



CQ Big Data Forum – May 2022

Overview and survey outcomes





FBA acknowledges the First Nations of the lands and waters within the Fitzroy region where we learn and live, and pay our respects to them, their culture and Elders past and present.



Australian Government



Queensland Government

This year's forum is a combined event funded by the Australian and Queensland government's Paddock to Reef Integrated Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program (Paddock to Reef program), Fitzroy Basin Association and Fitzroy Partnership for River Health.

First Nation Participation at this forum is funded by the Australian Government's Reef Trust and Fitzroy Partnership for River Health.

CQ 2022 Big Data Forum

HELP SHAPE FUTURE NATURAL ASSET CONDITION & REPORTING IN CQ

Join scientists, industry and government to collaborate, innovate and improve how we all collect, collate, analyse and report monitoring data to foster a more sustainable central Queensland.

This event is the next critical step in monitoring and reporting progress against central Queensland's Natural Resource Management Plan – the [Central Queensland Sustainability Strategy 2030 \(CQSS2030\)](#).

This event is also an opportunity to learn more about the Paddock to Reef Integrated Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program (Paddock to Reef program) and collaborate with key stakeholders to co-design a better regional future.

Attend in-person or via Zoom.

Session 1

Learn, listen, ask

Wednesday, 11 May

11:30am - 5:30pm

Session 2

Connect, collaborate, co-design

Thursday, 12 May

8:30am - 12:30pm

Frenchville Sports Club

105 Clifton Street, Berserker QLD

Day 1, Session 1

LUNCH

Welcome to Country – Darumbal

A First Nation's Perspective – Mayor Joshua Weazel

Regional perspective – Joe Craggs

CQSS2030 today – Jo Kurpershoek

QUICK BREAK (20mins)

Air – Don Neale

Soil – Craig Thornton

Landbased - Tim Ryan

AFTERNOON TEA AND MINGLE (30mins)

