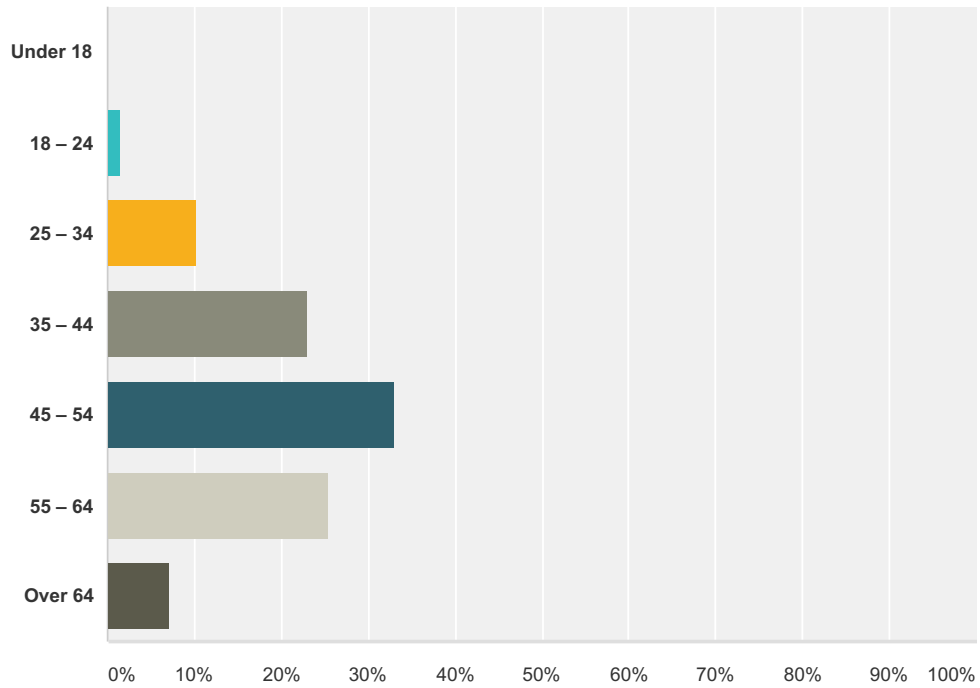


### Q1 Age

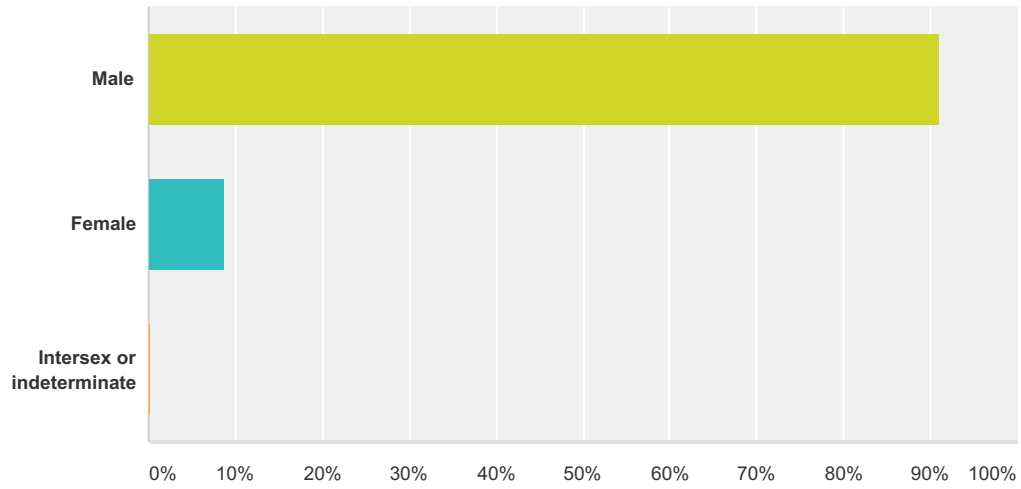
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Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18	0.00% 0
18 - 24	1.46% 7
25 - 34	10.21% 49
35 - 44	22.92% 110
45 - 54	32.92% 158
55 - 64	25.42% 122
Over 64	7.08% 34
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### Q2 Sex

