# PEOPLE MATTER 2017

**NSW Public Sector Employee Survey** 

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Operator Ranger
Teacher Nurse
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**AGENCY REPORT** 

Health

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#### **HEADLINES**

**RESPONSE** RATE

>100%

**ENGAGEMENT WITH** 

71%

-2

-1

**42 OF 36 TOTAL RESPONDENTS** 

WORK

CLUSTER

**DIFFERENCE FROM** 

**DIFFERENCE FROM** 

**PUBLIC SECTOR** 

#### **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT**

63%

-8

0

-1

DIFFERENCE FROM 2016

**DIFFERENCE FROM CLUSTER** 

**DIFFERENCE FROM** 

**PUBLIC SECTOR** 

**SENIOR MANAGERS** 

59%

**DIFFERENCE FROM** +5 2016

DIFFERENCE FROM +14 **CLUSTER** 

**DIFFERENCE FROM** +12 **PUBLIC SECTOR** 

COMMUNICATION

63%

+3

**DIFFERENCE FROM** 0 2016

DIFFERENCE FROM +5 CLUSTER

DIFFERENCE FROM **PUBLIC SECTOR** 

**QUESTIONS ARE GROUPED INTO THEMES IN THIS** REPORT.

This page compares the aggregate scores for key themes. The individual questions in each group are listed in the All Questions section. Comparisons with 2016 are not included where the number of auestions were reduced for 2017.

The Employee Engagement score is weighted. It cannot be compared to the other scores which are the average of the % agreement results (strongly agree and agree scores).

Response Rate: some entities exceed 100% where responses primarily due to employees selecting the wrong work needing to start a new one if their password is forgotten or

#### **HIGH PERFORMANCE**

**76%** 

**DIFFERENCE FROM** +13 CLUSTER

**DIFFERENCE FROM** +12 **PUBLIC SECTOR** 

#### **PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES**

70%

DIFFERENCE FROM +12 CLUSTER

**DIFFERENCE FROM** +10 **PUBLIC SECTOR** 

#### **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

70%

**DIFFERENCE FROM** +5 CLUSTER

**DIFFERENCE FROM** +3 **PUBLIC SECTOR** 

were greater than the employee headcount. This is thought to be location in the survey or closing a partially completed survey then

#### **KEY DRIVERS OF ENGAGEMENT**



## WHAT TO FOCUS ON?

Employee Engagement scores at different levels are shown in earlier and following pages.

These results show the issues that are the most significant influencers of employee engagement in the workplace at this reporting level.

If engagement scores are high, other scores are often high as well.

		AGREEMENT	% AGREEMENT 2016	AGREEMENT CLUSTER	% AGREEMENT PUBLIC SECTOR
1	Q7f. My organisation is committed to developing its employees	<b>57</b> %	65%	49%	50%
2	<b>Q6d.</b> Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	<b>67</b> %	74%	46%	48%
3	<b>Q9a.</b> I have confidence in the ways my organisation resolves grievances	<b>36</b> %	50%	37%	36%
4	<b>Q6b.</b> I feel that senior managers effectively lead and manage change	<b>52</b> %	56%	43%	44%
5	Q1c. My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	<b>71</b> %	68%	76%	75%
6	<b>Q6h.</b> I feel that senior managers listen to employees	<b>55</b> %	47%	38%	41%

#### **HIGHEST AND LOWEST QUESTIONS**

<b>+</b>	HIGHEST AGREEMENT SCORING QUESTIONS	AGREEMENT 2017		OWEST AGREEMENT CORING QUESTIONS	AGREEMENT 2017
7a.	My organisation focuses on improving the work we do	93%	92	nave confidence in the ways my organisation resolves ievances	36%
2a.	My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	90%		y manager appropriately deals with employees who erform poorly	38%
2c.	I receive help and support from other members of my workgroup	88%	171	pelieve action will be taken on the results from this rvey by my organisation	48%
1a.	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my role	86%	nc.	eel that senior managers model the values of my ganisation	50%
2b.	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its objectives	81%	3e. My	y performance is assessed against clear criteria	52%
2e.	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	81%	hh	eel that senior managers effectively lead and manage nange	52%
8b.	Personal background is not a barrier to success in my organisation	81%		pelieve senior managers provide clear direction for the ture of the organisation	55%
7h.	My organisation generally selects capable people to do the job	79%	6h. I fe	eel that senior managers listen to employees	55%
8a.	My organisation respects individual differences (e.g. cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	79%		nm satisfied with the opportunities available for career evelopment in my organisation	55%
1f.	I am able to keep my work stress at an acceptable level	79%	7c. I fe	eel that change is managed well in my organisation	57%



