

2019 NSW Public Sector Employee Survey

**AGENCY REPORT** 

**Environment Protection Authority** 



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#### **HEADLINES**

RESPONSE RATE

89%

629 OF 708 RESPONDENTS

RESPONSE RATE 2018: 92%

# EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

**72%** ••

DIFFERENCE FROM 2018

DIFFERENCE FROM PUBLIC SECTOR

(70%) +7 (66%)

(52%)

+7

(50%)

# **ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK**

**76%** •

+4

(73%)

DIFFERENCE FROM 2018

(71%)

DIFFERENCE FROM PUBLIC SECTOR SENIOR MANAGERS

**57%** •

DIFFERENCE FROM 2018

DIFFERENCE FROM PUBLIC SECTOR

**COMMUNICATION** 

**74%** •

DIFFERENCE FROM 2018 +8 (65%)

DIFFERENCE FROM +11
PUBLIC SECTOR (62%)

HIGH PERFORMANCE

**71%** ••

DIFFERENCE FROM 2018

DIFFERENCE FROM PUBLIC SECTOR

(66%) +6 (65%)

(53%)

+17

(39%)

# PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES

**71%** ••

DIFFERENCE FROM 2018 +4 (67%)

DIFFERENCE FROM +9
PUBLIC SECTOR (62%)

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

81% •

DIFFERENCE FROM 2018 +5 (76%)

PUBLIC SECTOR +12 PUBLIC SECTOR (69%) FLEXIBLE WORKING SATISFACTION

76% -

DIFFERENCE FROM 2018 0(77%)

DIFFERENCE FROM +18
PUBLIC SECTOR (59%)

ACTION ON RESULTS

**56%** •

DIFFERENCE FROM 2018

DIFFERENCE FROM PUBLIC SECTOR

1

QUESTIONS ARE GROUPED INTO TOPICS IN THIS REPORT.

This page compares the aggregate or individual scores for key topics. The individual questions in each group are listed in the All Questions section.

The Employee Engagement index 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 were greater than the employee headcount. This is thought to be primarily due to employees selecting the wrong work location in the survey

# **HIGHEST AND LOWEST QUESTIONS**

<b>•</b>	HIGHEST SCORING AGREEMENT QUESTIONS	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018	•	LOWEST SCORING AGREEMENT QUESTIONS	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018
1h.	I am comfortable notifying my manager if I become aware of any risks at work	95%	-	11a.	I have confidence in the ways my organisation resolves grievances	40%	36%
1a.	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my role	90%	84%	7c.	I feel that change is managed well in my organisation	41%	32%
2a.	My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	89%	87%	7g.	I have confidence in the way recruitment decisions are made	44%	39%
1g.	I know how to address a health and safety issue I have identified	89%	84%	5h.	My manager deals appropriately with employees who perform poorly	46%	44%
8a.	My organisation respects individual differences (e.g. cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	89%	81%	6b.	I feel that senior managers effectively lead and manage change	49%	44%
2c.	I receive help and support from other members of my workgroup	87%	85%	6a.	I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	51%	49%
5b.	My manager listens to what I have to say	86%	80%	3g.	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	54%	54%
8e.	My manager supports flexible working in my team	85%	81%	7d.	There is good co-operation between teams across our organisation	55%	45%
2e.	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	85%	84%	6h.	I feel that senior managers listen to employees	55%	49%
2b.	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its objectives	84%	80%	6d.	Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	56%	53%



# YOUR PEOPLE MATTER QUESTION RESULTS AT A GLANCE

The highest and lowest scoring agreement questions based on respondents who have selected 'Strongly agree' and 'Agree'.

#### MOST AND LEAST IMPROVED QUESTIONS

<b>+</b>	MOST IMPROVED AGREEMENT QUESTIONS	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018
6g.	I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	66%	54%
3d.	In the last 12 months I received useful feedback on my work to enable me to deliver required results	76%	66%
5e.	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	78%	68%
7d.	There is good co-operation between teams across our organisation	55%	45%
7c.	I feel that change is managed well in my organisation	41%	32%
5c.	My manager communicates effectively with me	78%	70%
8a.	My organisation respects individual differences (e.g. cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	89%	81%
3f.	I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	74%	66%
5d.	My manager encourages and values employee input	82%	75%
5f.	I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes	79%	72%



AGREEMENT 2018

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

These are the questions that have shown the greatest percentage increase and decrease in agreement, based on respondents who have selected 'Strongly agree' and 'Agree'.

