

Local engagement: Nanango

Local engagement Output Report



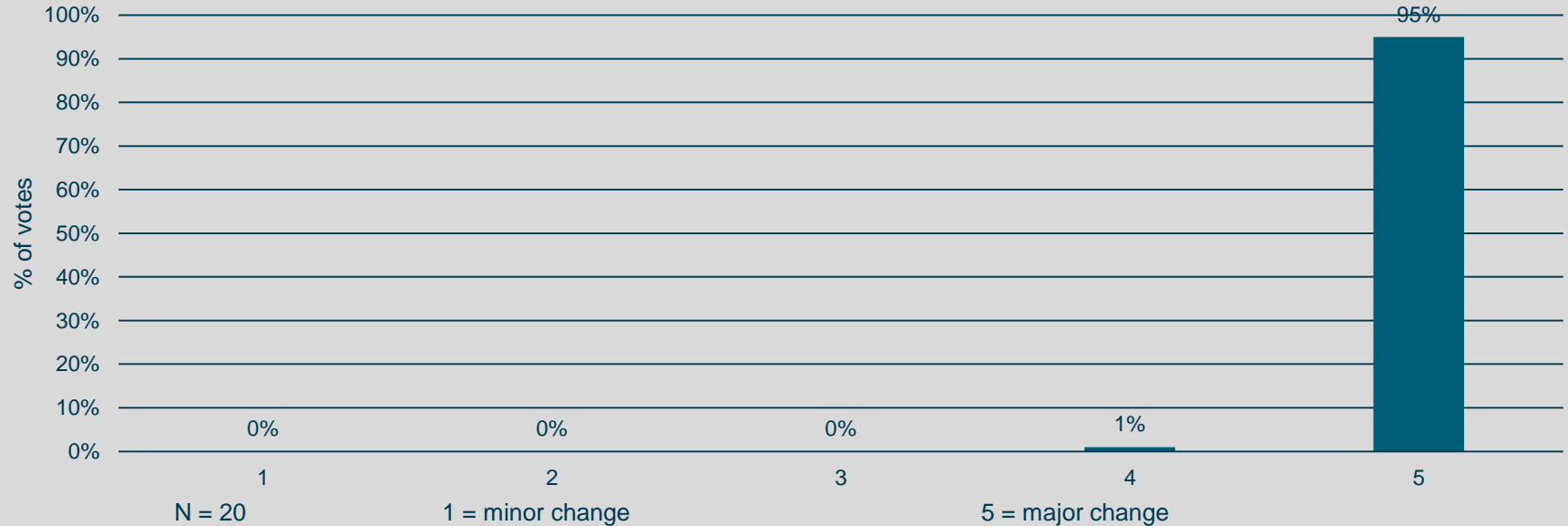
Background

Concurrent to the regional workshops are separate local engagements being held by RDPs and SDFOs for each dairy region. This report captures the discussions held at the local engagement in Nanango on 20 May that was facilitated by Subtropical Dairy.

Alongside the outputs for the regional workshops, this local engagement output is intended to provide a record for attendees and for those who could not attend to contribute to the conversation. This output will be combined with the outputs of other local engagements and regional workshops in the development of the Australian Dairy Plan.