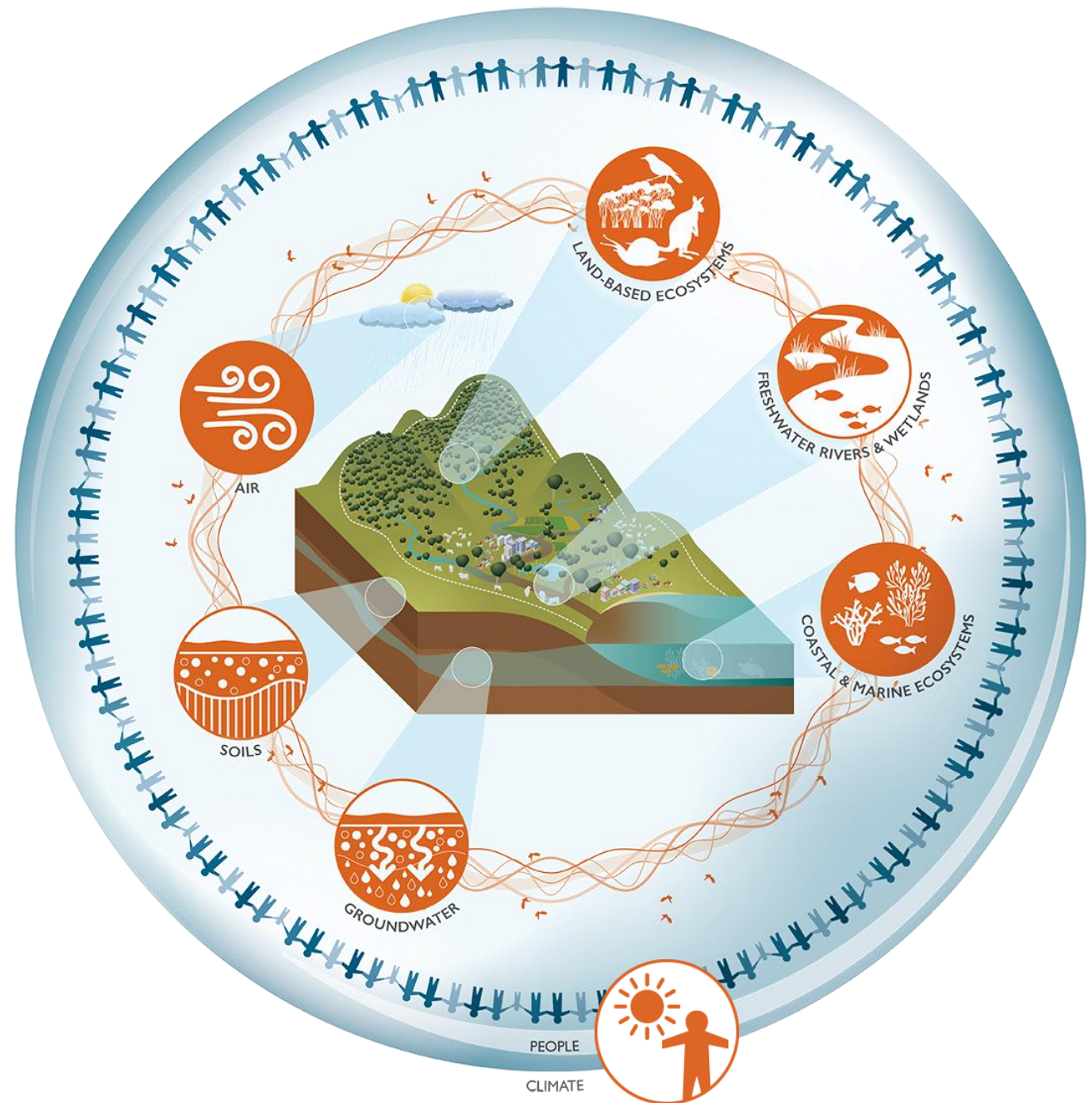
Freshwater – Leigh Stitz

Groundwater – Steve Flook

Coastal & Marine – David Orr

What next and your feedback

CLOSE AND CANAPES NETWORKING





DRIVERS

Josh Weazel
Mayor
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council



CQSS OVERVIEW

Jo Kurpershoek
Regional Engagement Coordinator
Fitzroy Basin Association



AIR

Don Neale
Science Leader, Air Quality Monitoring
Department of Environment and Science



DRIVERS

Joe Craggs
Business Development Manager
Surf Lakes



FRESHWATER

Leigh Stitz
Executive Officer
Fitzroy Partnership for River Health



SOIL

Craig Thornton
Senior Scientist, Brigalow Catchment Study
Department of Environment and Science



COASTAL & MARINE

David Orr
Agricultural Senior Scientist, Water Quality & Investigations
Department of Environment and Science



GROUNDWATER

Steve Flook
Director, Management Strategies and Implementation
Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment



LAND-BASED

Tim Ryan
Science Leader, Ecosystem Survey & Mapping
Department of Environment and Science