**QUESTIONS** 

#### HIGHEST NEUTRAL SCORING QUESTIONS

AGREEMENT SCORES FOR HIGHEST NEUTRAL	% POSITIVE		
<b>Q11a.</b> I have confidence in the ways my organisation resolves grievances			
	40%		
<b>Q5h.</b> My manager deals appropriately with employees who perform poorly			
	<b>46</b> %		
Q7c. I feel that change is managed well in my organisation			
	<b>41</b> %		
<b>Q6d.</b> Senior managers encourage innovation by employees			
	<b>56</b> %		
<b>Q6e.</b> Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with			

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<b>Q11a.</b> I have confidence in the ways my organisation resolves grievances	
	41%
<b>Q5h.</b> My manager deals appropriately with employees who perform poorly	
	<b>38</b> %
Q7c. I feel that change is managed well in my organisation	
	<b>32</b> %
<b>Q6d.</b> Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	
	<b>30</b> %
<b>Q6e.</b> Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	
	<b>29</b> %

DISAGREEMENT SCORES FOR HIGHEST NEUTRAL	% NEGATIVE
<b>Q11a.</b> I have confidence in the ways my organisation resolves grievances	
	19%
<b>Q5h.</b> My manager deals appropriately with employees who perform poorly	
	16%
Q7c. I feel that change is managed well in my organisation	
	<b>27</b> %
<b>Q6d.</b> Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	
	<b>15</b> %
<b>Q6e.</b> Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	
	11%



# FIND YOUR HIGHEST NEUTRAL SCORES

Results are rounded and may not add up to 100%

- WHAT ARE EMPLOYEES MOST POSITIVE ABOUT? (STRENGTHS)

60%

- WHAT ARE EMPLOYEES MOST NEUTRAL ABOUT? WHERE A LOT OF EMPLOYEES ARE RESPONDING 'NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE' (% NEUTRAL), THIS MAY INDICATE MIXED VIEWS OR INCONSISTENT EXPERIENCES. (AREAS OF POTENTIAL) - WHAT ARE EMPLOYEES MOST NEGATIVE ABOUT? (AREAS OF CONCERN)

THESE ARE YOUR HIGHEST NEUTRAL SCORING QUESTIONS

### **RESPONDENT PROFILE**

This data shows the proportion of people who completed the survey.

#### Survey responses: 629

Gender	Survey %
Male	39
Female	58
Other	3
Age	Survey %
15 - 34 years	26
35 - 54 years	62
55+ years	12
LOTE spoken at home	Survey %
Yes	12

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders	Survey %
Yes	1
No	95
Prefer not to say	5

82

6

Disability	Survey %
Yes	3
No	91
Prefer not to say	6

LGBTI	Survey %
Yes	6
No	87
Prefer not to say	6

Senior Executive (ongoing/permanent or term) 4 Ongoing/Permanent (other than senior executive) 69 Temporary (including temporary teachers and graduates) 16 Casual 0 Contract – Non Executive 7 Labour hire (staff employed by an external supplier eg. recruitment agency, generally for a limited term) Other 0 Don't know 2	Employment Status	Survey %
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graduates) 16  Casual 0  Contract – Non Executive 7  Labour hire (staff employed by an external supplier - eg. recruitment agency, generally for a limited term) 0  Other 0	Ongoing/Permanent (other than senior executive)	69
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Don't know 2	Other	0
	Don't know	2

Manager of managers	Survey %
Yes	9
No	91

Supervisors	Survey %
Yes	28
No	72
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Working arrangement	Survey %
Full-time	84
Part-time	16

Type of work	Survey %
Service delivery involving direct contact with the general public (e.g. teaching, nursing, policing, shopfront/counter service)	22
Other service delivery work (work that does not involve contact with the public, but it is critical to the delivery of a service, e.g. maintenance, technical support, catering, cleaning/laundry)	4
Administrative support (e.g. executive/personal assistant, receptionist)	7
Corporate services (e.g. HR, finance, IT, ministerial or parliamentary processes)	7
Policy	16
Research	0
Program and project management support	16
Legal (including developing and/or reviewing legislation)	6
Other	22

Organisation Tenure	Survey %
Less than 1 year	20
1 - 2 years	12
2 - 5 years	22
5 - 10 years	18
10 - 20 years	19
More than 20 years	9

Salary	Survey %
\$83,402 and below	14
\$83,403 - \$108,043	27
\$108,044 - \$144,520	42
\$144,521 and above	8
Prefer not to say	8

Results are rounded and may not add up to 100%

Prefer not to say

#### **TAKING ACTION**



#### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

Sector employees have 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.

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of employees replied favourably to:

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

39%

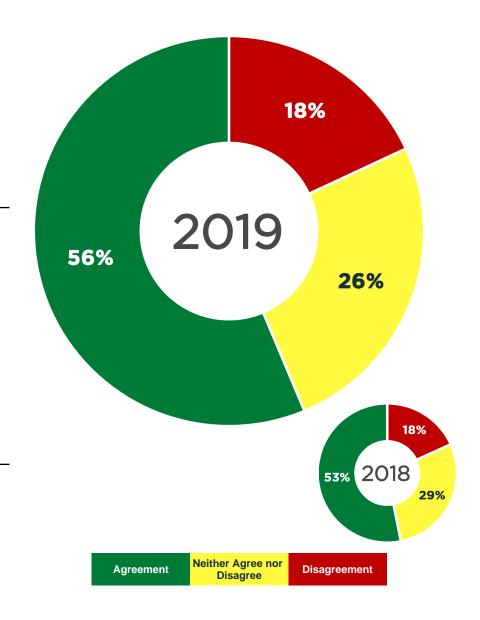
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**SECTOR** 

**CLUSTER** 

2018



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

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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 level.

