# **PEOPLE MATTER 2016**

**NSW Public Sector Employee Survey** 

**Employee Survey** 

**Premier and Cabinet** 

Infrastructure NSW



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NOTE: Profile of Respondents and Demographic Results are not included where there are less than 50 respondents.

#### **HEADLINES**

RESPONSE RATE

>100%

19 RESPONSES
OUT OF 17 EMPLOYEES

**RESPONSE RATE ABOVE 100%. SEE NOTES** 

ENGAGEMENT INDEX

88%

PMES 2016 SECTOR SCORE **65%** 

PMES 2014 SECTOR SCORE **65%** 

PMES 2016 CLUSTER SCORE **70%** 

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#### **ENGAGEMENT**

Engaged employees have a sense of personal attachment to their work and organisation; they are motivated and able to give their best to help the organisation succeed.

The complete list of questions which are used to calculate the Engagement Index are listed in the All Questions pages.

#### **RESPONSE RATE**

Due to the size of the NSW public sector, even comparatively low levels of response to People Matter can be statistically representative and an accurate reflection of perceptions. Any parts of the sector where the response rate is too low for data to be fully reliable have been flagged in reports.

Some entities exceeded 100% where responses were greater than the employee headcount.

#### **QUESTION HEADLINES**

<b>+</b>	HIGHEST AGREEMENT SCORING QUESTIONS	2016 AGREEMENT %
1i.	I feel motivated to contribute more than what is normally required at work	100%
1h.	I look for ways to perform my job more effectively	100%
1g.	My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	100%
1f.	I am provided with the support I need to optimise my contribution at work	100%
1e.	I feel I am able to suggest ideas to improve our way of doing things	100%
2e.	I receive help and support from other members of my workgroup	100%
2i.	People in my workgroup treat customers/clients with respect	100%
3f.	I feel I can have open, honest conversations with my manager about the quality of work required	100%
5a.	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to improve the quality of what they do	100%

•	QUESTIONS	2016 AGREEMI %
3a.	I have a current performance plan that sets out my individual objectives	21%
3c.	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	32%
3h.	I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	47%
3k.	I would like to work in another agency within the NSW Public Sector during my career	47%
3e.	Myperformance is assessed against clear criteria	53%
Зј.	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	58%
3g.	I am able to access the right learning and development opportunities as required	68%
5q.	My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another organisation	71%
9b.	I have confidence in the ways my organisation resolves grievances	71%
51.	My manager talks tome about how the values apply to my work	76%

LOWEST AGREEMENT SCORING



#### YOUR PEOPLE MATTER **QUESTION RESULTS AT A GLANCE**

These are your highest and lowest scoring questions from the survey, based on respondents who have selected 'Strongly Agree' and 'Agree'.

5f. My manager encourages and values employee input

100%

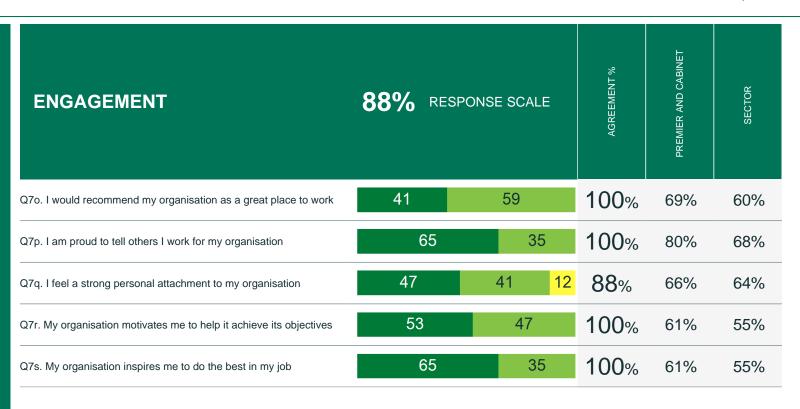


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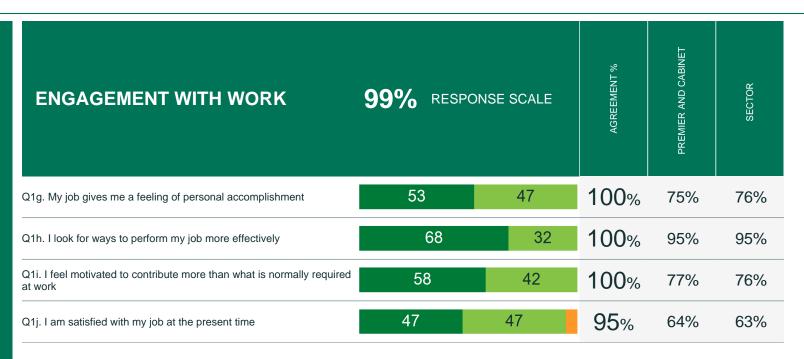


