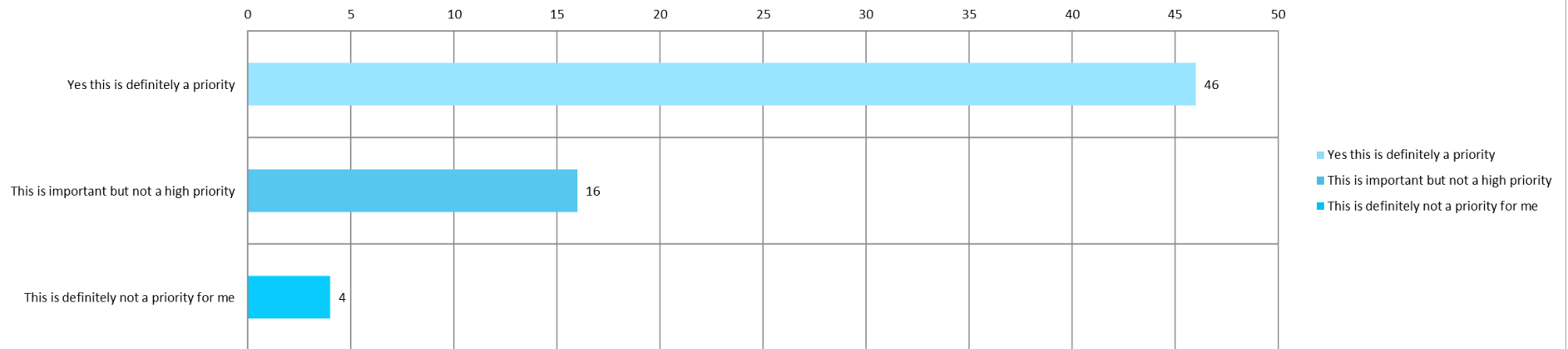
- Maintenance of road infrastructure to allow safe and easy travelling through the region and advocacy for improved public transport
- Provision and maintenance of public areas including pedestrian and bike paths
- Protection of the natural environment
- Adoption of sustainable and renewable energy and management of waste
- A fair, transparent and accountable council that creates opportunities for engagement and responds to the community's aspirations
- Land use planning that responds to local needs

The graphs below show the levels of support submitters had for these strategic priorities:

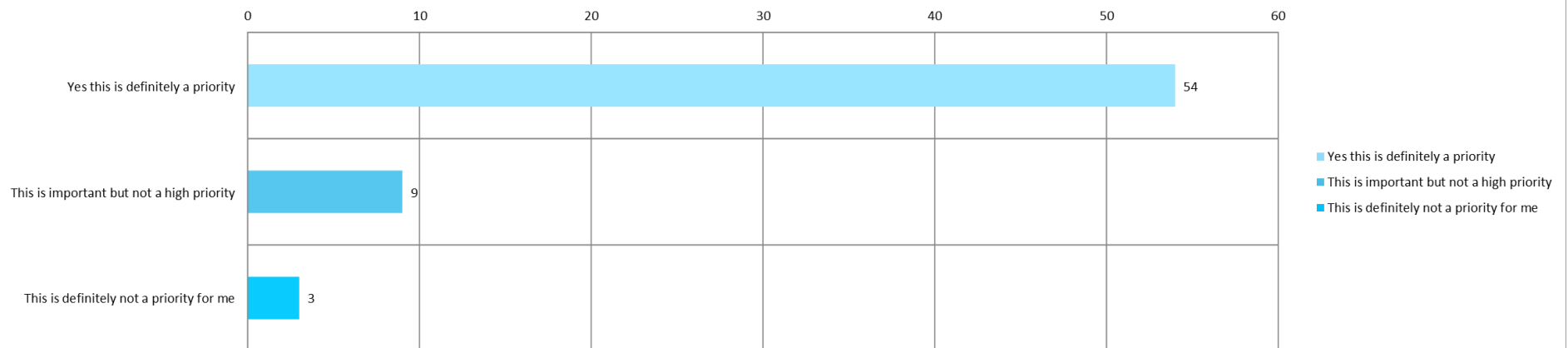


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Provision and maintenance of public realm including pedestrian and bike paths

