

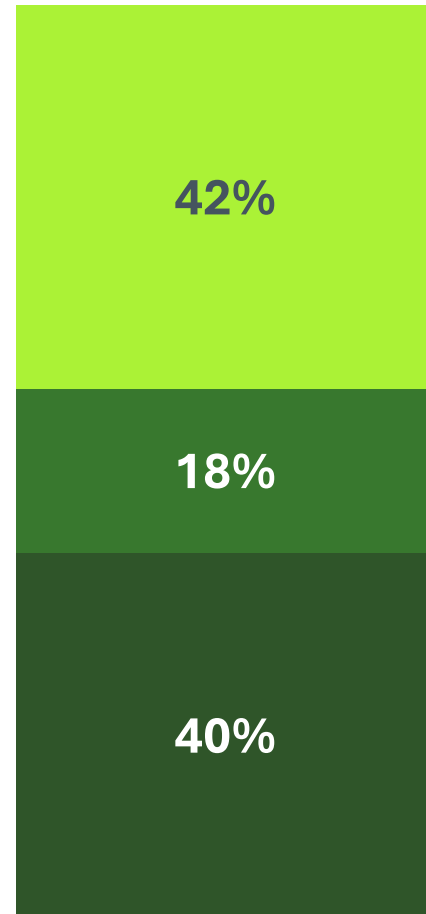
Address to the National Catchment Group Forum

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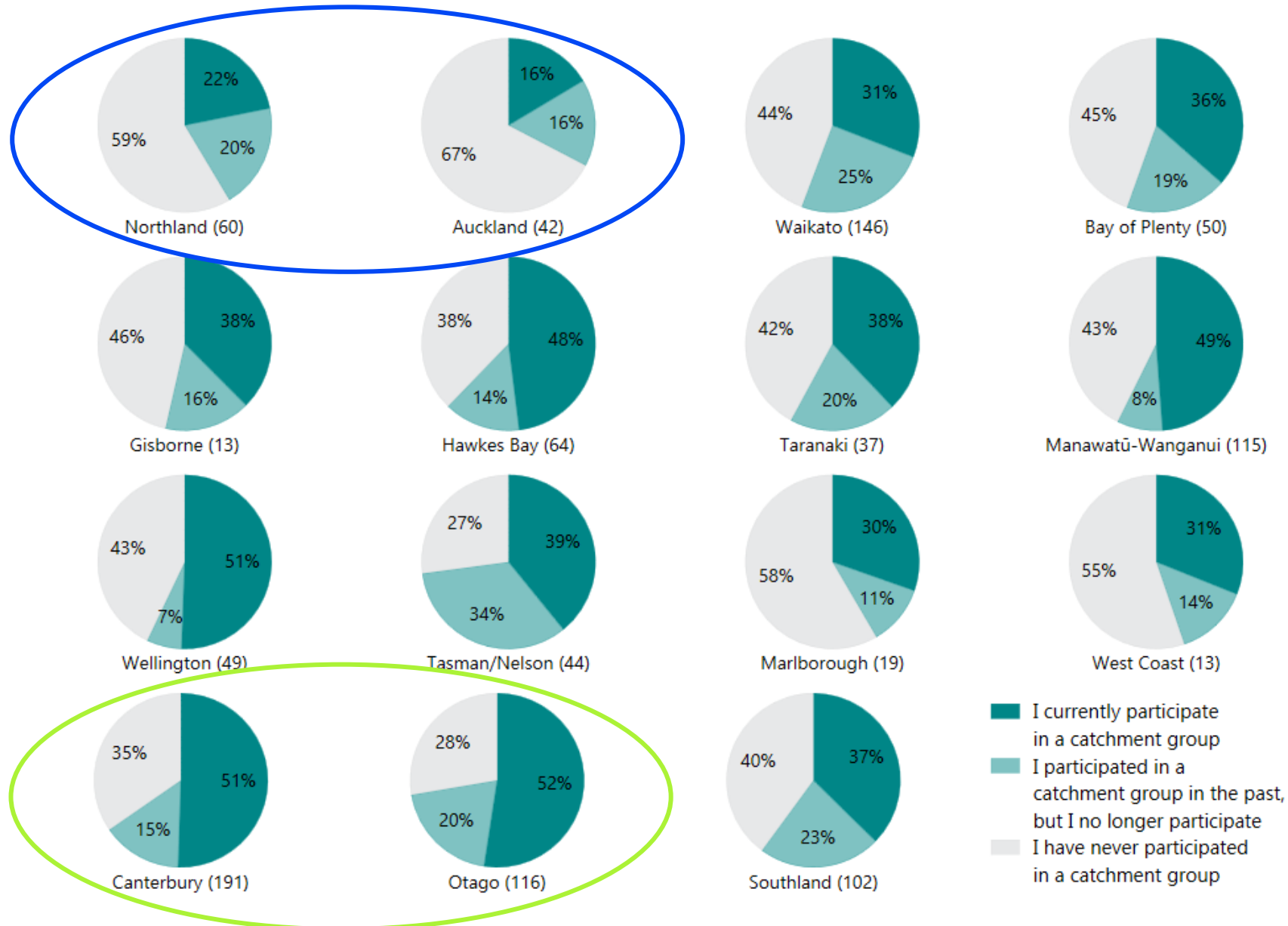
Participation in catchment groups