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SENIOR MANAGERS	<b>97%</b> RES	PONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	53	47	100%	55%	47%
Q6b. I feel that senior leaders effectively lead and manage change	41	59	100%	51%	43%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	53	47	100%	57%	48%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	47	47	94%	52%	49%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and others we work with	47	53	100%	61%	52%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in achieving our business objectives	35	59	94%	65%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	35	59	94%	53%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	35	59	94%	50%	39%
Q7f. I feel that change is handled well in my organisation	44	50	94%	46%	41%



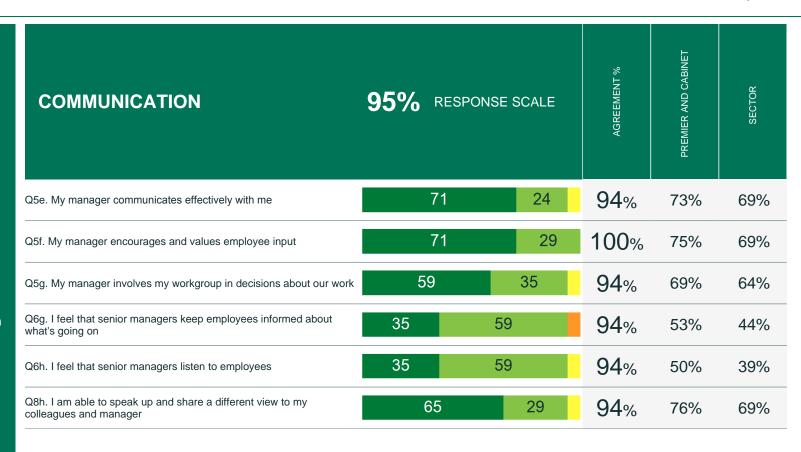


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<b>91%</b> resf	PONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
53	42	95%	87%	90%
37	47 11	84%	74%	70%
26	58 16	84%	69%	67%
63	32	95%	86%	86%
50	50	100%	74%	69%
47	37 <mark>11</mark>	84%	72%	70%
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HIGH PERFORMANCE	<b>91%</b> RESPO	DNSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to improve the quality of what they do	50	50	100%	77%	72%
Q5b. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to review policies and programs to see if they are achieving their aims	59	24 18	82%	64%	64%
Q5c. My manager assigns work to people in my workgroup based on their skills and expertise	53	41	94%	70%	65%
Q5j. I have confidence in the decisions my line manager makes	71	24	94%	74%	67%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	47	47	94%	52%	49%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and others we work with	47	53	100%	61%	52%
Q7d. My organisation focuses on improving the work we do	71	29	100%	80%	76%
Q7e. My organisation is making the necessary improvements to meet our future challenges	71	29	100%	67%	62%
Q7g. There is good co-operation between teams across our organisation	47	47	94%	55%	48%





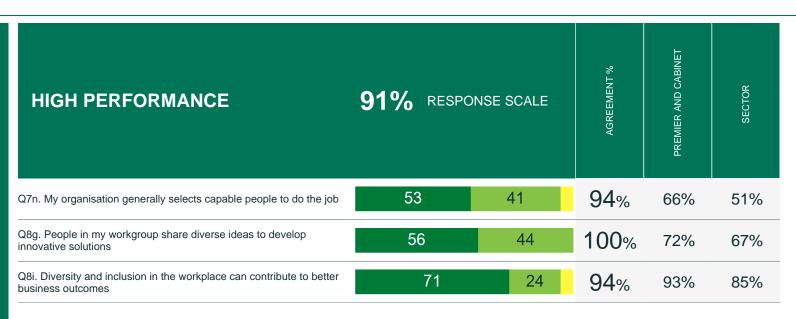


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PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	<b>94%</b> RESPO	ONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q2a. My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	53	42	95%	89%	85%
Q2b. People in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	47	37 11	84%	72%	70%
Q2g. People in my workgroup are honest, open and transparent in their dealings	58	37	95%	76%	67%
Q2h. People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	58	32	89%	80%	72%
Q2i. People in my workgroup treat customers/clients with respect	58	42	100%	90%	86%
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to improve the quality of what they do	50	50	100%	77%	72%
Q5b. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to review policies and programs to see if they are achieving their aims	59	24 18	82%	64%	64%
Q5d. My manager listens to what I have to say	71	24	94%	78%	73%
Q5i. My manager would take appropriate action if decision-making processes were found to be biased	76	24	100%	73%	64%





