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**2025 BUSINESS
ENERGY IMPACT
SURVEY**

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SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The 2025 Let's Rethink Renewables Business Energy Impact Survey was conducted by two Committee Members of Let's Rethink Renewables, Sasha McNaughton and Denise Franklin.

Sasha and Denise hand delivered paper copies of the survey to 260 businesses, predominately around Brookvale on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Sasha and Denise spent 8 weeks on foot, between May and July 2025, delivering copies of the survey, before returning to collect the completed copies in subsequent weeks. Only 6 surveys were returned by email. All copies have been retained for record.

Businesses were approached at random, with no prior knowledge of their operations.

Of the 260 surveys distributed, 112 were completed and returned by business owners.

The goal of the survey was to help to understand how energy costs are affecting businesses in the area. Our next goal is to expand the survey Nationally.

The compiled results have been published in this report that Let's Rethink Renewables will distribute to energy providers, advocacy groups and State and Federal Members of Parliament.

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2025 Business Energy Impact Survey

Your feedback will help us understand how energy costs are affecting businesses across the country. The compiled results will be published in a report that we will distribute to energy providers, advocacy groups and State and Federal Members of Parliament.

COMPANY INFORMATION

1. Company Name: _____

2. Industry Sector:

Manufacturing	Retail	Hospitality	Agriculture	Construction	Transport/Logistics	Tech/IT
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Other (Please specify): _____

3. Company Size:

1-10 employees	11-50 employees	51-250 employees	251+ employees
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4. Location (City/Region): _____

SECTION 1: ENERGY COSTS AND BUSINESS IMPACT

5. How have your energy costs changed over the past 12 months?

Increased significantly	Increased slightly	Stayed the same	Decreased	Not sure
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6. What percentage of your operating costs is currently spent on energy?

Less than 5%	5%-10%	11%-20%	More than 20%	Not sure
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7. Have rising energy costs caused your business to take any of the following actions? (Select all that apply)

Reduced operations/hours	Laid off staff	Increased prices	Deferred investments	Invested in energy efficiency measures	Switched energy suppliers
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Other (please specify): _____

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8. How concerned are you about future energy price volatility?

Extremely concerned	Moderately concerned	Slightly concerned	Not concerned
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SECTION 2: ENERGY POLICY PREFERENCES

9. Do you support the reintroduction of coal plants to stabilize energy supply and prices?

Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neutral	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
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10. Do you support the expansion of nuclear power as a long-term energy solution?

Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neutral	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
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11. What actions (if any) would you like to see the Government take to address energy issues for businesses?

12. Would you be willing to be contacted for further discussion or to support this campaign?

Yes (please provide contact info below)	No
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Contact Information (Optional):

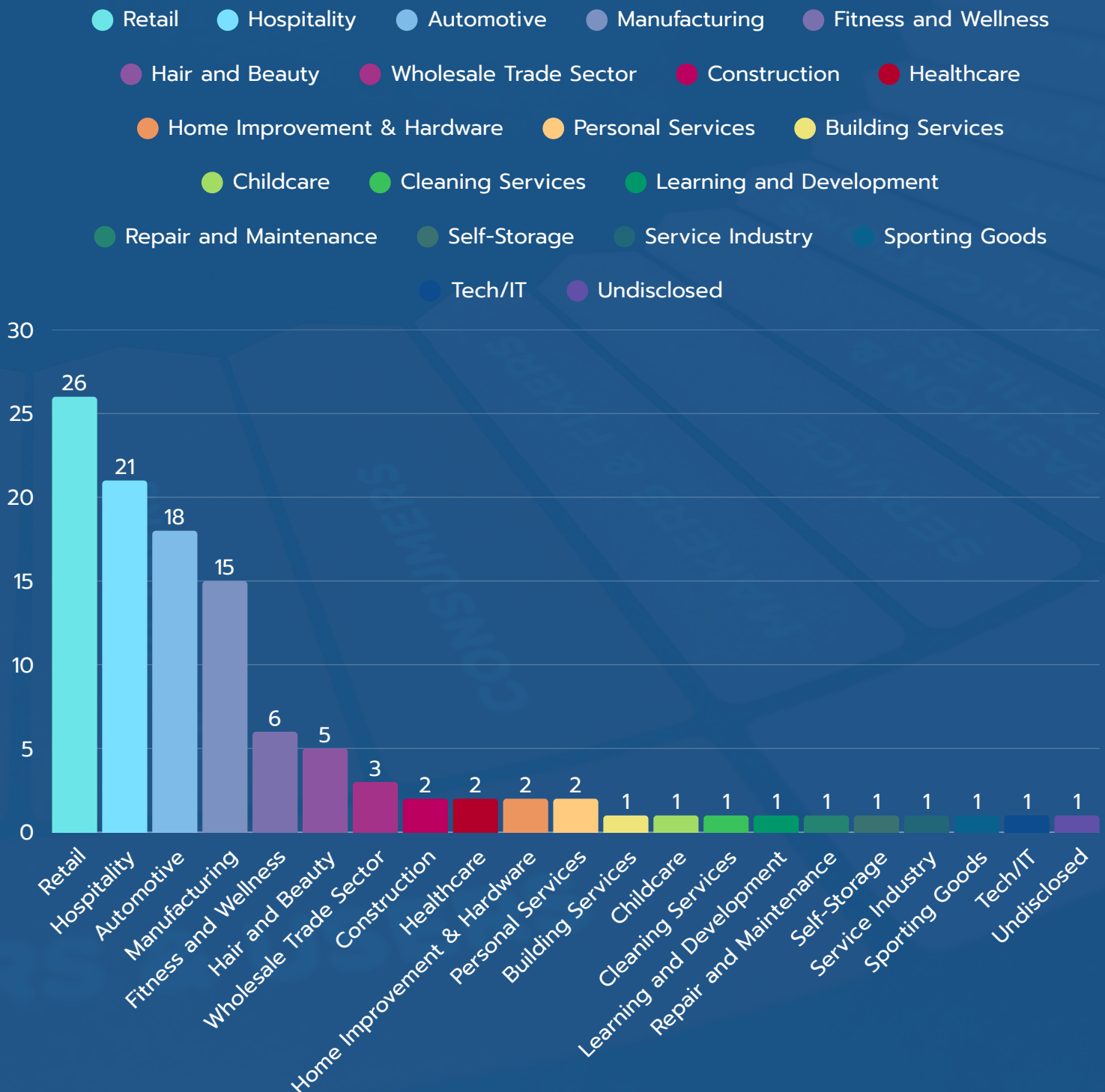
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Email: _____