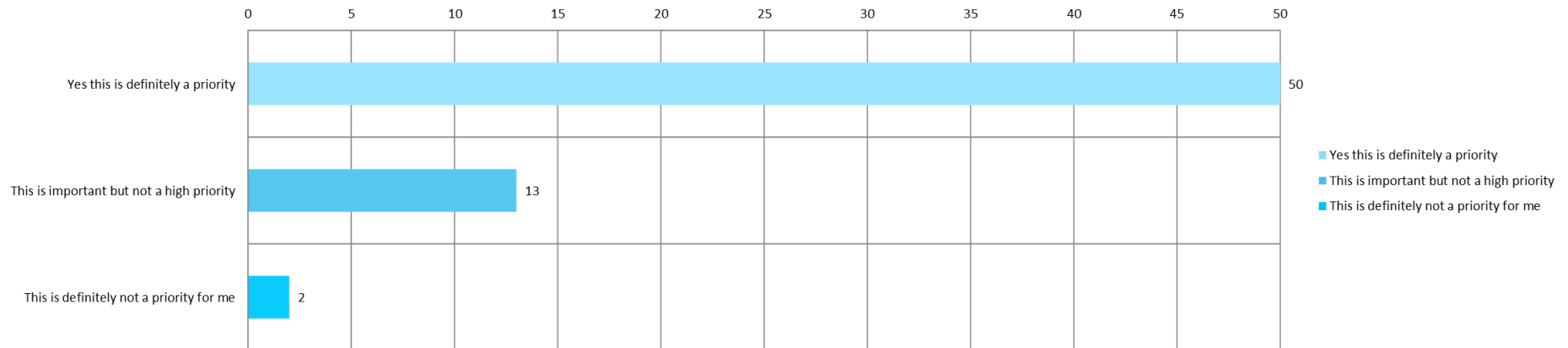


Protection of the natural environment



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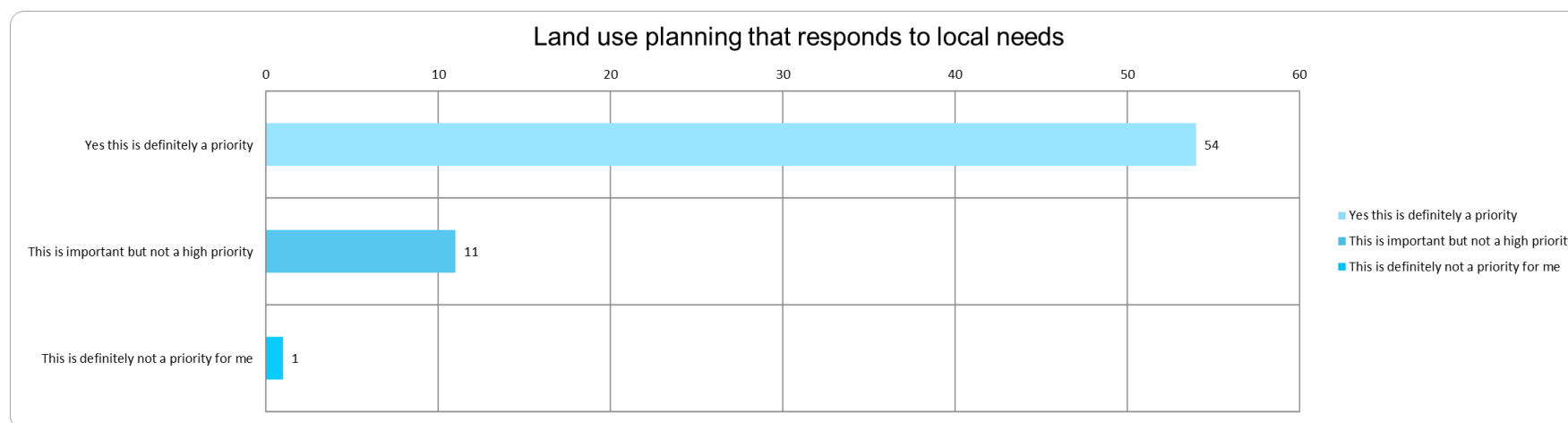
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Suggested changes arising from specific comments in the submissions are contained in a separate report (Attachment 1)