

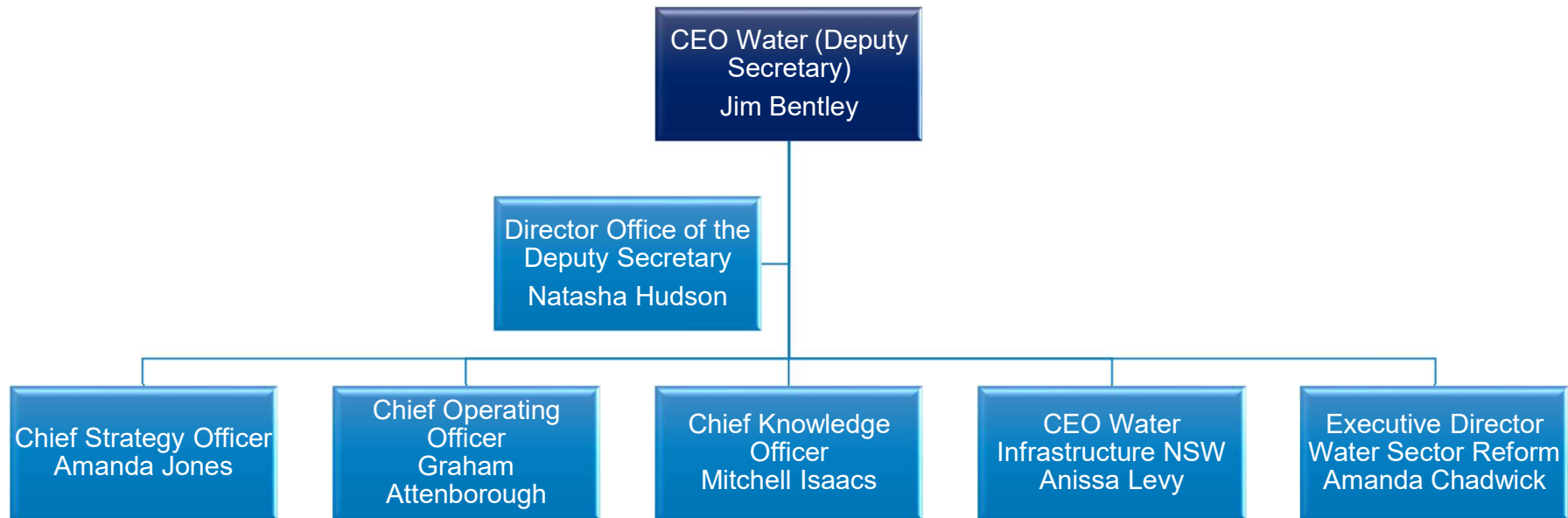


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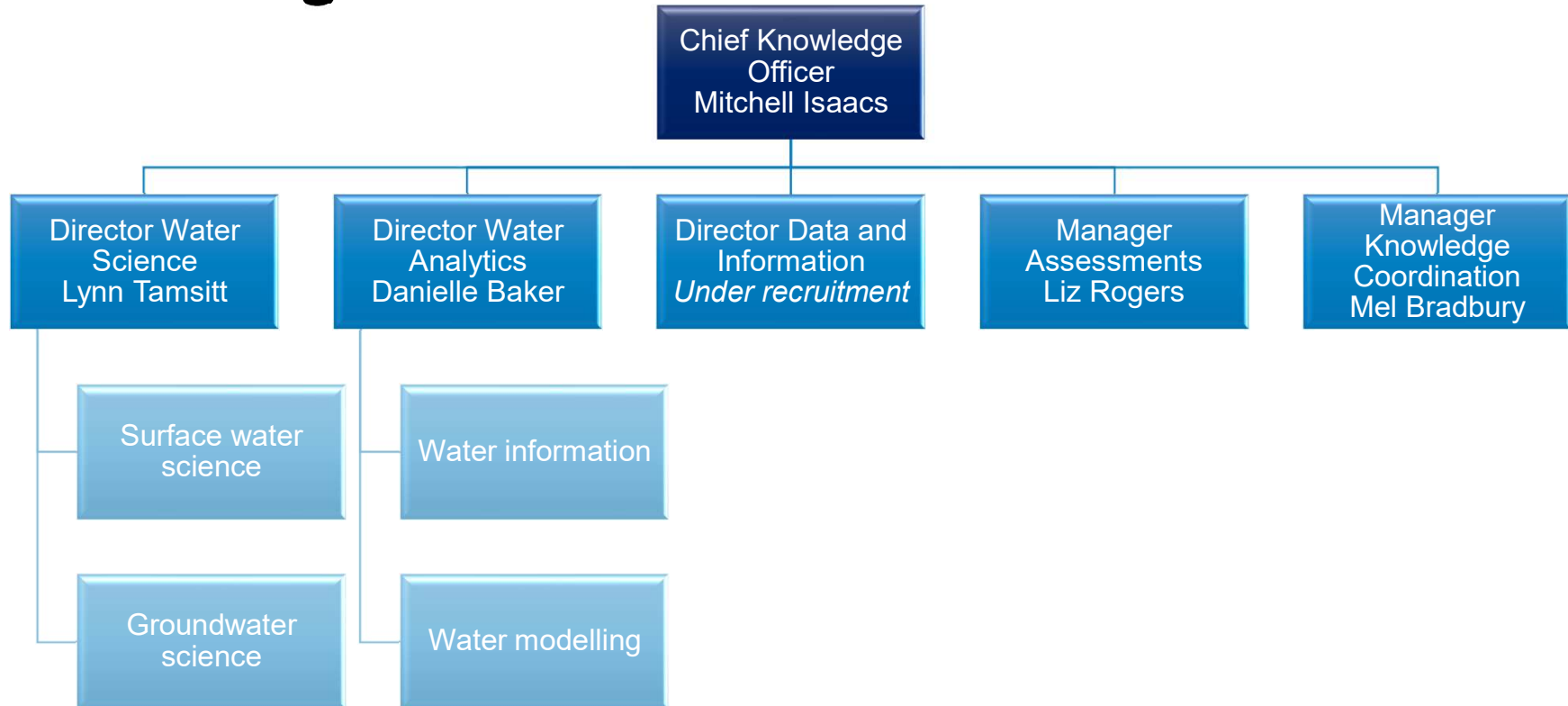