The questions are ranked in order of influence. In prioritising areas for action, it is common to focus on items with a low agreement score but higher in the ranked list of drivers, as they have higher impact. Variation of drivers within the organisation and business priorities should be considered.

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

RAN	NK	% AGREEMENT 2019	% AGREEMENT 2018	% AGREEMENT PUBLIC SECTOR
1	<b>Q7f.</b> My organisation is committed to developing its employees	<b>67</b> %	60%	53%
2	Q7a. My organisation focuses on improving the work we do	<b>75</b> %	73%	69%
3	<b>Q6c.</b> I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	<b>62</b> %	58%	52%
4	<b>Q7h.</b> My organisation generally selects capable people to do the job	<b>67</b> %	64%	54%
5	<b>Q6a.</b> I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	<b>51</b> %	49%	51%
6	<b>Q6h.</b> I feel that senior managers listen to employees	<b>55</b> %	49%	44%

#### **BUSINESS UNIT COMPARISON**



#### COMPARISON OF LOWER LEVEL BUSINESS UNITS

This page compares key question group scores for Environment Protection Authority

The Employee
Engagement Index is a
weighted score. The
remaining scores are
the average of %
agreement results for all
questions in a topic
group.

Significant differences have been highlighted to demonstrate best practice and areas that require attention.

	Environment Protection Authority	Container Deposit Scheme Branch	Corporate Services Branch	Hazardous Incidents and Environmental Health	Legal Services Branch	Regulatory Services Division	Stakeholder Engagement and Communications	WaRR Operations & Programs	WaRR Strategy & Policy
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	23	50	106	34	246	29	104	37
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	81%	71%	72%	78%	73%	83%	67%	67%
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	91%	75%	79%	80%	76%	89%	68%	79%
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	84%	57%	61%	63%	55%	80%	47%	45%
COMMUNICATION	74%	95%	74%	74%	75%	73%	86%	68%	68%
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	88%	69%	70%	73%	71%	83%	65%	69%
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	91%	72%	71%	75%	70%	87%	64%	68%
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	96%	80%	79%	84%	82%	87%	78%	81%

KEY

AT LEAST 5 PERCENTAGE POINTS GREATER THAN REPORT SCORE

AT LEAST 5 PERCENTAGE POINTS LESS THAN REPORT SCORE

r = DATA RESTRICTED AS BELOW CUT OFF LIMIT OF 10 RESPONDENTS



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EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	AGGREGA <sup>-</sup>	TE SCORE	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018	PUBILIC SECTOR 2019
Q7i. I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	30	46	17	76%	71%	62%
Q7j. I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	36	45	14	82%	76%	70%
Q7k. I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	31	39	21	71%	68%	64%
Q7I. My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	22	43	24 7	66%	62%	56%
Q7m. My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	22	43	25 7	64%	61%	56%









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ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	AGGREGATE	: SCORE	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018	PUBILIC SECTOR 2019
Q1c. My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	29	50	12	79%	72%	76%
Q1d. I feel motivated to contribute more than what is normally required at work	32	44	14	76%	73%	72%
Q1e. I am satisfied with my job	26	49	14 9	75%	68%	69%

KEY



Agree

Neither Disagree

isagree Strongly disagree



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SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	AGGF	REGATE S	SCORE	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018	PUBILIC SECTOR 2019
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	11 4	40	28	15	51%	49%	51%
Q6b. I feel that senior managers effectively lead and manage change	12	38	29	15 7	49%	44%	47%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	16	45	24	9	62%	58%	52%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	12	44	30	10	56%	53%	51%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	15	45	29		60%	56%	53%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers/clients in achieving our business objectives	18	53		20	71%	71%	61%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	16	51	16	11 7	66%	54%	48%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	14	41	26	12	55%	49%	44%
Q7c. I feel that change is managed well in my organisation	7 34	1	32	18 8	41%	32%	42%





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COMMUNICATION	74% AGGREGATE SCORE	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018	PUBILIC SECTOR 2019
Q5c. My manager communicates effectively with me	36 42 <mark>11 8</mark>	78%	70%	72%
Q5d. My manager encourages and values employee input	40 42 11	82%	75%	73%
Q5e. My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	35 44 <u>12</u>	78%	68%	68%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	16 51 16 11 7	66%	54%	48%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	14 41 26 12	55%	49%	44%
Q8c. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	31 51 <u>11</u>	81%	77%	69%











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HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	AGGRE	EGATE S	SCORE	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018	PUBILIC SECTOR 2019
Q1a. I understand what is expected of me to do well in my role	34		56		90%	84%	90%
Q2b. My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its objectives	43		41	9	84%	80%	79%
Q3f. I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	23	51		17 8	74%	66%	66%
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	32	4	19	14	81%	75%	75%
Q5f. I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes	37	4	43	11	79%	72%	69%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	12	44	30	10	56%	53%	51%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	15	45	29		60%	56%	53%
Q7a. My organisation focuses on improving the work we do	18	56		17	75%	73%	69%
Q7b. My organisation is making the necessary improvements to meet our future challenges	12	46	23	15	58%	53%	57%