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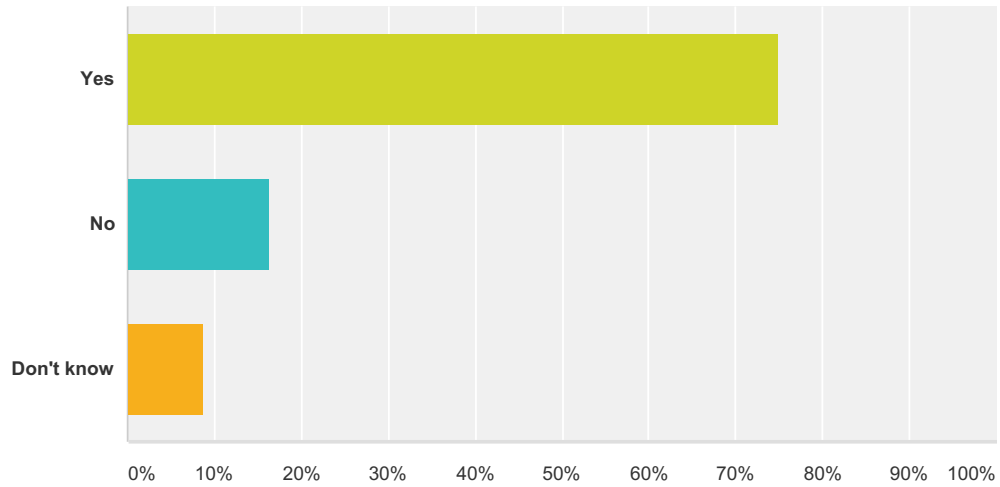


Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	90.97%	433
Female	8.82%	42
Intersex or indeterminate	0.21%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>476</b>

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### Q4 1. Is there merit in consolidating the legislative framework for building sector regulation and control in one part of the EP&A Act?

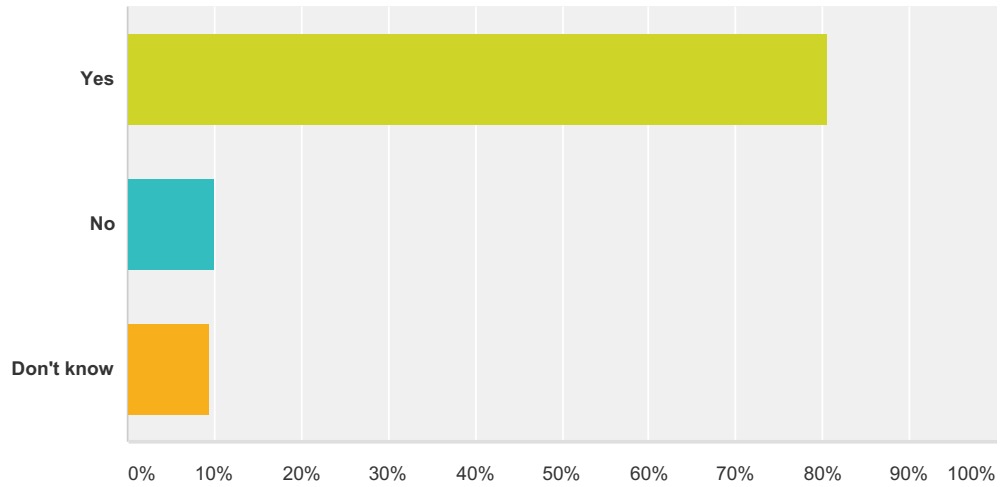
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	74.91%	206
No	16.36%	45
Don't know	8.73%	24
<b>Total</b>		<b>275</b>

**Q5 2. Are there sufficient additional benefits to justify consolidating all building legislation (including the Home Building Act 1993) in its own Act?**

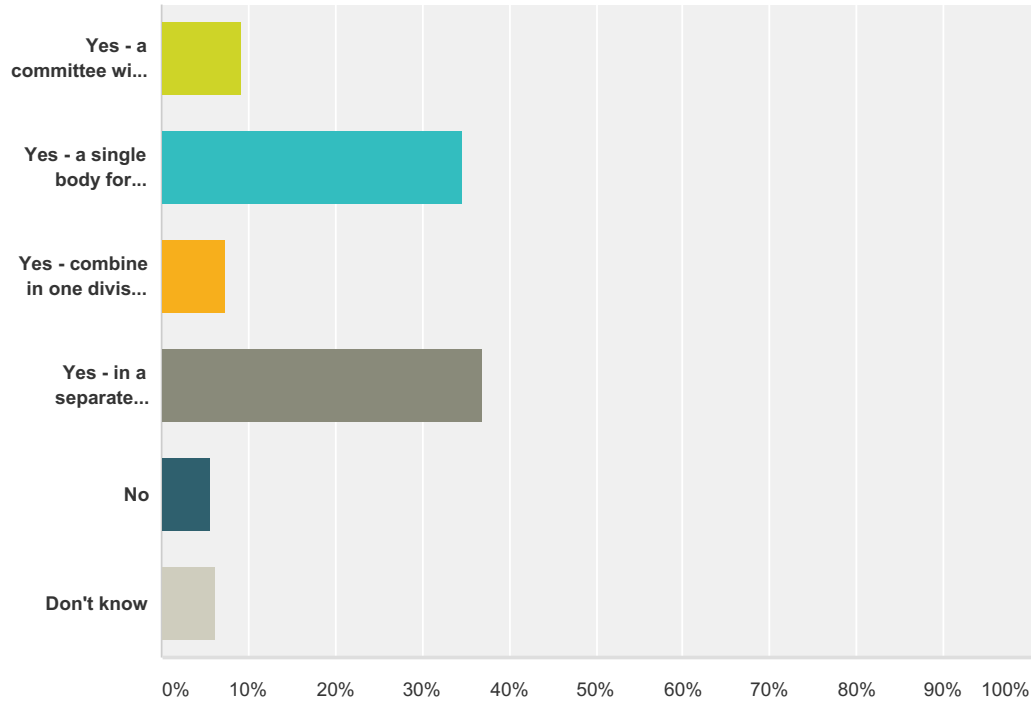
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	80.60%	216
No	10.07%	27
Don't know	9.33%	25
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### Q6 3. Are there sufficient benefits to justify the consolidation of building regulation administration?