# 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'.

#### MOST AND LEAST IMPROVED QUESTIONS

<b>•</b>	MOST IMPROVED QUESTIONS	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	•	LEAST IMPROVED QUESTIONS	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016
7e.	People in my organisation take responsibility for their own actions	71%	56%	14.	I believe action will be taken on the results from this survey by my organisation	48%	72%
7d.	There is good co-operation between teams across our organisation	69%	56%	5g.	My manager provides acknowledgement or other recognition for the work I do	64%	82%
7c.	I feel that change is managed well in my organisation	57%	44%	2d.	There is good team spirit in my workgroup	71%	88%
1e.	I am satisfied with my job	71%	59%	7j.	I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	67%	82%
6g.	I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	60%	47%	5d.	My manager encourages and values employee input	62%	76%
3f.	I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	76%	65%	9a.	I have confidence in the ways my organisation resolves grievances	36%	50%
6f.	Senior managers communicate the importance of customers/clients in achieving our business objectives	67%	56%	7k.	I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	57%	71%
3g.	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	55%	44%	5a.	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	76%	88%
1b.	I am provided with the support I need to do my best at work	67%	59%	7m	My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	62%	74%
6e.	Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	67%	59%	2b.	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its objectives	81%	91%



# YOUR PEOPLE MATTER QUESTION RESULTS AT A GLANCE

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



#### **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

Questions are grouped by themes in this report.

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EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	63%	RESPON	NSE SCALE	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017	PUBILIC SECTOR 2017
Q7i. I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	24	40	14 10 12	64%	68%	59%	60%
Q7j. I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	29	38	21 7	67%	82%	67%	68%
Q7k. I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	14	43	19 14 10	57%	71%	61%	63%
Q7I. My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	12	50	21 12	62%	71%	52%	53%
Q7m. My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	19	43	24 12	62%	74%	53%	53%











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ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	71%	RESPONS	SE SCALE	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017	PUBILIC SECTOR 2017
Q1c. My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	19	52	10 12 7	71%	68%	76%	75%
Q1d. I feel motivated to contribute more than what is normally required at work	24	45	12 14	69%	71%	72%	72%
Q1e. I am satisfied with my job	19	52	7 14 7	71%	59%	68%	68%











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SENIOR MANAGERS	59%	RESPO	NSE S	CALE	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017	PUBILIC SECTOR 2017
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	14	40	26	12 7	55%	59%	45%	48%
Q6b. I feel that senior managers effectively lead and manage change	14	38	21	17 10	52%	56%	43%	44%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	17	33	26	14 10	50%	44%	45%	48%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	14	52	,	19 10	67%	74%	46%	48%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	29	38		24 7	67%	59%	47%	51%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers/clients in achieving our business objectives	36	31		19 10	67%	56%	56%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	24	36	14	14 12	60%	47%	42%	45%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	14	40	14	19 12	55%	47%	38%	41%
Q7c. I feel that change is managed well in my organisation	14	43	24	12 7	57%	44%	41%	39%











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COMMUNICATION	63%	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017	PUBILIC SECTOR 2017
Q5c. My manager communicates effectively with me	36	36 <mark>10 7 12</mark>	71%	74%	68%	70%
Q5d. My manager encourages and values employee input	31	31 14 14 10	62%	76%	68%	71%
Q5e. My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	31	38 17 10	69%	65%	63%	65%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	24	36 14 14 12	60%	47%	42%	45%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	14	40 14 19 12	55%	47%	38%	41%
Q8c. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	26	33 19 12 10	60%	68%	65%	66%









