



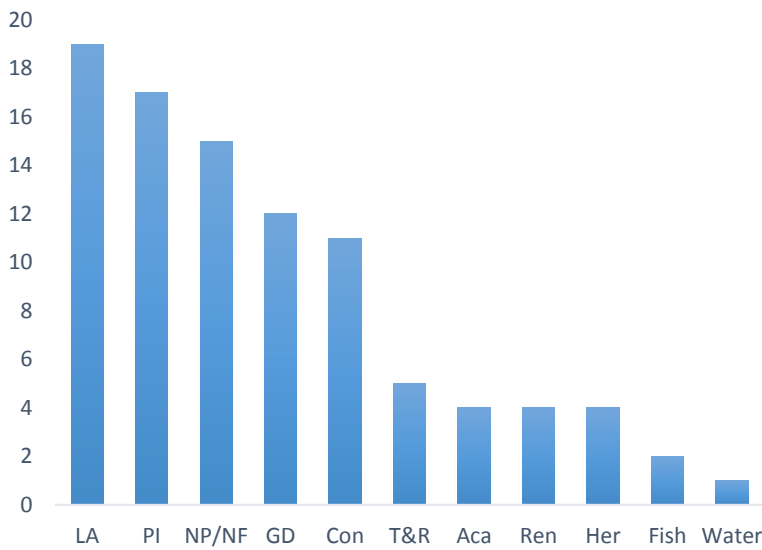
During the summer of 2018 we invited selected stakeholders to participate in small working groups to test our work around the development of potential Marine Plan policies. The aim of this engagement was to present our work to date on the development of new policies.

A number of webinars and face-to-face meetings were arranged within specific marine plan areas and across all remaining plan areas. The potential policies that we chose to discuss were new policies or further developed existing policies that we felt required further refinement or sense checking for implementation considerations. This process helped validate our work and has assisted in refining our potential policies.

The potential Marine Plan policy development webinars focused on a particular topic in which no more than five potential policies were presented to the stakeholders involved. This ensured that we were presenting the most relevant policies to our expert stakeholders and maximised the value of our engagement.

Who we engaged with

We engaged with a variety of stakeholders across different sectors. These stakeholders were selected based on what input we needed for each of the potential Marine Plan policies identified as needing further development. In some cases, we required technical expertise to further develop the potential Marine Plan policy and in others we required input on ways to successfully implement it.



Key: LA - Local Authorities, PI - Port Industry, NP/NF – Nature Partnerships/Forums, GD – Government Departments, Con – Conservation, T&R – Tourism and Recreation, Aca – Academic, Ren – Renewable Industry, Her – Heritage, Fish – Fisheries organisations, Water – Water companies

Figure 1. Number of stakeholders engaged from each category

Table 1. Number of webinars per region

Table with 2 columns: Area, Count. Rows include All plan areas (17), NE (1), NW (1), SE (2), SW (5).

What we engaged on

In total, we presented 46 potential Marine Plan policies across the four remaining marine plan areas. Within each theme group, potential Marine Plan policies were selected that required further development. We engaged on slightly more potential economic policies compared to other theme groups but overall engagement was fairly evenly spread across the four theme groups.

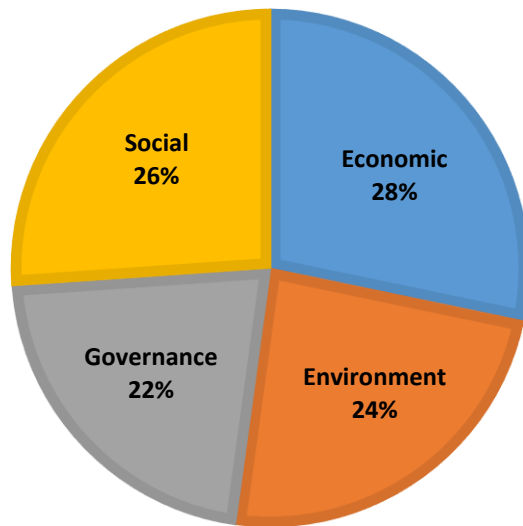


Figure 2. Percentage of potential Marine Plan policies engaged on for each theme group

Most of our summer engagement was aimed at stakeholders with an interest across all marine plan areas level which meant that we engaged with stakeholders across all four marine plan areas on similar potential Marine Plan policies. This maximised the value of the time invested in this engagement, and where appropriate ensured a consistent response across all remaining marine plan areas.

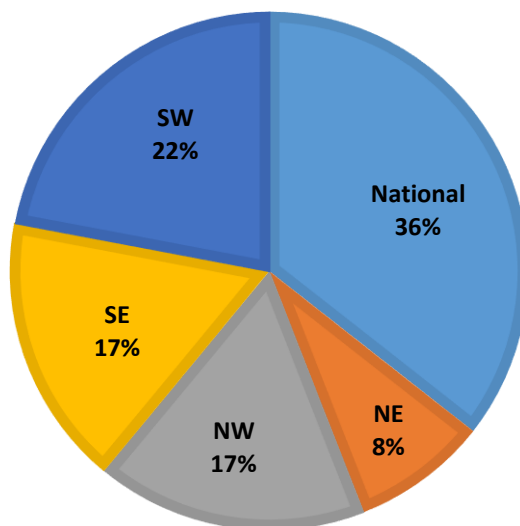


Figure 3. Potential Marine Plan policies engaged on for each plan area

Feedback

Internal review and feedback from our stakeholders identified how we can improve our engagement in the future.

Technology: The marine planning team trialled a new way of engaging with our stakeholders via webinars. Whilst in the majority of cases these meetings were a success, we will be working on this form of engagement in the future to support this useful tool for remote workshops and meetings with our stakeholders.

Seeing a change: Stakeholders have said they would like to see how their input into summer engagement is making an impact in the further development of potential Marine Plan policies prior to Iteration 3 engagement. The marine planning team are developing ways to communicate the positive impact your input has upon the developing marine plans.