End of survey questions.

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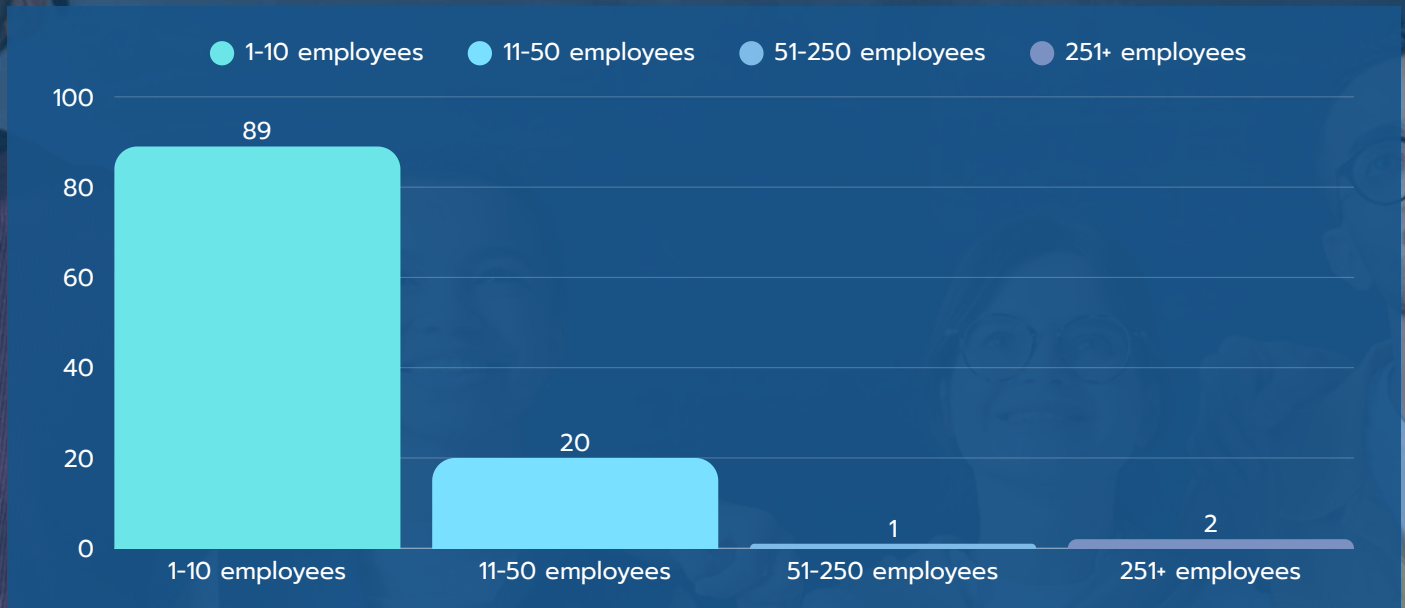
What industry sector do you operate in?