Day 2, Session 2

Recap of previous day / Purpose of today

Ecocommons – Introduction

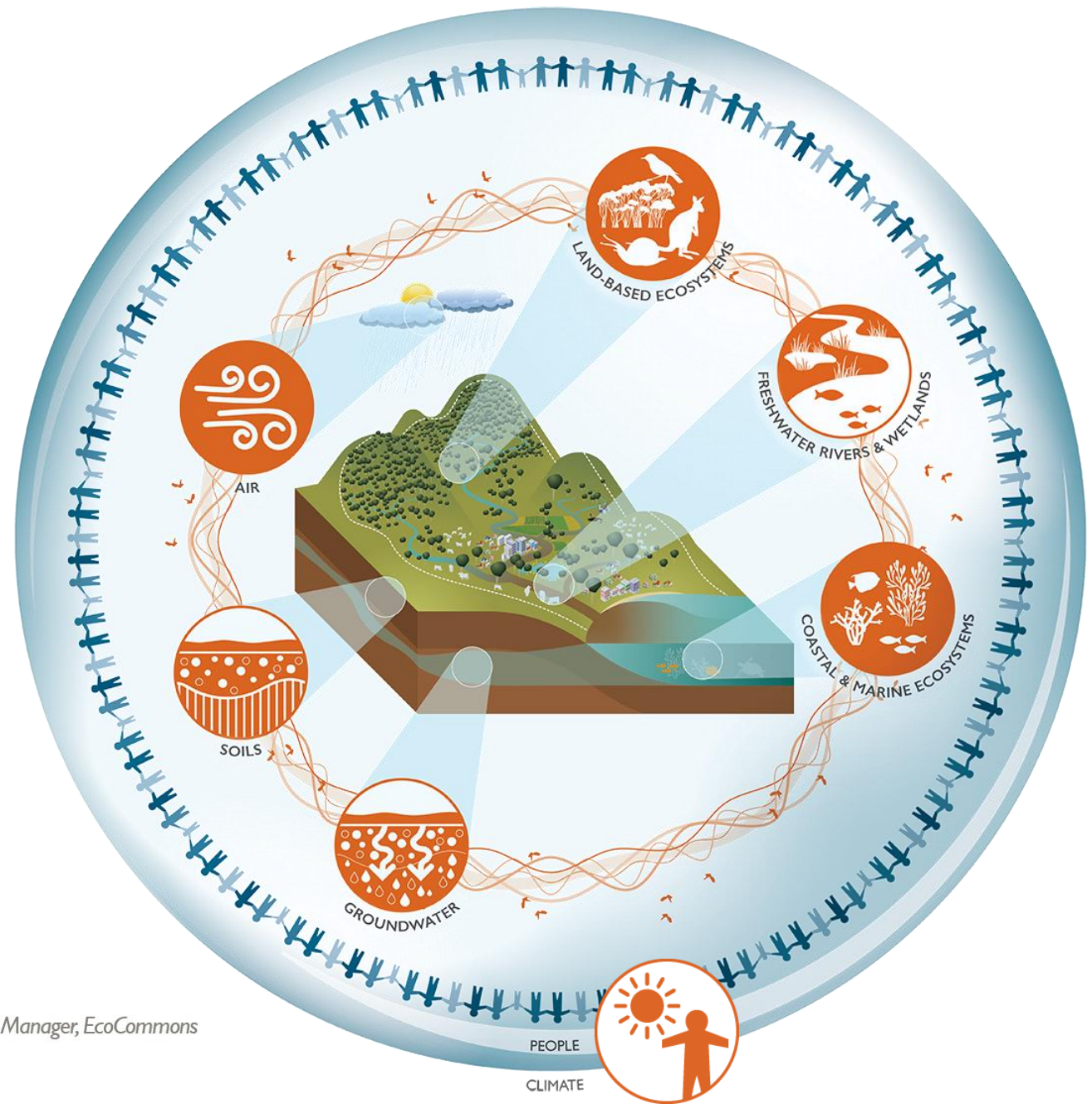
Working group session

MORNING TEA (25mins)

Working group session

What next and your feedback

CLOSE AND LUNCH (Grab and go, or stay, eat and reflect)



Elisa Bayraktarov
Program Manager, EcoCommons
Griffith University



Rob Clemens
Change & Communications Manager, EcoCommons
Griffith University



Participant statistics

111 individuals attended, representing **47** organisations

	Forum participants		% Forum participants who completed end-of-session surveys	Survey respondents	
	% First Nations	% non First Nations		% First Nations	% non First Nations
Session 1 (N=84)	36%	64%	61%	27%	73%
Session 2 (N=79)	37%	63%	76%	43%	57%