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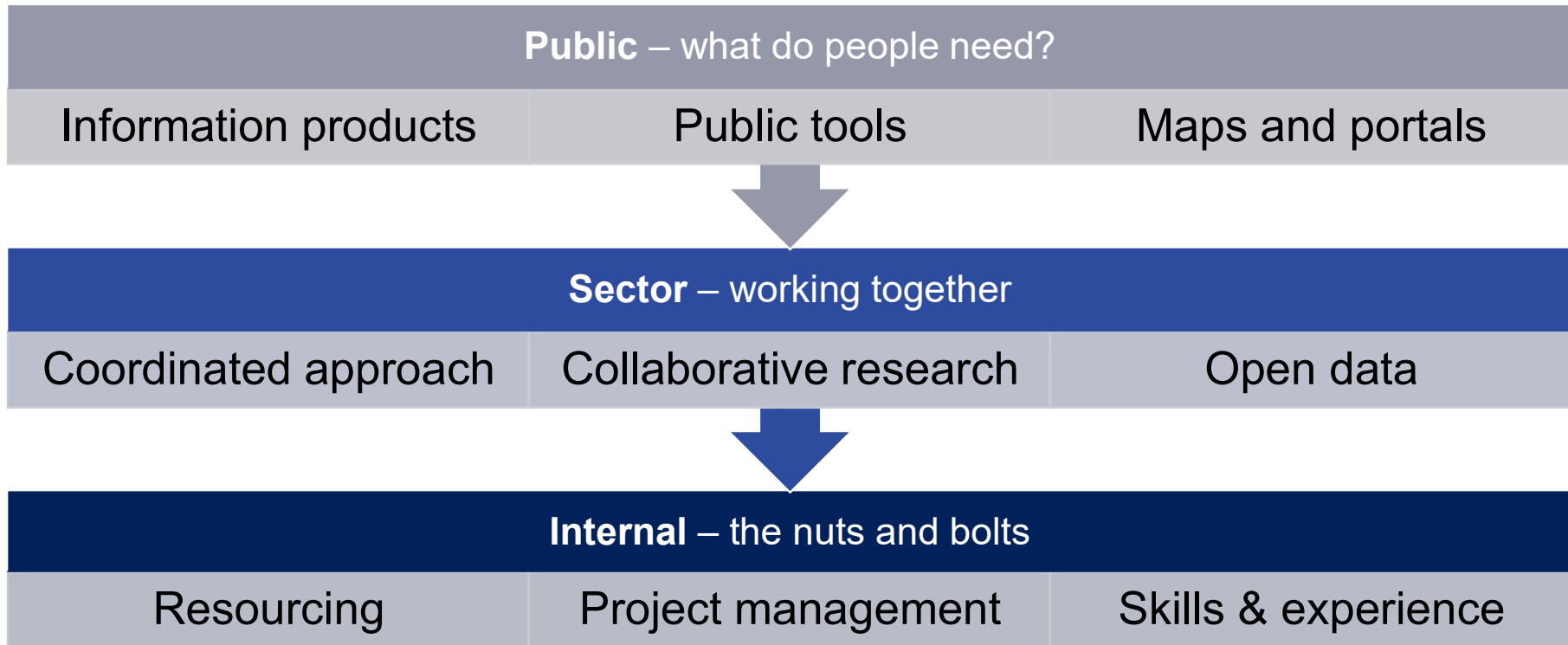
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Knowledge Division