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Q1a. I understand what is expected of me to do well in my role	45	40	10	86%	82%	91%	90%
Q2b. My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its objectives	50	31	10	81%	91%	77%	78%
Q3f. I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	26	50	12 7	76%	65%	68%	62%
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	36	40	10 7 7	76%	88%	70%	72%
Q5f. I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes	33	38	21	71%	76%	64%	67%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	14	52	19 10	67%	74%	46%	48%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	29	38	24 7	67%	59%	47%	51%
Q7a. My organisation focuses on improving the work we do	38	55	5	93%	91%	67%	69%
Q7b. My organisation is making the necessary improvements to meet our future challenges	21	45	26	67%	65%	55%	57%





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Q7d. There is good co-operation between teams across our organisation	26	43	17 7 7	69%	56%	48%	47%
Q7h. My organisation generally selects capable people to do the job	26	52	17	79%	76%	53%	52%











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PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	70% RESPONSI	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017	PUBILIC SECTOR 2017	
Q2a. My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	50	40	90%	91%	86%	85%
Q2e. People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	43 38	7 7	81%	85%	70%	74%
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	36 40	10 7 7	76%	88%	70%	72%
Q5b. My manager listens to what I have to say	38 36	10 10 7	74%	82%	71%	75%
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	14 40	26 12 7	55%	59%	45%	48%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	17 33 20	5 14 10	50%	44%	45%	48%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers/clients in achieving our business objectives	36 31	19 10	67%	56%	56%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	24 36 1	4 14 12	60%	47%	42%	45%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	14 40 14	19 12	55%	47%	38%	41%





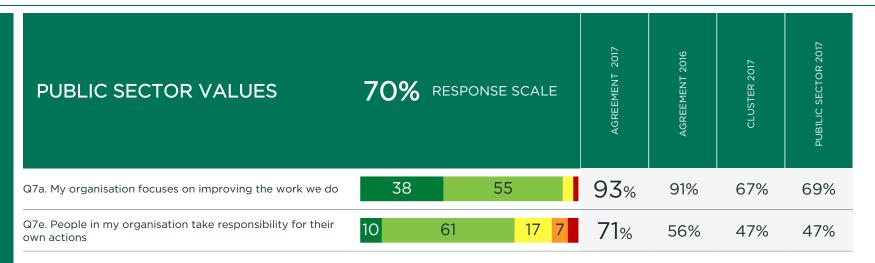




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**KEY** 







Neither Disagree Strongly disagree



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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	70%	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017	PUBILIC SECTOR 2017
Q1b. I am provided with the support I need to do my best at work	29	38         7         21	67%	59%	64%	63%
Q5b. My manager listens to what I have to say	38	36 <mark>10</mark> 10 7	74%	82%	71%	75%
Q5d. My manager encourages and values employee input	31	31 14 14 10	62%	76%	68%	71%
Q6i. Senior managers in my organisation support the career advancement of women	31	38 24	69%	65%	52%	58%
Q8a. My organisation respects individual differences (e.g. cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	38	40 7 7 7	79%	76%	72%	74%
Q8b. Personal background is not a barrier to success in my organisation	43	38 7 10	81%	-	73%	74%
Q8c. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	26	33 19 12 10	60%	68%	65%	66%
Q8d. How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?  Response scale Very satisfied - Very unsatisfied	19	50 17 10	69%	74%	55%	57%









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RECRUITMENT	68%	RESF	PONSE S	CALE	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017	PUBILIC SECTOR 2017
Q7g. I have confidence in the way recruitment decisions are made	14	43	24	14	57%	-	38%	35%
Q7h. My organisation generally selects capable people to do the job	26		52	17	79%	76%	53%	52%









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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	56% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017	PUBILIC SECTOR 2017
Q3d. In the last 12 months I received useful feedback on my work to enable me to deliver required results	29 40 21 7	69%	71%	63%	63%
Q3e. My performance is assessed against clear criteria	24 29 31 14	52%	59%	57%	54%
Q3g. I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	19 36 17 14 14	55%	44%	51%	48%
Q5g. My manager provides acknowledgement or other recognition for the work I do	<b>36</b> 29 <b>14 12 10</b>	64%	82%	64%	67%
Q5h. My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	19 19 48 7 7	38%	41%	44%	44%
Q7f. My organisation is committed to developing its employees	12 45 17 19 7	57%	65%	49%	50%