Main benefits reported by survey respondents

Session 1 (N=48)	Session 2 (N=60)
Networking and collaboration (46%)	Networking and collaboration / Sharing in general (48%)
Knowledge and learning (40%) Data specific (6%)	Hearing/understanding alternative viewpoints (35%)
First Nations involvement/sharing (21%)	Hearing from First Nations specifically (33%)
CQ natural asset and Fitzroy region (19%)	Other* (15%)
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* Other includes one-off comments (only mentioned by one respondent) and comments that were not detailed enough to understand

Survey respondents' feedback

- Respondents were least aware of the asset monitoring activities around **air and groundwater**.
- After the event respondents reported to have **increased their knowledge and awareness in all six natural assets**.
- The **most significant improvements** were recorded in categories **air, soils and groundwater**.
- Respondent **awareness, understanding and interest in the Paddock to Reef monitoring and reporting program increased** as a result of attending the forum (67%, 69% and 79% respectively)

Most valued presentations (N=47)

68% Josh Weazel (First Nations)

45% Craig Thornton (Soil)

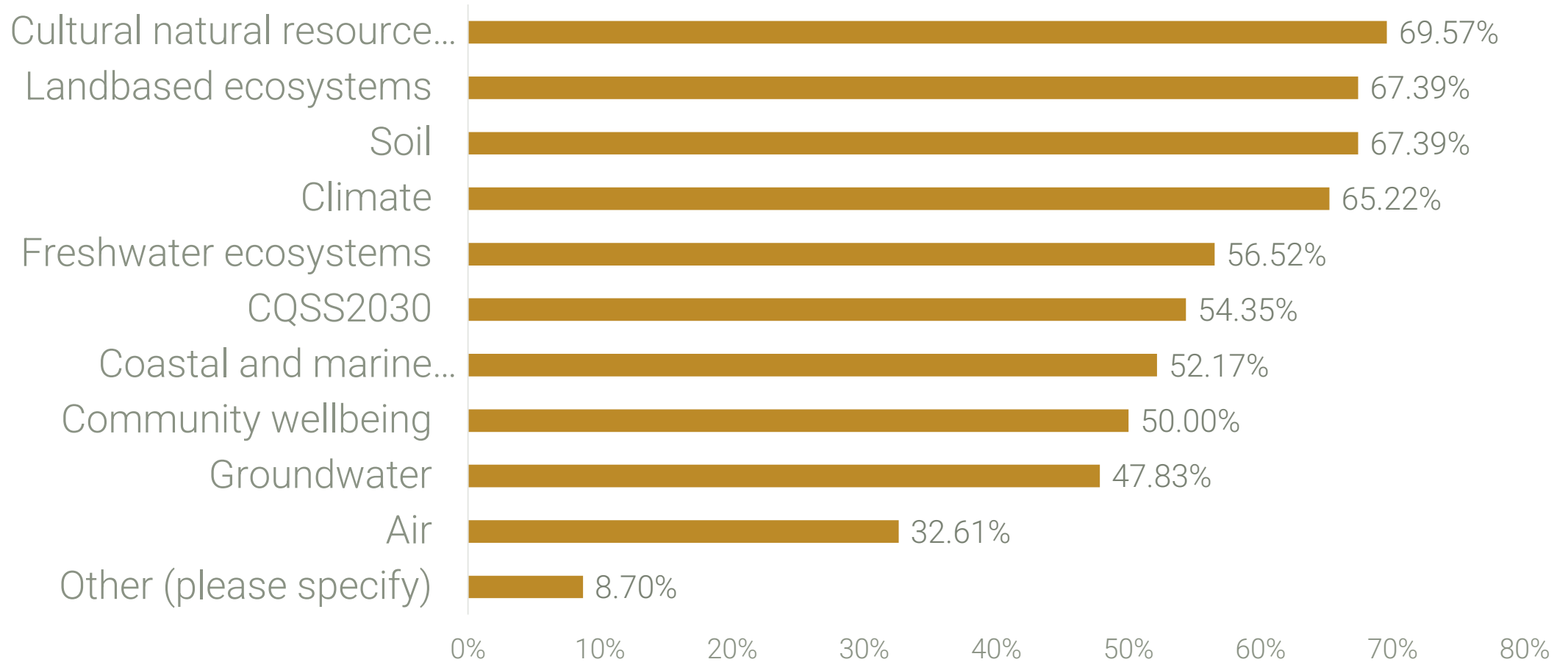
39% David Orr (Coastal & Marine)