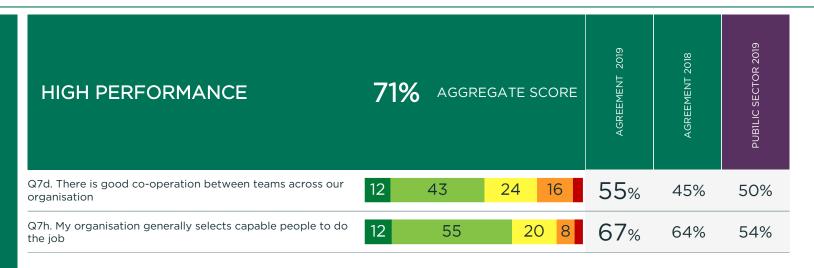


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PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	<b>71%</b> AGGF	REGATE SCORE	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018	PUBILIC SECTOR 2019
Q2a. My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	45	44	89%	87%	86%
Q2e. People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	48	37 9	85%	84%	75%
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	32	49 14	81%	75%	75%
Q5b. My manager listens to what I have to say	42	45 8	86%	80%	76%
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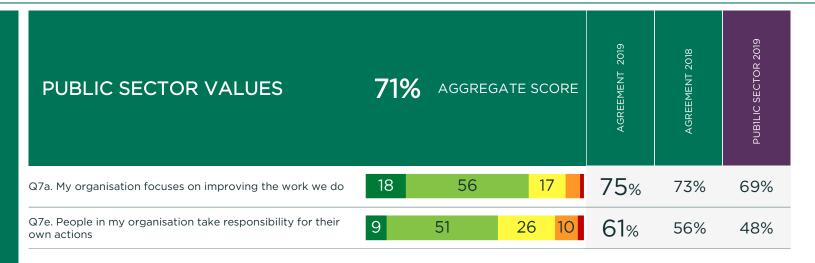


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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	AGGREGATE	E SCORE	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018	PUBILIC SECTOR 2019
Q1b. I am provided with the support I need to do my best at work	24	48	13 12	72%	65%	67%
Q5b. My manager listens to what I have to say	42	45	8	86%	80%	76%
Q5d. My manager encourages and values employee input	40	42	11	82%	75%	73%
Q6i. Senior managers in my organisation support the career advancement of women	31	45	20	76%	71%	61%
Q8a. My organisation respects individual differences (e.g. cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	35	54	8	89%	81%	77%
Q8b. Personal background is not a barrier to success in my organisation (e.g. cultural background, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender etc.)	35	48	10	83%	78%	76%
Q8c. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	31	51	11	81%	77%	69%
Q8d. How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?  Response scale Very satisfied - Very unsatisfied	35	42	13 8	76%	77%	59%
Q8e. My manager supports flexible working in my team	44	41	9	85%	81%	63%





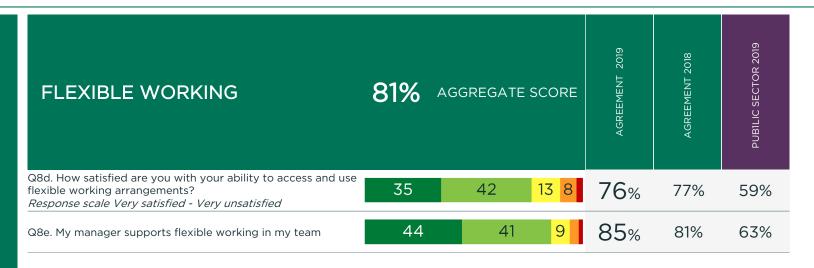


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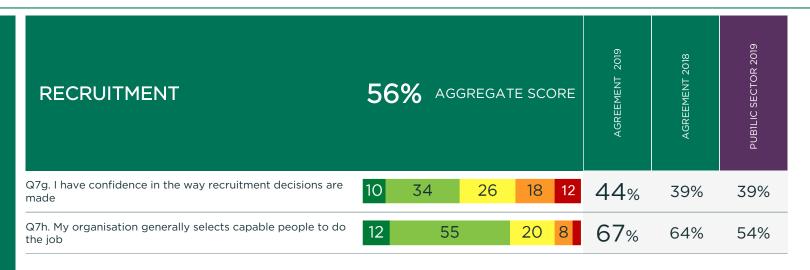


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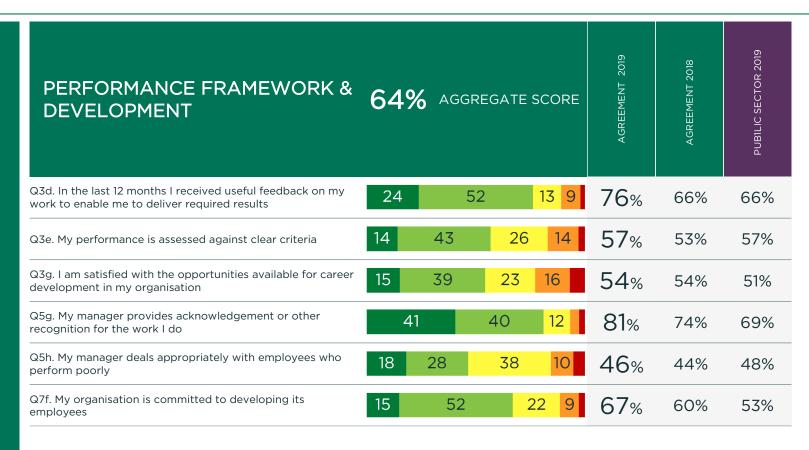