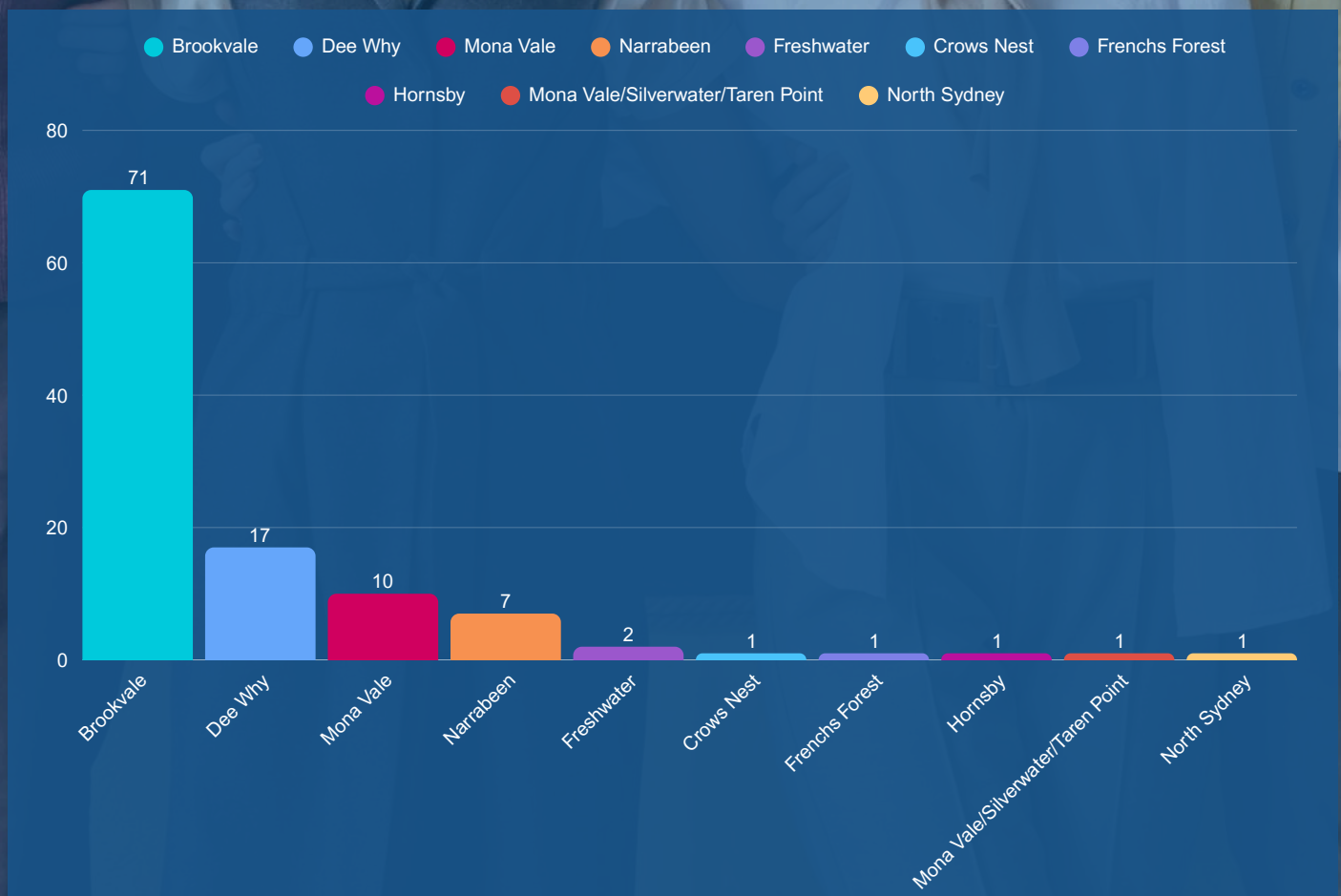
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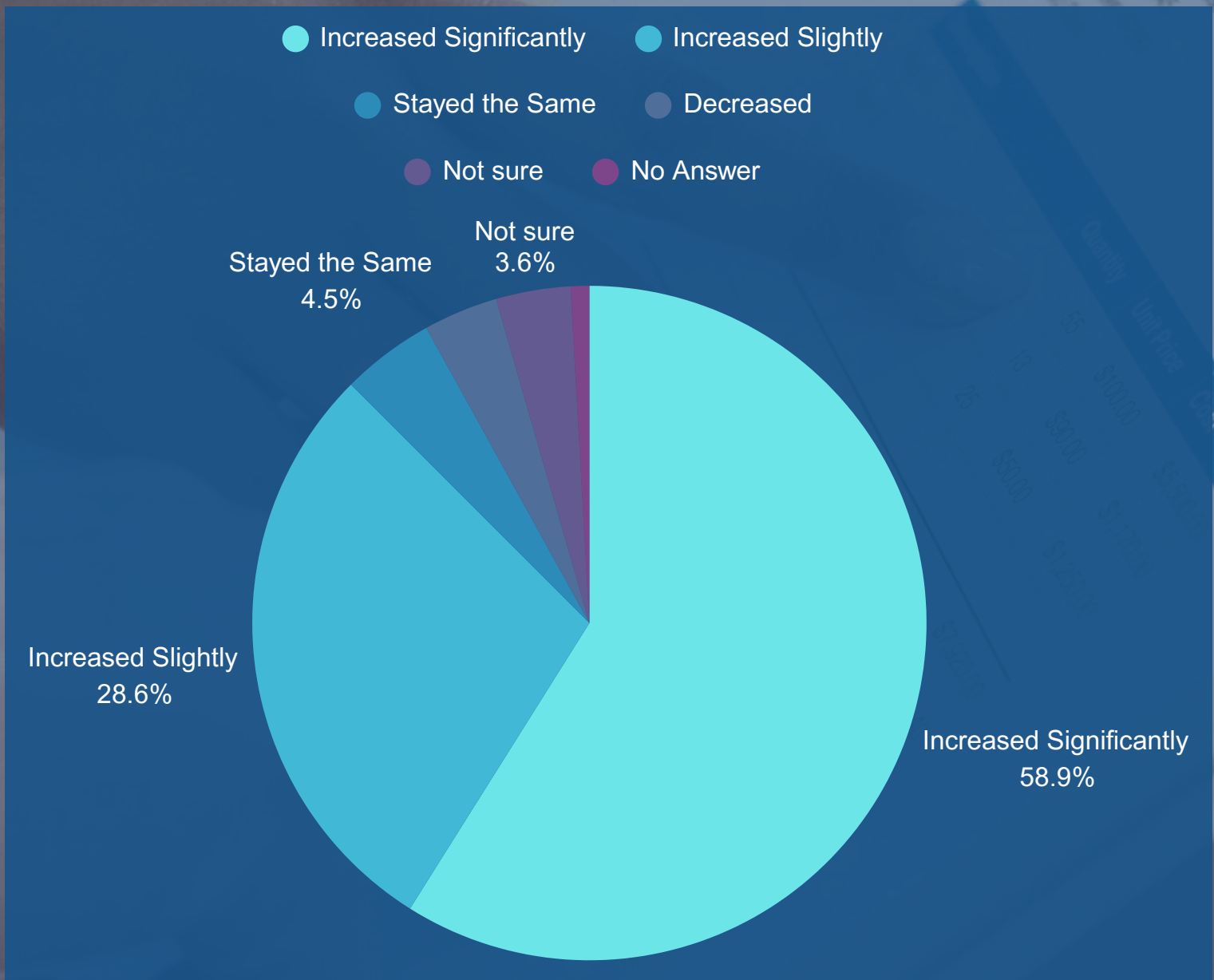
How many staff does your business employ?