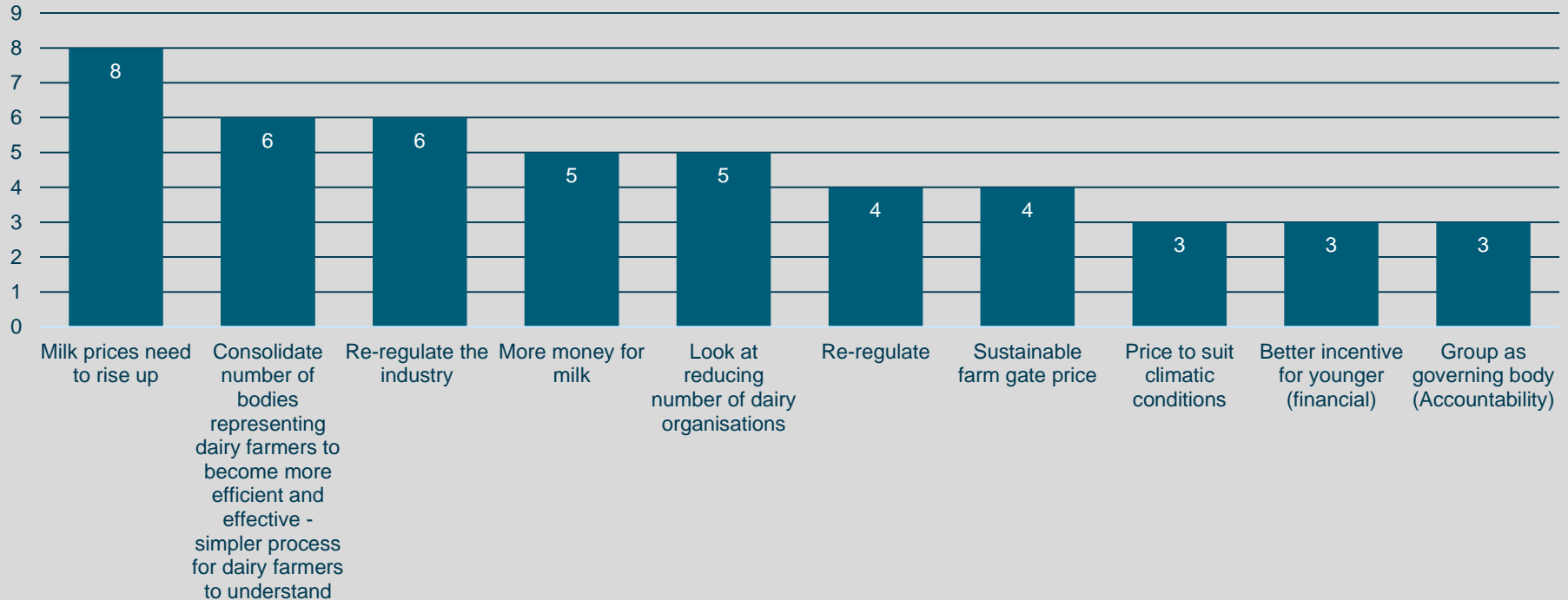
How big is the appetite for change?

Participants voted on "how much change is needed to get the industry to a better place?"



What needs to change?

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N = 20; Top 10 ideas by votes

Appendix: What needs to change? (full list of results)

- Milk prices need to rise up
- Consolidate number of bodies representing dairy farmers to become more efficient and effective - simpler process for dairy farmers to understand
- Re-regulate the industry
- More money for milk
- Look at reducing number of dairy organisations
- Re-regulate
- Sustainable farm gate price
- Price to suit climatic conditions
- Better incentive for younger (financial)
- Group as governing body (Accountability)
- Need more industry unity to get results from government
- Regulation of dairy industry (farm gate price)
- More \$ - consumers - all branded milk processors/supermarkets
- Need to be price setters not price takers
- Stop imported bulk cheese/any dairy products
- Standard litre of milk - components SCCs
- Public perception
- Processor better negotiations with supermarkets
- Free milk to the schools - fresh and re-introduce home delivery
- National milk pools
- Businesses need to become more profitable to be able to invest or upgrade so we can become more efficient
- Need better strategies in place to represent regional areas fairer not just Victoria
- Equal support for Australian dairy farmers as international
- A voice from grass roots up
- Less organisations
- More skilled people (475 visa)
- Cheaper inputs - water electricity
- Tax incentives - depreciation
- Genetically modified cows
- Dairy farmers should be price-setters
- Bargaining power for farmers
- Importance of dairy to wider community
- Respect for farmers (std for Aust food)
- Abolish ACCC (suppress industry)
- Milk price CPI linked
- Consumers made more aware of where milk originates - previously consumers had link to farms
- Long life milk is a concern
- Look at support for young farmers to enter the industry e.g. share farms/lease - info/training towards this