Three tier knowledge focus



Some knowledge priorities

- Information – *more, simpler, better*
- Trust and transparency – *open by default*
- Develop our evidence base
- Enable self service
- More reliable service delivery

Key knowledge work

- Science
 - *New monitoring bores*
 - *Groundwater management*
 - *Water quality*
 - *River management*
- Modelling
 - *Surface*
 - *Groundwater*
 - *Source models*
 - *FPH*
 - *Regional Water Strategies*
- Hydrometrics
- Data management and sharing
- Water accounting
- Analytics



Inquiries and transparency work

- ACCC water markets inquiry (due to Treasurer 26 Feb)
 - DPIE commissioned independent review and initial comments online
- Productivity Commission:
 - NWI (draft report)
 - Register of foreign ownership (issues paper)
- DPIE transparency consultation (consultation closed)
- WaterInsights (WaterNSW)

Transparency consultation

- Summary and results dashboard online
- Currently working on improvements
- Some observations include:
 - Most info people want is available but can be hard to find
 - Existing tools need improvements (clunky, hard to navigate etc)
 - Support for all licences to be treated equally
 - Strong support for intended use to be published
 - Low awareness of some tools eg WaterInsights 39%, Usage (38%) and Trade (32%) dashboards

Transparency consultation

SURVEYS

177

TOTAL

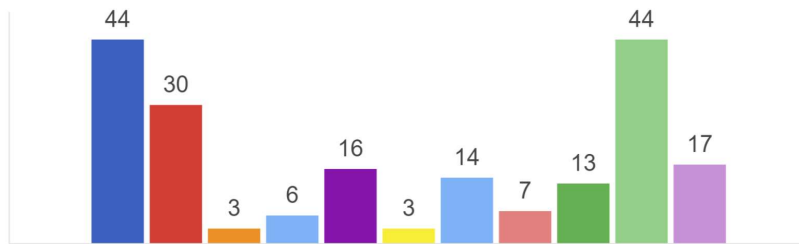
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Individual

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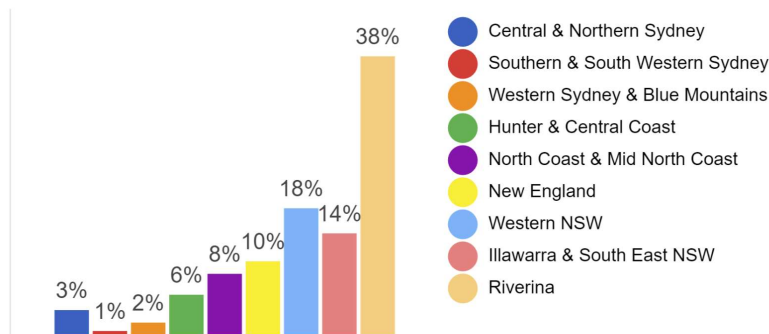
Organisation

Capacity you participate in water markets

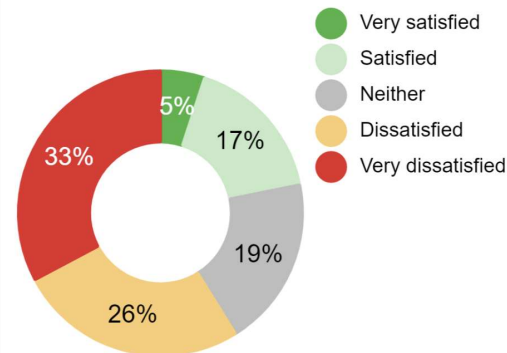


- Irrigator who HAS bought or sold water in the last 12 months
- Irrigator who HAS NOT bought or sold water in the last 12 months
- Water broker or water exchange
- Non-irrigating trader
- Non-irrigating water user
- Non-water using trader
- Water market analyst / advisor / researcher
- Environmental water holder
- Government agency
- Interested but do not participate in the market
- Other