What is the location of your business?

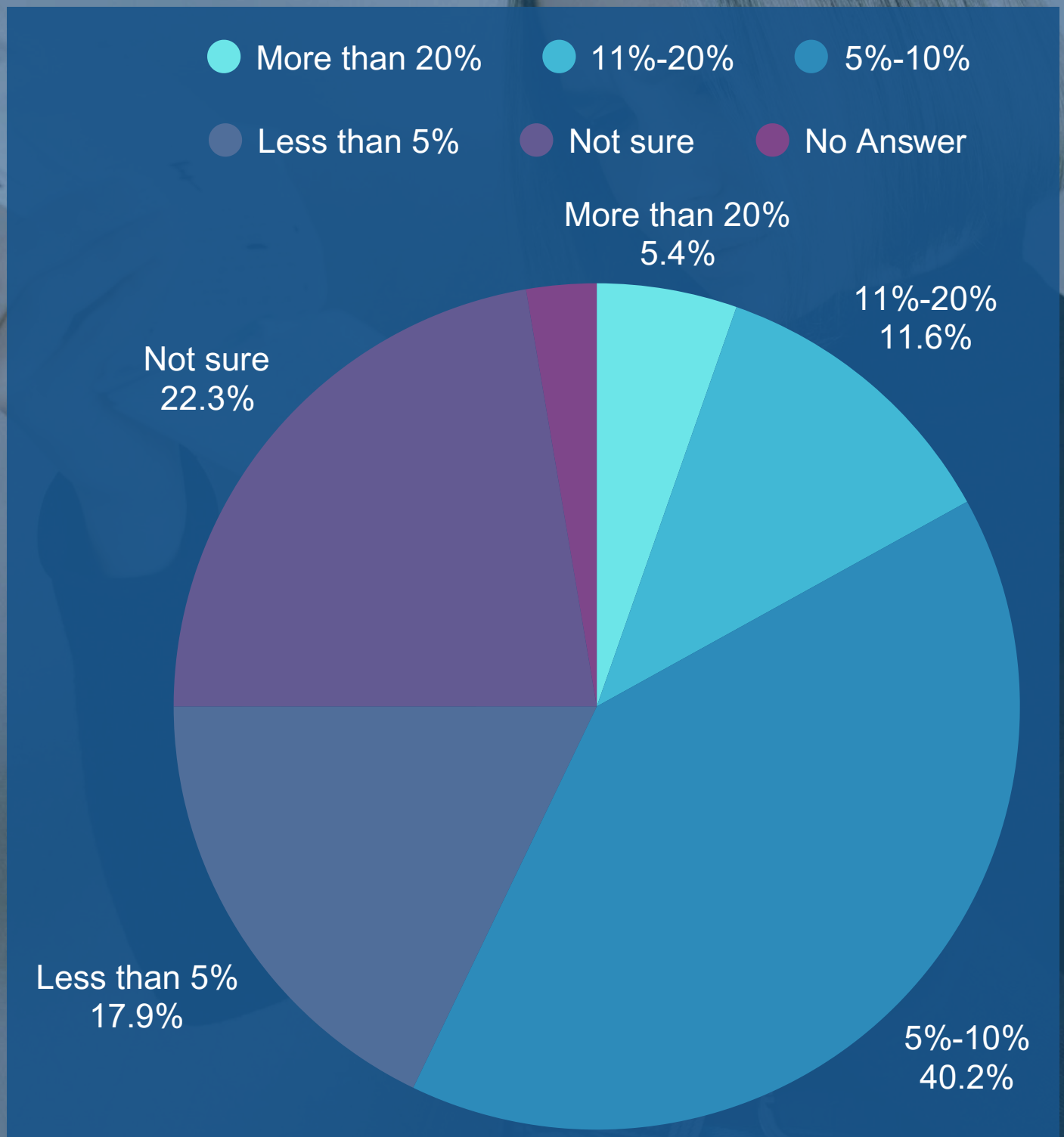


How have your energy costs changed over the past 12 months?