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PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	<b>94%</b> RESP	ONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q5k. My manager treats employees with dignity and respect	71	24	94%	82%	76%
Q5I. My manager talks to me about how the values apply to my work	41	35 18	76%	60%	58%
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	53	47	100%	55%	47%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	53	47	100%	57%	48%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in achieving our business objectives	35	59	94%	65%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	35	59	94%	53%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	35	59	94%	50%	39%
Q7a. My organisation provides high quality services	71	29	100%	87%	80%
Q7b. My organisation strives to match services to customer/client needs	59	41	100%	86%	80%



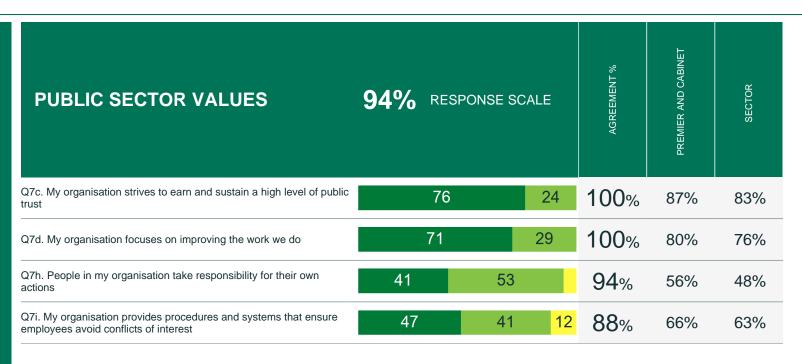


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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	97% RESPON	NSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q1f. I am provided with the support I need to optimise my contribution at work	44	56	100%	63%	59%
Q5d. My manager listens to what I have to say	71	24	94%	78%	73%
Q5f. My manager encourages and values employee input	71	29	100%	75%	69%
Q5h. My manager takes into account the differing needs and circumstances of employees when making decisions	59	41	100%	72%	65%
Q5i. My manager would take appropriate action if decision-making processes were found to be biased	76	24	100%	73%	64%
Q6i. Senior managers in my organisation genuinely support the career advancement of women	53	47	100%	61%	54%
Q8a. My organisation respects individual differences (e.g cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	65	35	100%	79%	75%
Q8g. People in my workgroup share diverse ideas to develop innovative solutions	56	44	100%	72%	67%
Q8h. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	65	29	94%	76%	69%





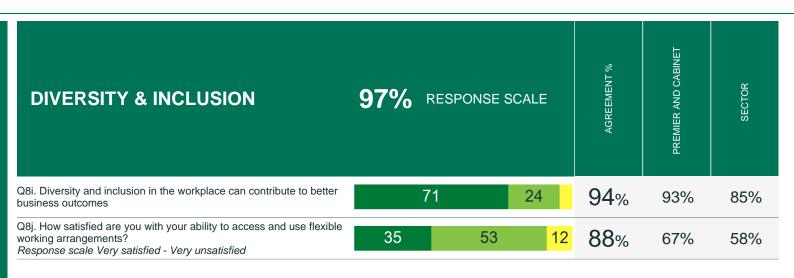


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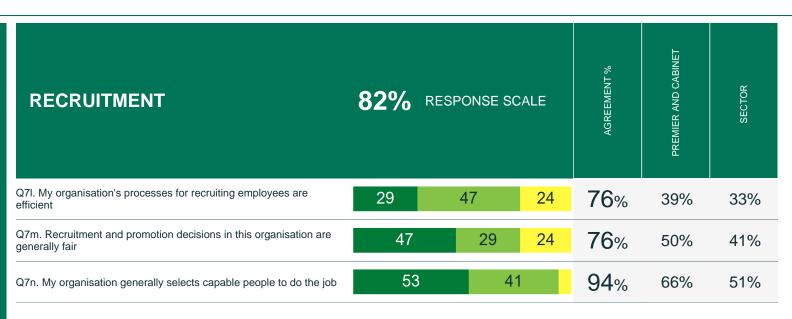