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WORKPLACE SUPPORT	77%	AGGR	EGATE	: SCORE	AGREEMENT 2019	AGREEMENT 2018	PUBILIC SECTOR 2019
Q1b. I am provided with the support I need to do my best at work	24	48		13 12	72%	65%	67%
Q1f. I am able to keep my work stress at an acceptable level	17	51		<mark>16 14 </mark>	68%	64%	61%
Q2c. I receive help and support from other members of my workgroup	46		41	8	87%	85%	81%
Q2d. There is good team spirit in my workgroup	42		37	11	80%	76%	70%

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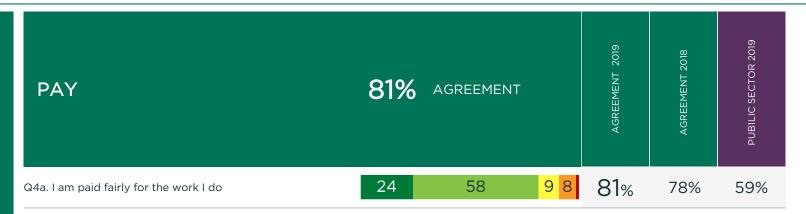


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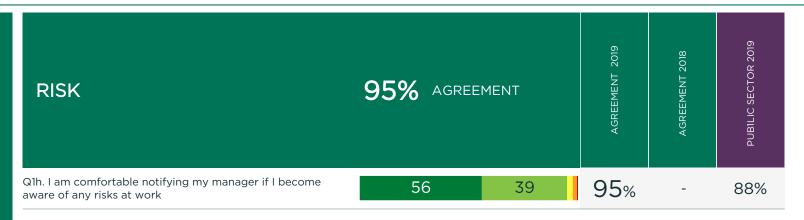


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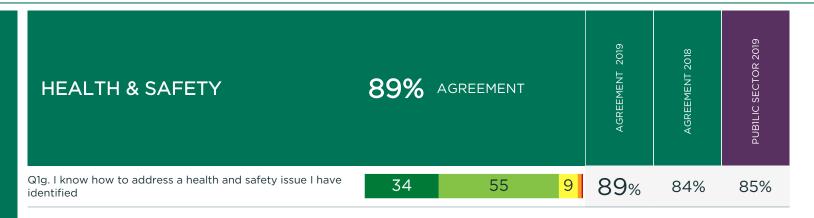


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Strongly Ag

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Neither Disagre

Strongly disagree

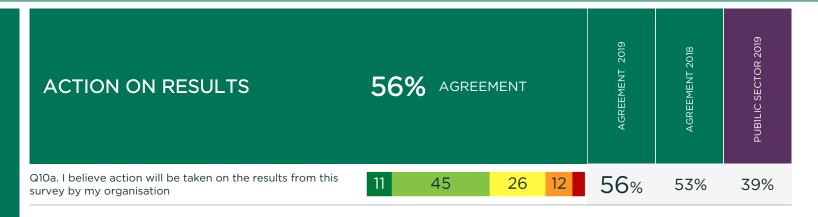


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Strongly agree

Agree

Neither Disagre

gree Strongly disagree

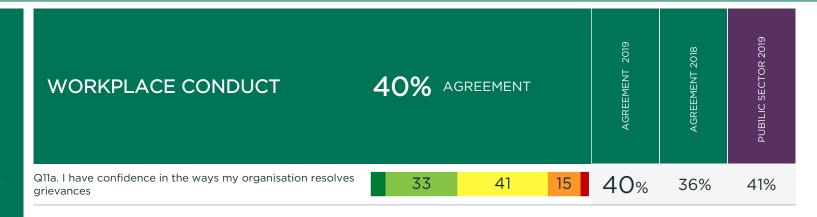


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Strongly agree

Agree

Neither Disagre

Strongly disagree



#### WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT

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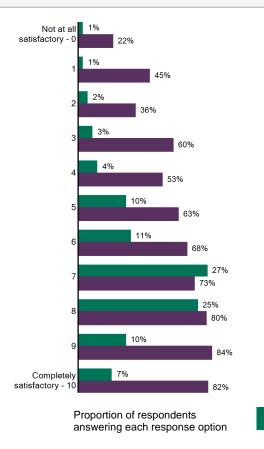
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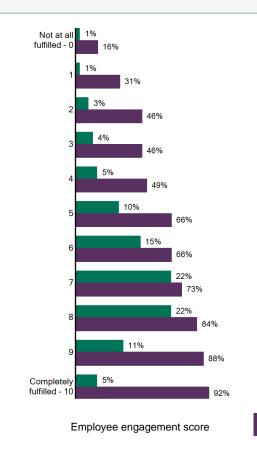
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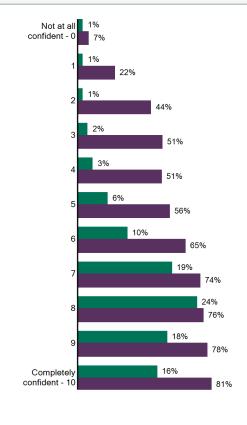