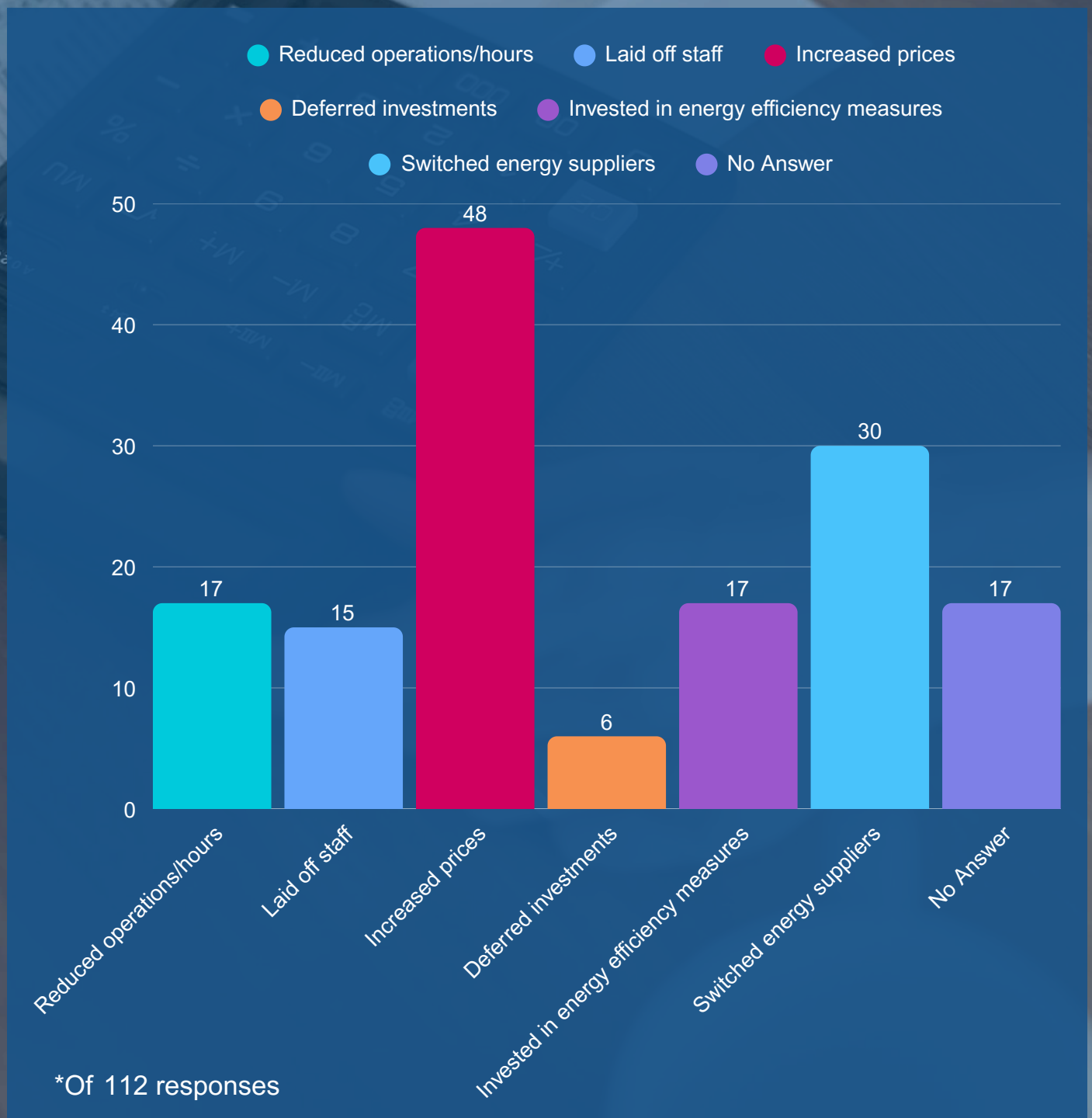


Observation: 87.5% of all respondents have seen an increase in their energy costs in the last 12 months - despite the rollout of renewables, which are supposedly the 'cheapest form of energy'

What percentage of your operating costs is currently spent on energy?



Have rising energy costs caused your business to take any of the following actions? (Select all that apply)



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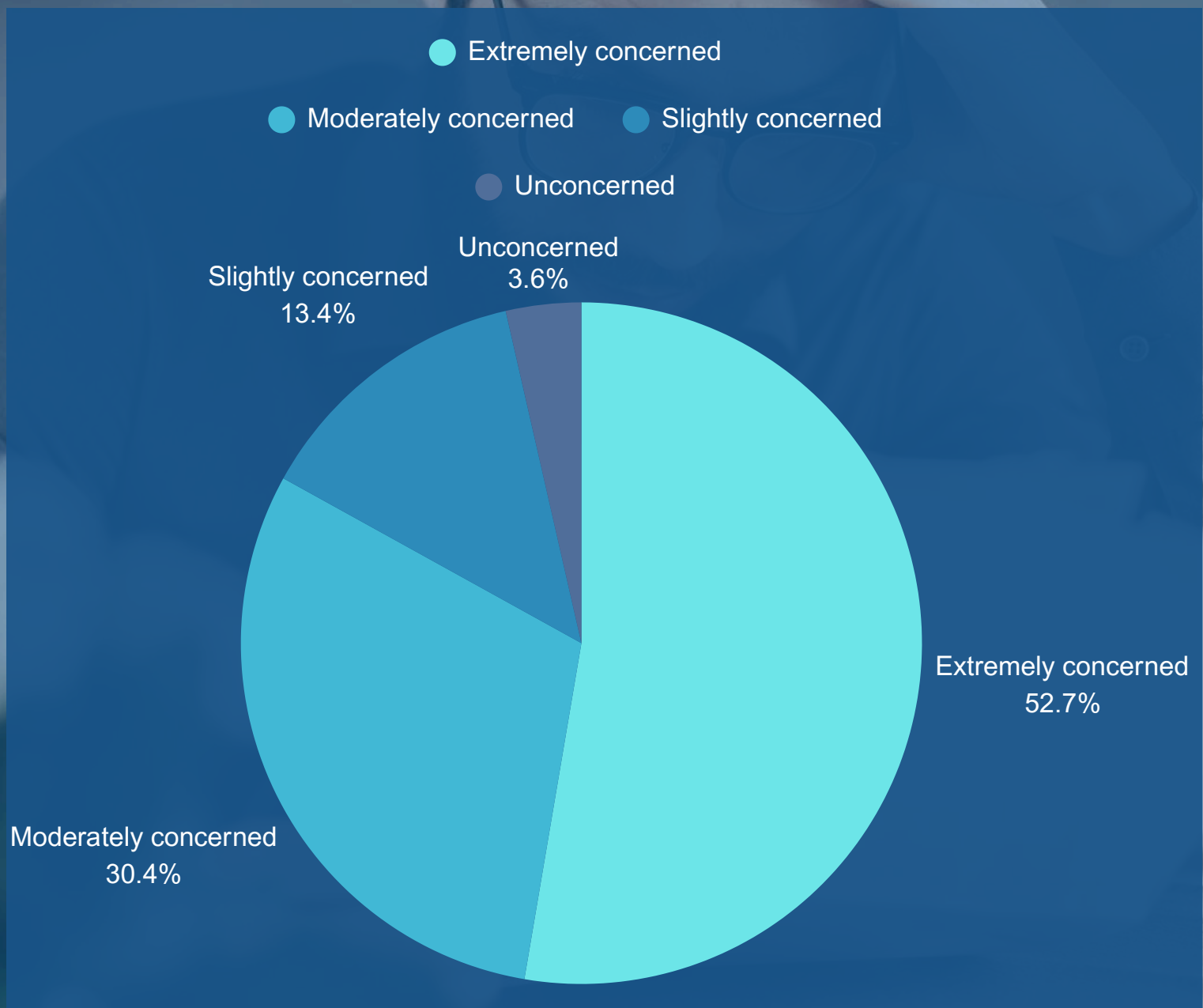
‘Other’ Responses:

- Negotiated cheaper rent and had to install solar at significant cost
- Energy costs included in rent
- Don't use aircon or heating unless in extreme conditions
- Turn off lights/no air con
- No. Have full solar energy operated building
- Turning things off more
- Using hot water bottles, heated blankets, drinking hot water to stay warm
- Turning off freezer
- No - with Red Energy
- Looked at other suppliers and ways to cut costs
- Cut back on air compressor use/not working long hours in Winter months

*Of 112 responses

Observation: Businesses have already begun to make difficult adjustments to their operations to mitigate rising electricity prices.

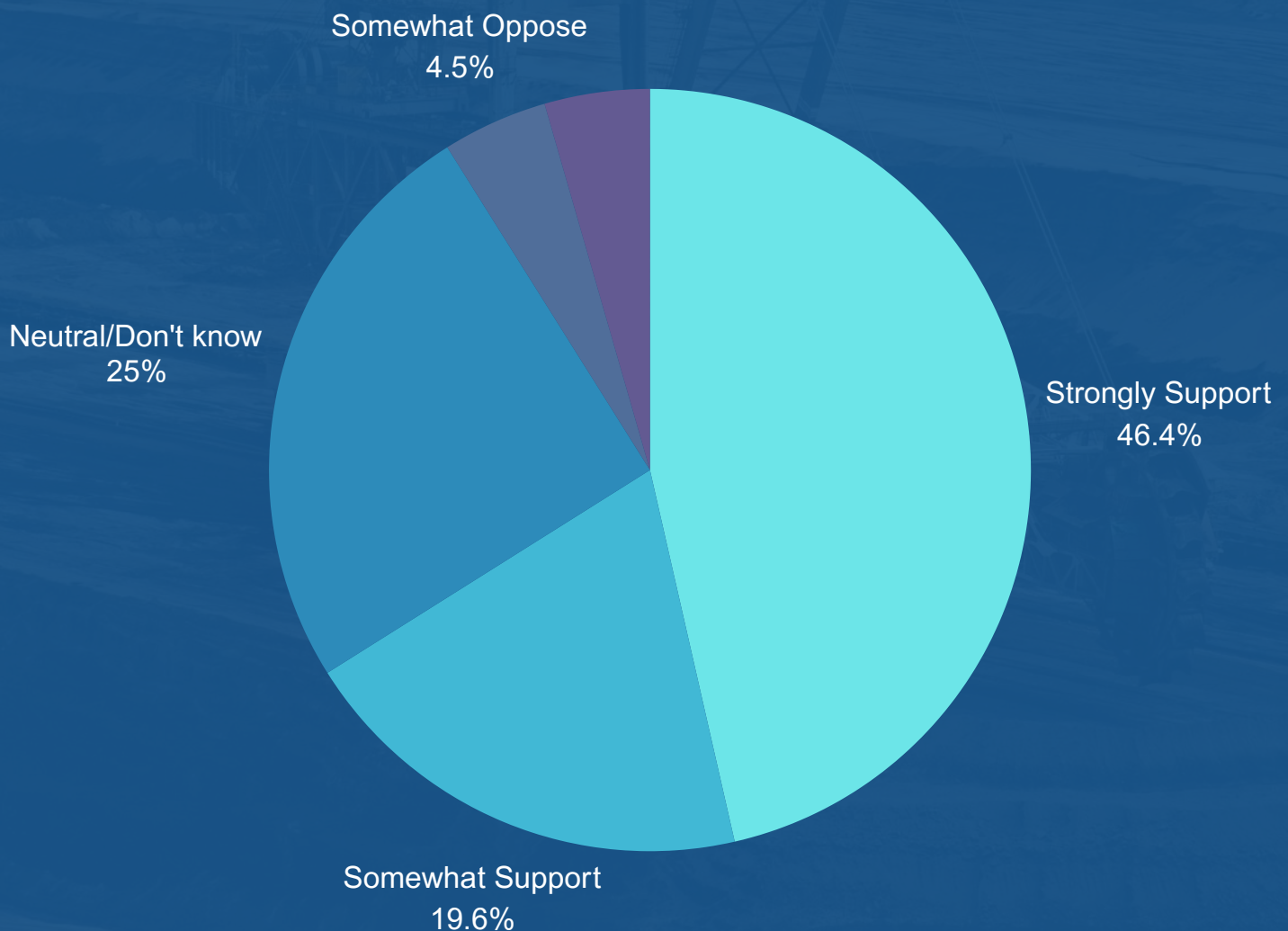
How concerned are you about future energy price volatility?