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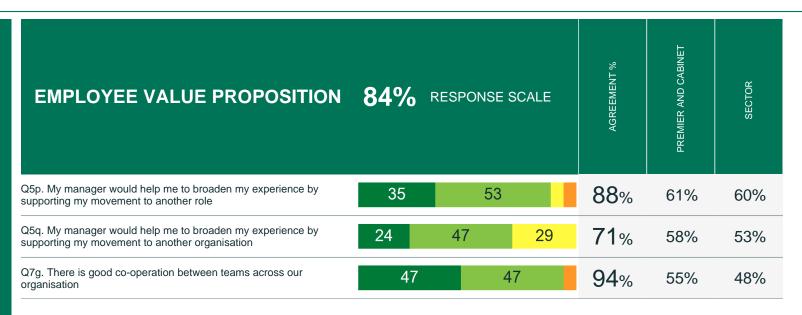


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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	69% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q3a. I have a current performance plan that sets out my individual objectives	16 32 47	21%	60%	62%
Q3b. I have informal feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	<b>26</b> 58 <b>11</b>	84%	73%	70%
Q3c. I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	26 21 47	32%	64%	58%
Q3d. In the last 12 months I received useful feedback on my work to enable me to deliver required results	32 47 21	79%	64%	59%
Q3e. My performance is assessed against clear criteria	11   42   16   32	53%	56%	53%
Q3f. I feel I can have open, honest conversations with my manager about the quality of work required	58 42	100%	77%	71%
Q3g. I am able to access the right learning and development opportunities as required	26 42 32	68%	57%	60%
Q3h. I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	11   37   42   11	47%	58%	63%
Q3i. I have a strong desire to advance my career	58 21 21	79%	80%	69%





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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	69% RESPON	NSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q3j. I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	21 37	37	58%	39%	45%
Q3k. I would like to work in another agency within the NSW Public Sector during my career	16 32	37 11	47%	53%	41%
Q5m. My manager provides acknowledgement or other recognition for the work I do	59	35	94%	75%	67%
Q5n. My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	41	35 18	76%	42%	44%
Q5o. My manager ensures fair access to developmental opportunities for people in my workgroup	35	53 12	88%	64%	62%
Q5p. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another role	35	53	88%	61%	60%
Q5q. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another organisation	24 47	29	71%	58%	53%
Q7j. My organisation is committed to developing its employees	53	41	94%	55%	53%





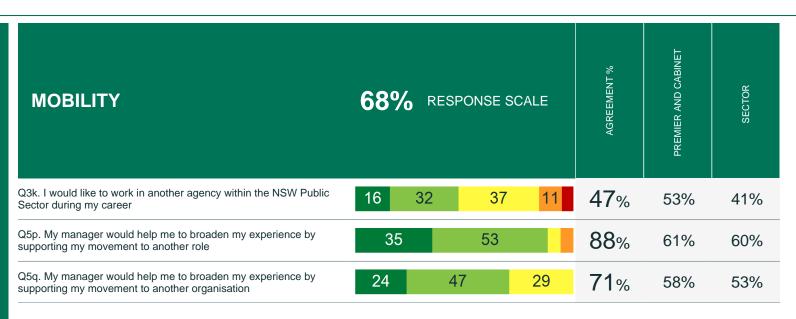


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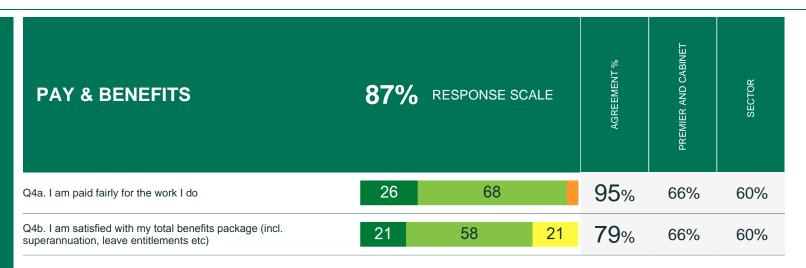