 ${\bf Q1k.}\ {\bf I}$  am confident that I am contributing my best at work









# **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	2019	2018	PUBLIC SECTOR 2019
Q3a. I have a current performance and development plan that sets out my individual objectives			
Yes	80%	74%	71%
No	20%	26%	29%
Q3b. I have informal feedback conversations with my manager			
Yes	86%	81%	76%
No	14%	19%	24%
Q3c. I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager			
Yes	73%	66%	60%
No	27%	34%	40%



# **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

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MOBILITY	2019	2018	PUBLIC SECTOR 2019
<b>Q3h.</b> Are you currently looking, or thinking about looking, for a new role within the NSW Public Sector but outside of your current workplace in order to broaden your experience?			
Yes	49%	50%	41%
No	51%	50%	59%



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MOBILITY	2019	2018	PUBLIC SECTOR 2019
Q3i. Are there barriers preventing you from moving to another role? If so, what are they? (select all tapply)	chat		
Geographic location considerations	38%	35%	25%
Personal/family considerations	34%	31%	29%
The application/recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming	34%	36%	22%
Lack of promotion opportunities	31%	29%	28%
Lack of visible opportunities	30%	30%	29%
There are no major barriers to my career progression	22%	29%	29%
Lack of support for temporary assignments/secondments	17%	15%	15%
Lack of required capabilities or experience	12%	11%	11%
Lack of support from my manager/supervisor	10%	12%	13%
Insufficient training and development	9%	8%	15%
Other	8%	8%	9%

<sup>%</sup> are calculated with the number of unique respondents (N = 612 to this question)



# **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	2019	2018	PUBLIC SECTOR 2019
Q12a. In the last 12 months I have witnessed misconduct/wrongdoing at work			
Yes	16%	16%	27%
No	69%	70%	56%
Don't know	15%	14%	17%
Q12b. If yes to 12a, have you reported the misconduct/wrongdoing you witnessed in the last 12 months?			
Yes	43%	57%	65%
No	52%	41%	32%
Don't know	5%	2%	4%



# **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	2019	2018	PUBLIC SECTOR 2019
Q13a. In the last 12 months I have witnessed bullying at work			<u> </u>
Yes	22%	24%	33%
No	70%	69%	57%
Don't know	8%	7%	10%
Q13b. In the last 12 months I have been subjected to bullying at work			
Yes	10%	10%	18%
No	85%	83%	75%
Don't know	5%	7%	7%



# **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	2019	2018	PUBLIC SECTOR 2019
<b>Q13c.</b> Please indicate the role of the person who has been the source of the most serious bullying you have been subjected to in the last 12 months			
Your immediate manager/supervisor	25%	27%	23%
A fellow worker at your level	25%	22%	27%
Prefer not to say	23%	14%	13%
A senior manager	20%	20%	21%
A subordinate	7%	8%	7%
A client or customer	0%	2%	3%
A member of the public other than a client or customer	0%	-	1%
Other	0%	7%	5%



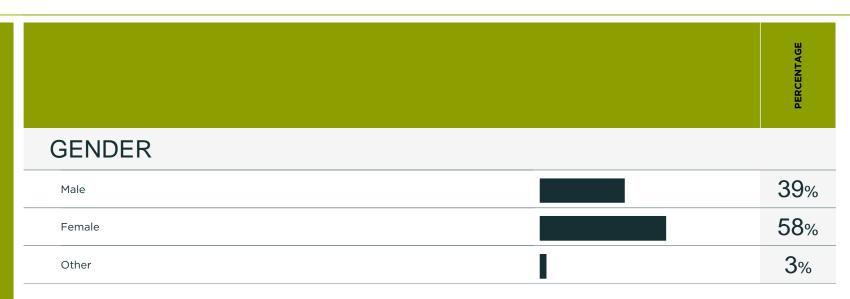
# **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT		2019	2018	PUBLIC SECTOR 2019
Q14a. In the last 12 months I have been subjected to physical ha at work	rm and/or sexual harassment or abuse			
Yes		1%	1%	4%
No		98%	97%	94%
Don't know		1%	2%	2%
<b>Q14b.</b> If yes to 14a, please indicate the role of the person who he physical harm and/or sexual harassment or abuse you have been				
A person at work	(r)			
A member of the public	(r)			
Other	(r)			
Prefer not to say	(r)			