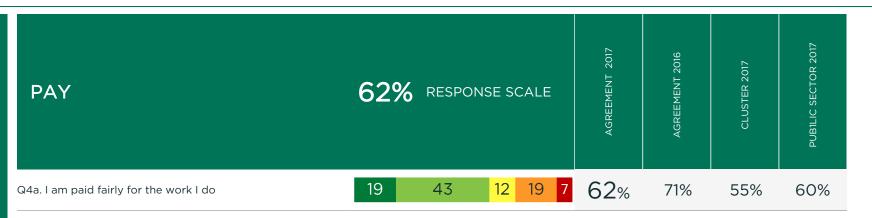




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WORKPLACE SUPPORT	<b>76%</b> F	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017	PUBILIC SECTOR 2017
Q1b. I am provided with the support I need to do my best at work	29	38   7   21	67%	59%	64%	63%
Q1f. I am able to keep my work stress at an acceptable level	26	52 12 7	79%	76%	61%	59%
Q2c. I receive help and support from other members of my workgroup	48	40	88%	94%	79%	81%
Q2d. There is good team spirit in my workgroup	43	29 14 12	71%	88%	66%	69%







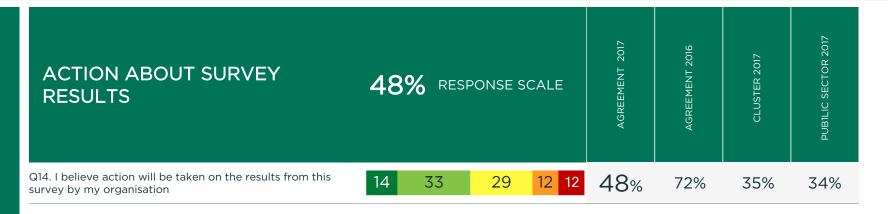




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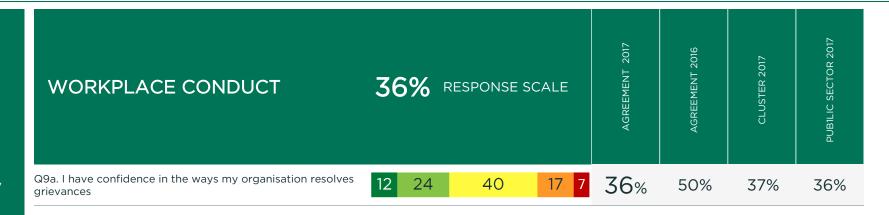




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## **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	RESPONSE SCALE	2017	CLUSTER 2017	PUBLIC SECTOR 2017
Q3a. I have a current performance and development plan that so	ets out my individual objectives			
Yes		71%	67%	67%
No		29%	33%	33%
Q3b. I have informal feedback conversations with my manager				
Yes		71%	73%	75%
No		29%	27%	25%
Q3c. I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manage				
Yes		62%	56%	57%
No		38%	44%	43%



## **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

MOBILITY	RESPONSE SCALE	2017	CLUSTER 2017	PUBLIC SECTOR 2017
<b>Q3h.</b> Are you currently looking, or thinking about looking but outside of your current workplace in order to broade				
Yes		43%	40%	41%
No		57%	60%	59%



## **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

MOBILITY RESPONSE SCALE	2017	CLUSTER 2017	PUBLIC SECTOR 2017
Q3i. Are there any barriers preventing you from moving to another role?			
There are no major barriers to my career progression	38%	32%	30%
Lack of visible opportunities	35%	30%	31%
Lack of promotion opportunities	38%	27%	30%
Lack of support from my manager / supervisor	30%	15%	14%
Geographic location considerations	13%	24%	28%
Personal / family considerations	23%	32%	33%
Insufficient training and development	5%	14%	16%
Lack of required capabilities or experience	10%	10%	11%
Lack of support for temporary assignments/secondments	20%	14%	15%
The application/recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming	8%	16%	23%
Other	3%	8%	9%