Surveys by postcode region

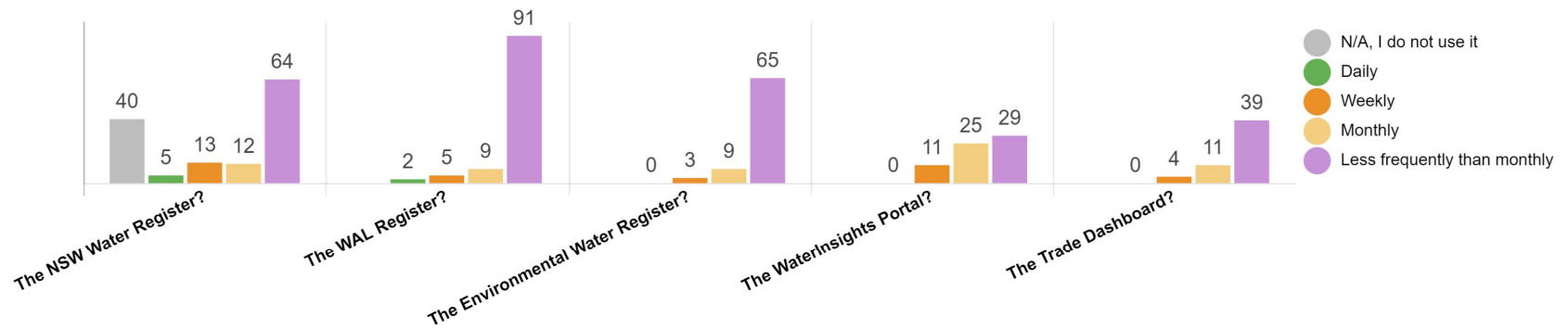


Satisfied with access/usability of information

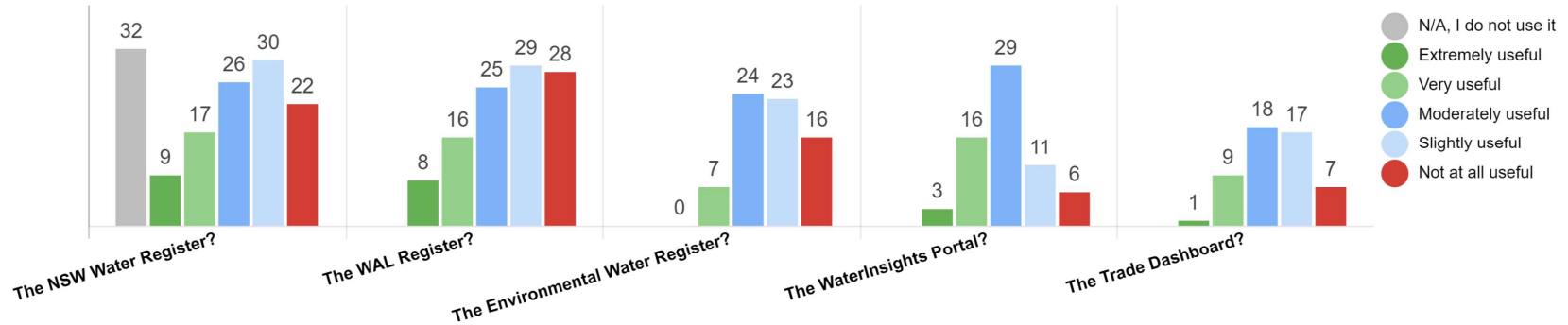


Transparency consultation

How often do you use...?



How useful do you find...?





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Follow up information

- More detailed org chart provided (next slide)
- Q: What industry consultation will DPIE Water undertake in developing our ACCC response?
- A: We will be consulting with stakeholders in the preparation of the NSW Government response, however until we understand the extent of the recommendations in the final ACCC report, we won't know what the consultation will look like. The consultation will definitely include NSWIC along with a range of other stakeholders covering a range of interests (eg local government, water brokers, environmental), and we have prepared some preliminary comments on the options proposed in the draft report, which are available on our website to give an indication of our thinking and to assist consultation once the final report is available.

Water Group

Executive Branch – Direct Reports

Note this includes temporary and acting arrangements



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