## PERSONAL AND WORK PROFILES





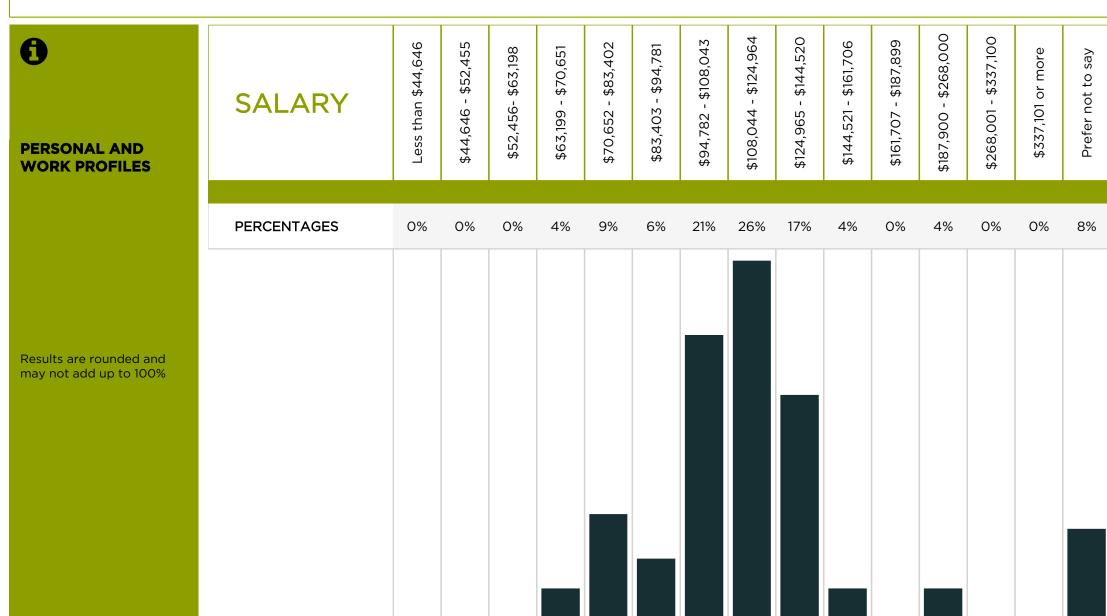
## PERSONAL AND WORK PROFILES

		PERCENTAGE
AGE		
15-19		1%
20-24	<u> </u>	2%
25-29		10%
30-34		14%
35-39		18%
40-44		17%
45-49		15%
50-54		12%
55-59		8%
60-64		3%
65+		1%



## PERSONAL AND WORK PROFILES

	PERCENTAGE
TYPE OF WORK	
Service delivery involving direct contact with the general public (e.g. teaching, nursing, policing, shopfront/counter service)	22%
Other service delivery work (work that does not involve contact with the public, but it is critical to the delivery of a service, e.g. maintenance, technical support, catering, cleaning/laundry)	4%
Administrative support (e.g. executive/personal assistant, receptionist)	7%
Corporate services (e.g. HR, finance, IT, ministerial or parliamentary processes)	7%
Policy	16%
Research	0%
Program and project management support	16%
Legal (including developing and/or reviewing legislation)	6%
Other	22%





## PERSONAL AND WORK PROFILES

	PERCENTAGE
TENURE IN ORGANISATION	
Less than 1 year	20%
1 - 2 years	12%
2 - 5 years	22%
5 - 10 years	18%
10 - 20 years	19%
More than 20 years	9%



# PERSONAL AND WORK PROFILES

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	PERCENTAGE
FLEXIBLE WORKING	
Flexible start and finish times	76%
Working from home	58%
Working from different locations	29%
Working additional hours to make up for time off	24%
Part-time work	17%
Working more hours over fewer days	12%
Leave without pay	10%

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# PERSONAL AND WORK PROFILES

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	PERCENTAGE
FLEXIBLE WORKING	
None of the above	7%
Other	3%
Job sharing	2%
Purchasing annual leave	2%
Study leave	2%
Flexible scheduling for rostered workers	2%

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## **RESULT BY TYPE OF WORK**



### EXPLORE THE RESULTS FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES

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NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	135	27	40	40	95	3	98	35	131
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	72%	(r)	78%	81%	70%	(r)	71%	80%	70%
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	79%	(r)	82%	89%	75%	(r)	76%	82%	72%
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	56%	(r)	71%	69%	55%	(r)	53%	69%	53%
COMMUNICATION	74%	75%	(r)	79%	81%	75%	(r)	70%	76%	71%
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	70%	(r)	81%	75%	71%	(r)	69%	75%	68%
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	72%	(r)	78%	79%	72%	(r)	68%	77%	67%
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	83%	(r)	84%	86%	82%	(r)	79%	85%	77%

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### **RESULT BY SALARY**



### EXPLORE THE RESULTS FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES

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	Environment Protection Authority	Less than \$44,646	\$44,646 - \$52,455	\$52,456- \$63,198	\$63,199 - \$70,651	\$70,652 - \$83,402	\$83,403 - \$94,781	\$94,782 - \$108,043	\$108,044 - \$124,964	\$124,965 - \$144,520	\$144,521 - \$161,706	\$161,707 - \$187,899	\$187,900 - \$268,000	\$268,001 - \$337,100
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	2	1	1	25	53	39	126	154	102	22	3	22	2
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	73%	75%	70%	71%	76%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	76%	78%	77%	75%	85%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	58%	60%	58%	56%	59%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
COMMUNICATION	74%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	76%	77%	72%	73%	77%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	72%	76%	68%	69%	74%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	72%	75%	70%	71%	73%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	82%	83%	79%	82%	85%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)