## **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	2017	CLUSTER 2017	PUBLIC SECTOR 2017
Q10a. In the last 12 months I have witnessed misconduct/w	rongdoing at work			
Yes		8%	30%	25%
No		75%	57%	62%
Don't know		18%	13%	13%
Q10b. If yes, have you reported the misconduct/wrongdoin	ng you witnessed in the last 12 months?			
Yes	(r)			
No	(r)			
Don't know	(r)			



## **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	2017	CLUSTER 2017	PUBLIC SECTOR 2017
Q10c. In the last 12 months I have witnessed bullying at work				
Yes		19%	40%	33%
No		67%	51%	58%
Don't know		14%	9%	9%
Q10d. In the last 12 months I have been subjected to bullying	at work			
Yes		19%	22%	18%
No		74%	72%	76%
Don't know		7%	6%	6%



## **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	2017	CLUSTER 2017	PUBLIC SECTOR 2017
<b>Q10e.</b> Please indicate the role of the person who has been the shave been subjected to in the last 12 months.	source of the most serious bullying you			
A senior manager	(r)			
Your immediate manager/supervisor	(r)			
A fellow worker at your level	(r)			
A subordinate	(r)			
A client or customer	(r)			
A member of the public other than a client or customer	(r)			
Other	(r)			
Prefer not to say	(r)			



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HEALTH QUESTIONS	R	ESPONSE	SCALE	AGREEMENT 2017	AGREEMENT 2016	CLUSTER 2017
Q1. Morale is good in my team	24	45	19 7	69%	81%	60%
Q2. I believe I am valued for what I can offer at my workplace	21	33	21 17 7	55%	75%	69%
Q3. In my workplace, we recognise our successes and innovations	21	43	19 10 7	64%	81%	64%
Q4. Staff are treated respectfully regardless of their job	26	45	<mark>7</mark> 12 10	71%	78%	67%
Q5. The senior managers at my workplace lead by example in creating a positive workplace	21	31	21 17 10	52%	56%	51%
Q6. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my senior managers	14	55	12 12 7	69%	56%	51%





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Q7. I have a say in decisions which affect my work	21 38 19 14 7	60%	47%	54%
Q8. Where I work, we share the lessons learnt when mistakes are made	21 43 21 10	64%	68%	67%
Q9. My team's objectives/work plans are clearly outlined	19 52 <mark>12 7</mark> 10	71%	74%	64%
Q10. Our objectives/work plans help us to deliver a quality service	20 54 20	73%	77%	66%
Q11. Overall, I believe the culture at my workplace has improved in the last 12 months	15 24 44 12	39%	48%	41%



#### **TAKING ACTION**

#### **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.

48%

of employees replied favourably to:

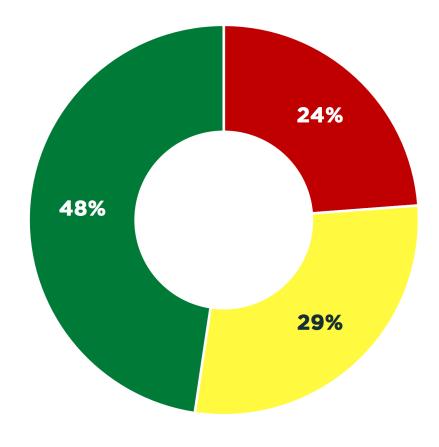
'I believe action will be taken on the results from this survey by my organisation.'

34% 35% 72%

SECTOR

CLUSTER

2016



**Neither Agree nor Agreement** Disagreement Disagree

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



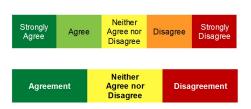
#### **SURVEY TIME FRAME**

This report contains results from the 2017 People Matter Employee Survey which was open from 1 to 30 June 2017.



#### HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

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





#### **PRIVACY**

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.



#### **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%.



#### MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE SURVEY AND ITS METHODOLOGY

See the Main Findings report on the Public Service Commission web site.