Observation: 96.4% of all respondents are concerned in some way about the future energy price volatility. How is this impacting business investment in Australia?

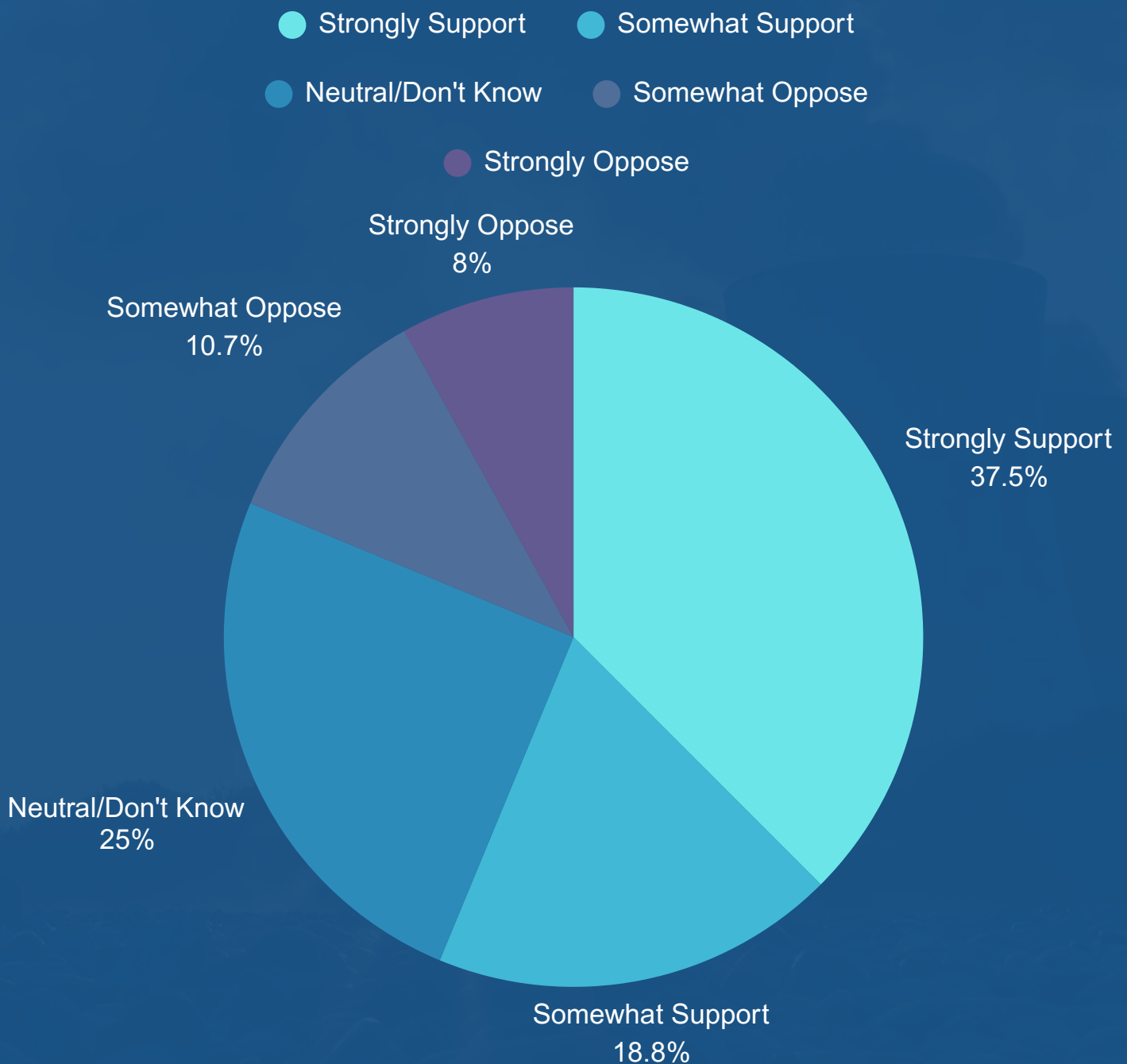
Do you support the reintroduction of coal plants to stabilise energy supply and prices?

- Strongly Support
- Somewhat Support
- Neutral/Don't know
- Somewhat Oppose
- Strongly Oppose



Observation: 66.1% of all respondents support in some way the reintroduction of coal plants to stabilise energy supply and prices, with only 8.9% who oppose. It must be remembered that respondents are located in Teal electorates, which begs the question - are voters supporting the Teals due to their stance on climate change?

Do you support the expansion of nuclear power as a long-term energy solution?