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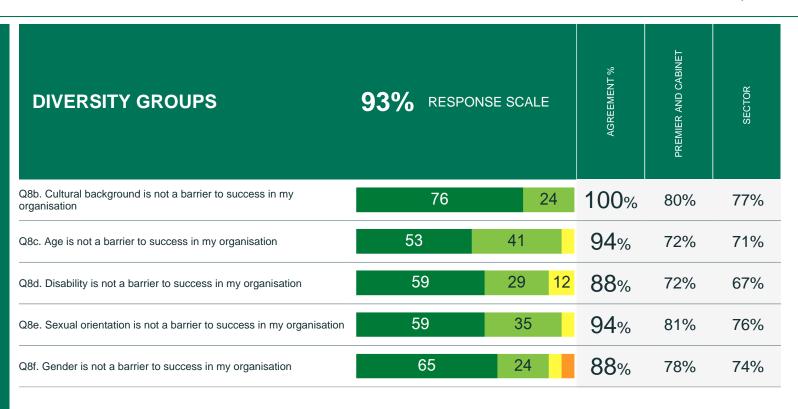


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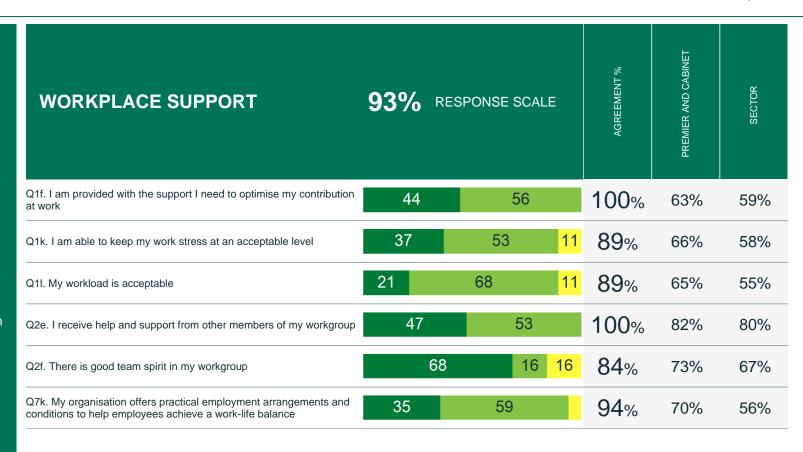


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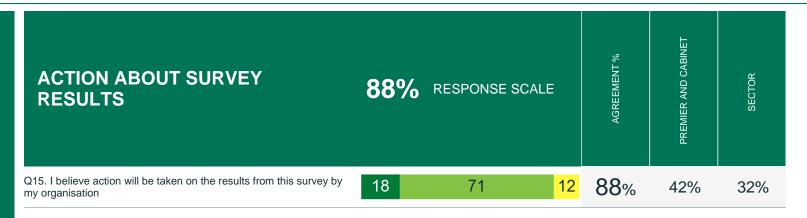


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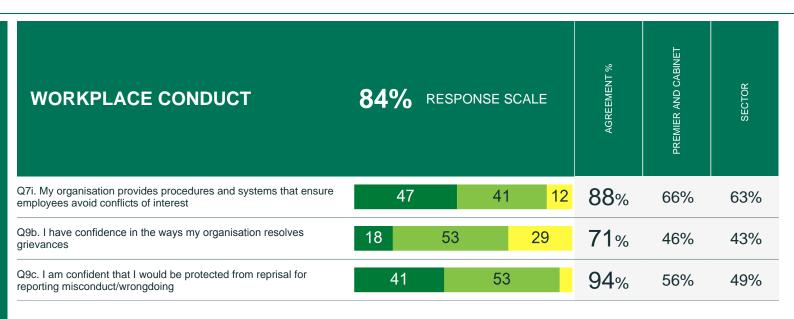


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MOTIVATION TO STAY	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q13. What factors would motivate you to stay in the NSW public s	sector?			
More interesting and challenging work		75%	60%	46%
Better skills in my workgroup		19%	23%	27%
Improved career opportunities		75%	63%	52%
Improved learning and development opportunities		63%	51%	50%
Greater involvement in decision making		25%	40%	33%
Better pay and benefits		69%	56%	58%
Greater recognition for the work I do		13%	37%	45%
Better leadership from senior managers		19%	37%	39%



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MOTIVATION TO STAY	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q13. What factors would motivate you to stay in the NSW public	sector?			
Better leadership from my manager		6%	24%	27%
Better accountability for performance		13%	22%	25%
A better location		13%	14%	20%
More flexible working conditions		25%	39%	38%
Better work/life balance		25%	43%	46%
Improved facilities		13%	19%	30%
Improved technology and systems		31%	28%	38%
Better job security		50%	39%	43%



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WORKPLACE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q9a. In the last 12 months I have read or referred to my organisation	on's code of conduct			
Yes		41%	57%	72%
No		47%	38%	24%
Don't Know		12%	5%	4%