35% Leigh Stitz (Freshwater)

35% Tim Ryan (Landbased)

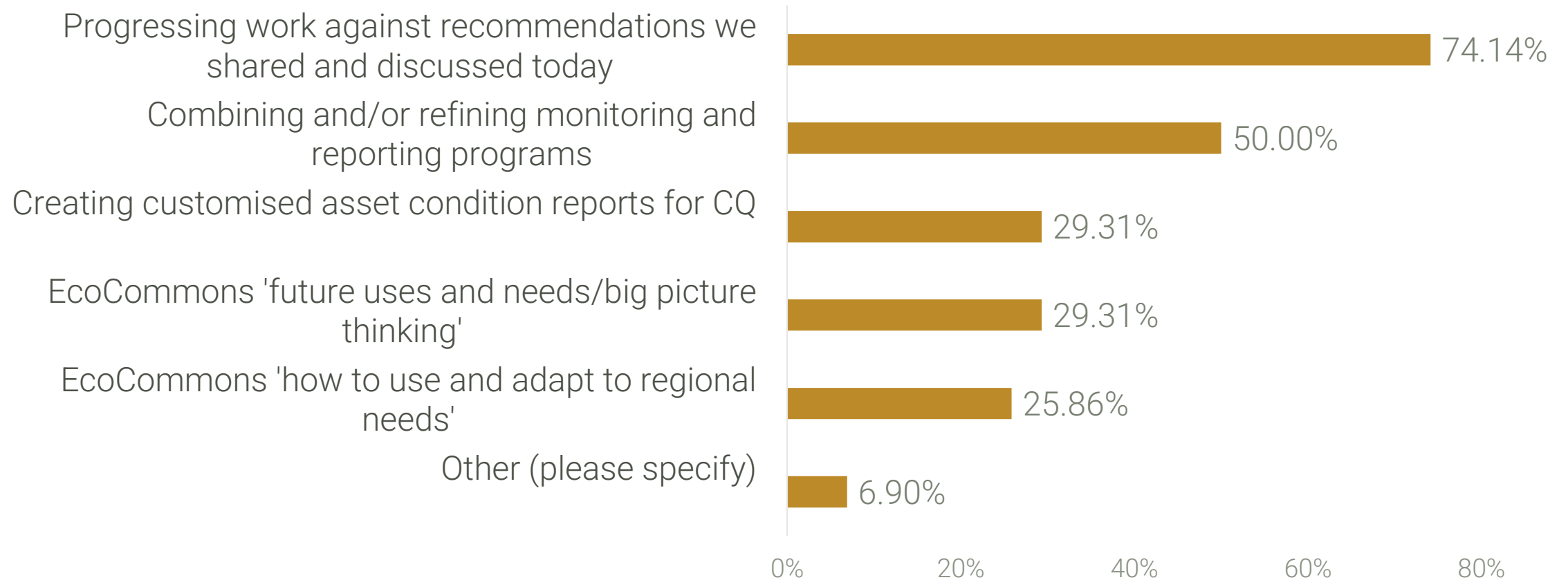
Interest in future forums like Session 1 (N=46)

88% of respondents would attend again, **65%** would attend every year



Interest in future forums like Session 2 (N=59)

85% of respondents would attend again, **64%** would attend every year



Key take home messages from participants and survey respondents

1. Keep up the diversity in the room – cross-cultural/sector collaboration is invaluable and appreciated.
2. Keep sharing information about what is going on in the region in a way that is meaningful to different audiences and backgrounds.
3. Our region is eager and ready to improve collaborative cultural natural resource management, monitoring and reporting.



Thanks to everyone who shared and made this event possible!