Observation: 56.3% of all respondents support in some way the introduction of nuclear power in Australia. The support for nuclear is less than the support for coal. Which begs the question, would the major parties win more votes by supporting coal?

What actions (if any) would you like to see the Government take to address energy issues for businesses?

- Accountability
- Address the constant energy price increases
- Address the continuous energy price increases
- Affordable, sustainable, safe energy
- Be progressive and invest in nuclear. Acknowledge that our contribution of coal plants are minimal in comparison to the rest of the world. We are very considerate environmentally in Australia already.
- Better education so as a business owner can make informed decisions on energy solution options
- Better rebates if using renewables
- Bring back coal and introduce nuclear power
- Bring the prices down and abolish carbon tax
- Build nuclear plants
- Cheaper and reliable prices
- Cheaper solar
- Develop long term and stable energy policy
- Drop net zero
- Drop prices
- Environmental concerns are more important for us than rising costs. Sustainability, long term solutions are ideal
- Exemption for small hospitality business
- Find clean ways to reduce cost of business
- Government should offer tax reduction for business in manufacturing
- Government should support small businesses to increase Australia economy - my recommendation
- I don't like to listen or get involved in what the Government is or isn't doing. All I know is that our energy and gas bills are high for a small business to sustain
- Heavily regulate (reduce) the amount that DNSPs are allowed to increase their prices each year, capped at no more than the CPI/Massively increase availability of BESSs in urban areas particularly. I'd suggest an installation rate of 17% pa such that 100% of capacity was installed within 6 years/increase subsidies for solar, batteries and EV charging points
- Help small businesses
- I'd like to see the Government drop energy prices as it is making it very hard to run a business and for future people wanting to start their own business
- If India, China, USA, and Russia are all doing coal and nuclear, so should Australia. Australia can concentrate on re-use and cutting down on use (re-program materialism narrative)
- Incentivise solar & battery for commercial tenants
- Increase solar power or green power

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- Invest in our coal plants, as countries around the world are doing. Loose the idea that Australia needs to be the cleanest country in the world with the most expensive power
- Keep coal power stations going until nuclear power is available
- Keep electricity pricing consistent and affordable
- Less tax
- Less tax and Government owned
- Lock in prices to assist with bill prediction
- Look at long term solutions for the energy resources and introduce company incentives to encourage energy saving
- Lower costs
- Lower energy prices, meaningful rebates for small businesses
- Lower the cost
- Lower the cost of electricity
- Make prices for energy affordable, especially for small businesses
- More affordable for small businesses
- More coal and gas and nuclear in the future
- More control over pricing. Stop selling electricity overseas at prices lower than what we pay
- More solar and better rebates for business
- Put power supply back into control by the Government
- Rebates, discounts, negotiation with source suppliers
- Reduce electricity prices
- Reduce immediate energy costs
- Reduce prices
- Reduce prices
- Reduce prices by selling cheap resources to Australia rather than selling energy-natural gas to e.g. Japan
- Reduce the cost
- Sell Australian resources at a proper price and not give it away. Install state of the art coal power station. Invest in Australian made products
- Something to help small businesses instead of making it harder
- Stop building wind farms
- Stop relying on 'green power' without reliable energy available
- Support small businesses with energy plans
- Use our own resources to reduce cost of living
- Use more coal and gas for baseload energy until renewable energy is at the development level in energy production and cost as coal and gas
- Wants Government control of poles and wires
- We had solar panels installed which saved some money but not much
- We have got immense reserves of coal, we sell it overseas and do not use it ourselves, they are idiots - to Government
- We need to look at long term energy provision via a mix of supplies: solar, coal, water, nuclear so not reliant on any one type
- What the best options are irrespective of renewables

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Let's Rethink Renewables is a network of concerned Australians who are united against the Government's reckless rollout of industrial renewable projects in regional and rural communities.

Renewable energy has consequences

We are told that Australia's transition to a 'green energy future' is a positive and smart solution, which will transition us into a 'renewable energy superpower'.

Unfortunately, the reality is far from the glitzy marketing messaging and virtue signaling policies of pro-renewable politicians and companies. Wind, solar, high-voltage transmission lines and towers, pumped hydro and industrial battery energy storage system (BESS) projects have consequences.

The majority of these consequences are being felt by our regional communities. They are 'out-of-sight and out-of-mind' for city people who support and vote for pro-renewable advocates.

Let's Rethink Renewables is driven to highlight these consequences. As bulldozers rumble across our rural landscapes and solar panels carpet our productive farmland, the costs of renewables projects are mounting.

We believe our landscapes, productive farmland and native wildlife are worth protecting, but once they are gone, they are gone for good.

Will you join us in this fight?

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Let's Rethink Renewables represents over 120 community action groups that are being steamrolled by industrial wind, solar and transmission projects.

Importantly, we are fighting for our present and future generations who will pay the price of the reckless rush to Net Zero with higher electricity prices, energy insecurity and the loss of Australia's precious unrenovable landscapes, farmland and wildlife habitats.

Join us or donate today!



HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

GET INVOLVED!

Your support can come in a variety of forms:

JOIN US:

The more Members we have, the more powerful our movement will be. We believe greater political involvement is the key to driving change in Australia.

Please consider driving real change by becoming a Member.

Visit: www.letsrethinkrenewables.org

DONATE:

Donations play a vital part in building our movement. Your contribution can aid us with:

- Social media campaigns
- Venue hire for events and conventions
- Printing flyers, banners and materials
- Travelling to events & speaking engagements
- Hiring billboards and general advertising

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