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### **RESULT BY SALARY**



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	Environment Protection Authority	\$337,101 or more	Prefer not to say
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	0	51
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	(r)	62%
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	(r)	61%
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	(r)	43%
COMMUNICATION	74%	(r)	61%
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	(r)	58%
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	(r)	57%
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	(r)	69%

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### **RESULT BY TENURE IN ORGANISATION**



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	Environment Protection Authority	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	5 - 10 years	10 - 20 years	More than 20 years
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	118	74	134	107	113	52
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	79%	71%	72%	68%	72%	74%
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	88%	73%	77%	73%	75%	77%
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	68%	59%	54%	51%	59%	52%
COMMUNICATION	74%	85%	74%	70%	70%	76%	65%
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	78%	70%	67%	68%	73%	69%
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	80%	72%	67%	68%	73%	67%
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	89%	80%	78%	80%	83%	78%

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### **RESULTS BY TYPES OF FLEXIBLE WORKING**



#### EXPLORE THE RESULTS FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES

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	Environment Protection Authority	Flexible start and finish times	Working more hours over fewer days	Working additional hours to make up for time off	Flexible scheduling for rostered workers	Part-time work	Job sharing	Working from different locations	Working from home	Purchasing annual leave	Leave without pay	Study leave	Other	None of the above
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	458	70	141	12	100	13	171	348	13	61	13	18	44
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	74%	75%	75%	(r)	76%	(r)	75%	74%	(r)	73%	(r)	(r)	65%
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	79%	78%	81%	(r)	79%	(r)	80%	79%	(r)	75%	(r)	(r)	69%
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	57%	58%	56%	(r)	60%	(r)	57%	59%	(r)	54%	(r)	(r)	49%
COMMUNICATION	74%	75%	76%	76%	(r)	74%	(r)	76%	75%	(r)	75%	(r)	(r)	67%
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	71%	71%	71%	(r)	71%	(r)	73%	72%	(r)	69%	(r)	(r)	65%
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	72%	71%	73%	(r)	73%	(r)	73%	73%	(r)	72%	(r)	(r)	59%
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	83%	83%	85%	(r)	83%	(r)	85%	84%	(r)	81%	(r)	(r)	71%

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	Environment Protection Authority	Sydney East	Sydney West	Sydney - City and Inner South	Sydney - Parramatta	Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Far West and Orana	Capital Region	Illawarra	New England and North West	Central West	Mid North Coast	Riverina
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	338	75	330	73	27	24	23	20	17	9	8	7	6
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	74%	74%	74%	74%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	78%	81%	78%	80%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	62%	53%	61%	51%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
COMMUNICATION	74%	76%	70%	76%	70%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	72%	69%	73%	68%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	74%	69%	74%	68%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	83%	81%	83%	81%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)

<sup>\*</sup>Sydney East and Sydney West are higher level results for the Sydney sub-regions.

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	Environment Protection Authority	Sydney - Inner West	Murray	Richmond - Tweed	Central Coast	Outside NSW	Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	Sydney - Eastern Suburbs	Sydney - Inner South West	Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby	Sydney - Outer South West	Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains	Sydney - Ryde	Hunter Valley exc Newcastle
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
COMMUNICATION	74%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)

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	Environment Protection Authority	Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	Sydney - Blacktown	Sydney - Northern Beaches	Sydney - South West	Sydney - Sutherland
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	0	0	0	0	0
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
COMMUNICATION	74%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)

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### **RESULT BY AGE**



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	Environment Protection Authority	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	3	10	61	81	105	102	89	68	45	20	4
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	(r)	(r)	76%	70%	74%	69%	74%	76%	72%	(r)	(r)
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	(r)	(r)	78%	73%	81%	72%	78%	79%	81%	(r)	(r)
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	(r)	(r)	58%	49%	60%	54%	62%	63%	60%	(r)	(r)
COMMUNICATION	74%	(r)	(r)	75%	71%	81%	70%	76%	74%	72%	(r)	(r)
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	(r)	(r)	74%	67%	74%	65%	74%	73%	74%	(r)	(r)
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	(r)	(r)	75%	65%	75%	68%	75%	73%	71%	(r)	(r)
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	(r)	(r)	84%	79%	88%	79%	83%	81%	78%	(r)	(r)

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### **RESULT BY GENDER**



#### EXPLORE THE RESULTS FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES

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	Environment Protection Authority	Male	Female	Other
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	629	234	347	15
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT	72%	72%	74%	(r)
ENGAGEMENT WITH WORK	76%	78%	80%	(r)
SENIOR MANAGERS	57%	56%	59%	(r)
COMMUNICATION	74%	75%	75%	(r)
HIGH PERFORMANCE	71%	71%	73%	(r)
PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71%	71%	73%	(r)
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	81%	82%	83%	(r)

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### **GUIDE TO THIS REPORT**



### **SURVEY TIME FRAME**

This report contains results from the 2019 People Matter Employee Survey which was open from 30 May to 28 June 2019.



### 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 work teams 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 METHODOLOGY**

See the 2018 Main Findings report on the Public Service Commission web site.