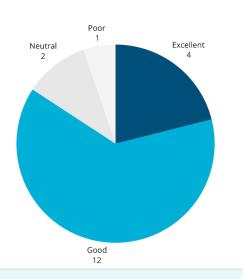


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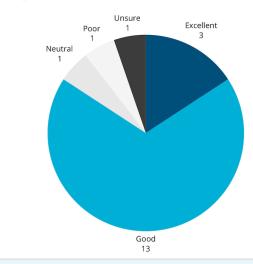
The Strategy is performing well, there is strong cross-sector support for its continuation, led by Drowning Prevention Auckland whose leadership was highly rated. The Strategy has supported high levels of collaboration among a mostly representative range of stakeholders from the water safety and drowning prevention sector, with high levels of honesty, open communication, trust and mutual respect being reported.

Future funding streams need to be found urgently in order for WOTM to be sustainable. Organisations' capacity to contribute resources is declining, and the large number of WOTM workstreams is currently adding to this pressure. Many stakeholders would like to see future interventions prioritised according to the greatest need and/or urgency, as indicated by drowning statistics. Many stakeholders have expressed the need for enhanced engagement from key sector partners.

When asked to rate the willingness from stakeholders to collaborate, 16 out of 19 respondents reported it to be good or excellent.



When asked to rate the consensus among stakeholders on how to achieve the Strategy's vision, 16 out of 19 respondents reported it to be good or excellent.



When asked to rate success factors for collaboration experienced during their involvement, respondents rated most highly:



Trust and mutual respect



Honest & open communication



(Includes To a great extent and Somewhat)

Recommendations

- 1. Continue the Wai Ora Tāmaki Makaurau collaboration under DPA's leadership.
- 2. Reduce the number of workstreams currently being delivered.
- 3. Hold a strategic hui at the Chief Executive level to discuss the future of WOTM.



"The water safety and drowning prevention sector has shown strong commitment to the Wai Ora Tāmaki Makaurau Strategy, with a remarkable amount of resource being contributed by a large range of stakeholder organisations." – Tania Domett, Cogo