- I have never participated in a catchment group
- I participated in a catchment group in the past, but I no longer participate
- I currently participate in a catchment group

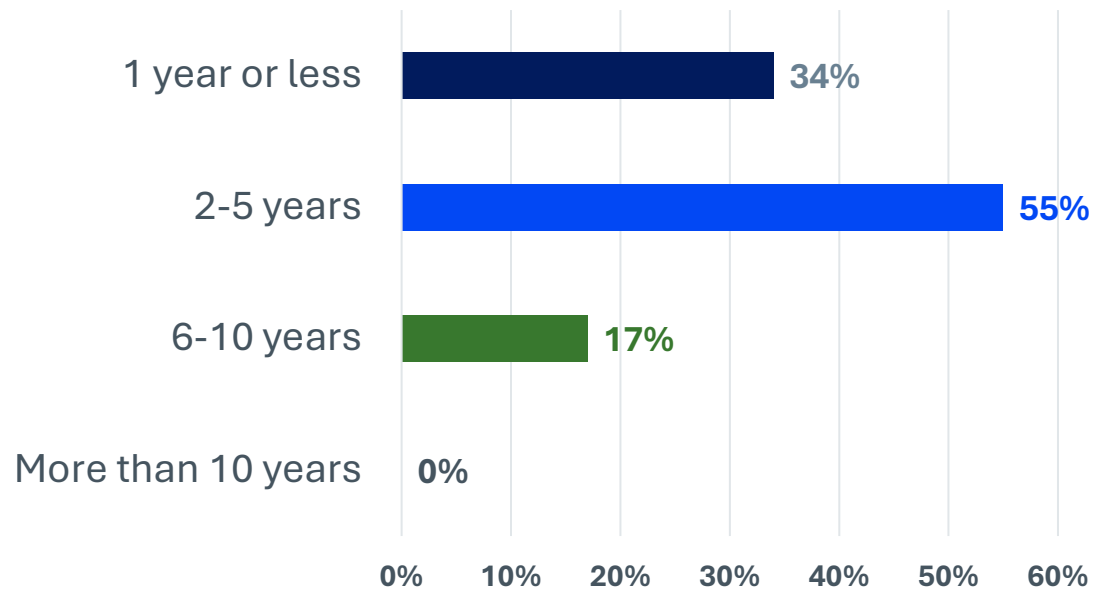


Participation in catchment groups varies by region



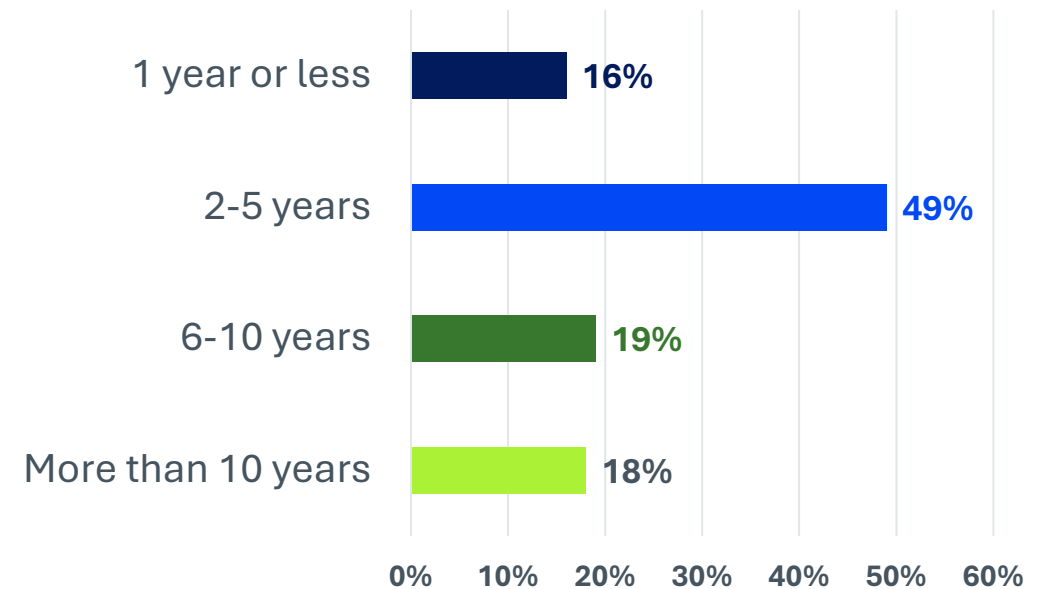
Participation in catchment groups is dynamic