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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR	
Q10c. In the last 12 months I have witnessed bullying at work					
Yes		6%	24%	35%	
No		94%	68%	58%	
Q10d. In the last 12 months I have been the subjected to bullying at work					
No		100%	82%	75%	



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PREMIER AND CABINET QUESTIONS	F	RESPONS	SE SCAL	.E	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET
Q1. During my last performance evaluation my manager helped me to focus on improving my performance	25	25		50	50%	52%
Q3. The performance development feedback I received was useful	19	44		38	63%	57%
Q4. I understand the performance and development framework	19	50		25	69%	72%
Q5. My manager makes adjustments to permit me to work flexibly	38		44	19	81%	68%
Q6. I feel recognised and valued for the work I do	44	1	44	13	88%	65%





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PREMIER AND CABINET QUESTIONS	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET
Q2. There were no surprises in the feedback I received from manager			
Yes		79%	56%
No		21%	44%
Q7. For my career to progress I will need to go outside of DPC			
Yes		31%	56%
No		69%	44%

#### **TAKING ACTION**

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**WHAT'S NEXT?** 

Sector employees have now given their feedback and these results show where actions and improvements are required.

Research has shown that a key reason why employees can become disengaged is if they are asked their opinion and then no action takes place as a result. 88%

of employees replied favourably to:

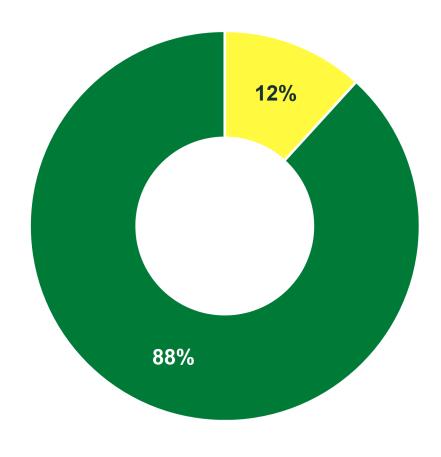
'I believe action will be taken on the results from this survey by my organisation.'

32%

**SECTOR** 

42% CLUSTER

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#### **GUIDE TO THIS REPORT**



#### **ANONYMITY RULES**

Responses from individual employees are confidential and strict rules are in place to safeguard privacy at every stage of the survey process.

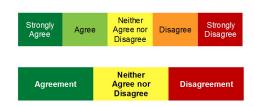
There is no way of tracing individuals in reports or through the de-identified survey data. There are limits on the size of workgroups that can be reported (10 or more employees) and responses from demographic groups (30 or more employees). Where people work in small teams, the results are merged with larger business units and results are not available. Where this happens an 'r' is shown in reports.



#### **HOW TO READ THIS REPORT**

The majority of questions have a 5-point answer scale. In reports, the Strongly Agree and Agree scores are combined to create an agreement (or positive) score which is shown as a rounded percentage.

Previous surveys had a 4-point answer scale, which means that comparisons are limited for this year only. Some scales, such as those used for the Engagement Index, are unchanged.





#### HOW THE DRIVERS AND INFLUENCERS ARE DERIVED

ORC International employs SPSS software to fully interrogate the results and perform appropriate calculations. Our statisticians need a minimum of **30 responses** from a team to perform the analysis to determine the top influences of engagement, leadership and other key question groups.

Statistical techniques applied for this analysis include **Factor Analysis** which identifies patterns in data and allows the statistician to assess whether the attitude questions are measuring the same underlying theme or characteristic.

Regression Analysis then involves building a statistical model based on research that employee engagement is affected by various elements of the workplace such as line manager, learning & development, reward and recognition, job role, etc. This analysis assigns importance weights to the attributes that have been measured. It relies on certain assumptions, one of which is that the variables used in the model should, by definition, not be strongly related to each other. The outcome of these techniques is a list of questions which we can say have the highest association with the engagement index, or more simply, are the most significant influencers of employee engagement



#### ROUNDING

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading, with rounding performed at the last stage of the calculation for maximum accuracy.

Values from .00 to .49 are rounded down, whereas values from .50 to .99 are rounded up. Therefore, in some instances the data will not add up to 100%. Example below:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
NUMBER OF RESPONSES	151	166	176	96	24	613
PERCENTAGE	24.63%	27.08%	28.71%	15.66%	3.92%	100%
ROUNDED PERCENTAGE	25%	27%	29%	16%	4%	101%