Length of participation in catchment groups among **former** participants



Average length: **2.8 years**

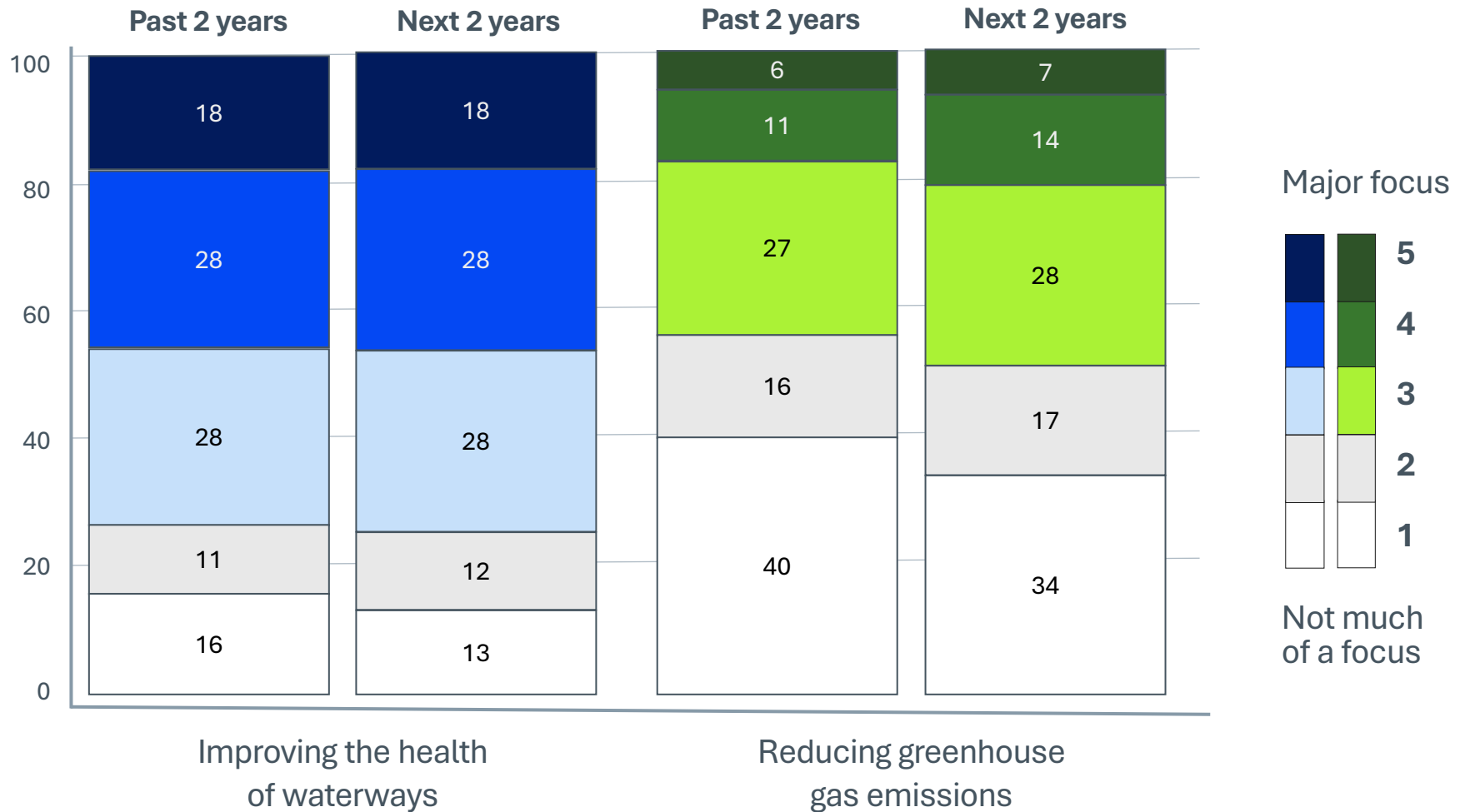
Length of participation in catchment groups among **current** participants



Average length: **5.9 years**



Managerial focus



A scenic landscape featuring a river, a golf course, and a dam with a waterfall, under a cloudy sky. The foreground shows a grassy hillside with some dry vegetation. The middle ground includes a river flowing through a lush green area, with a golf course visible on the left. In the background, there are rolling hills and a line of wind turbines on the horizon. The sky is filled with large, grey clouds.

Thank you