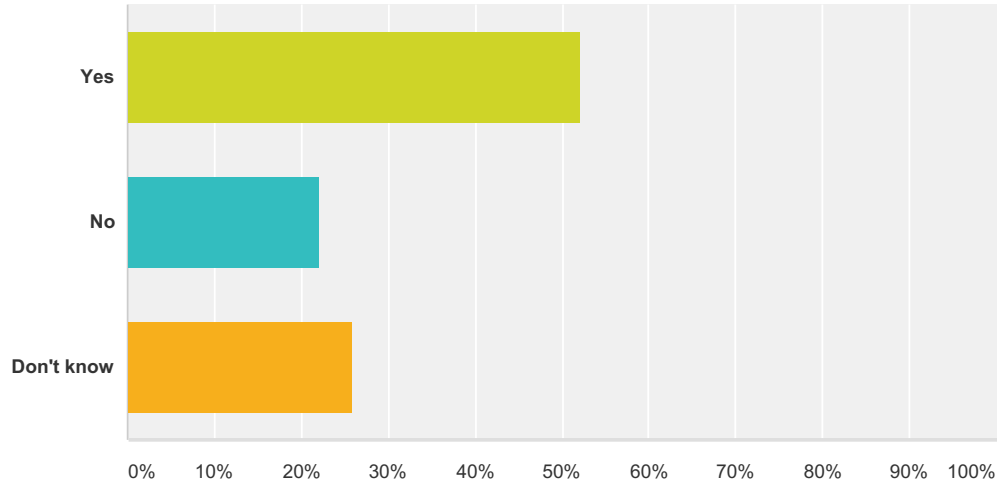
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes - a committee with representatives from existing agencies	9.23% 25
Yes - a single body for accreditation/ licensing of all building professions	34.69% 94
Yes - combine in one division of an existing agency	7.38% 20
Yes - in a separate building commission (independent statutory body)	36.90% 100
No	5.54% 15
Don't know	6.27% 17
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>

**Q7 4. Should the BP Act provide the BPB with the power to employ its own staff in addition to seconding staff?**

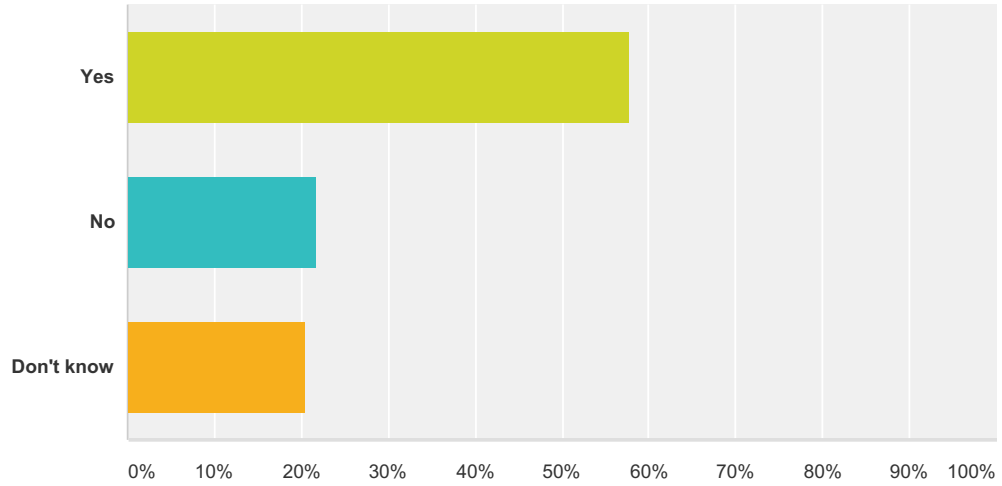
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	52.09% 137
No	22.05% 58
Don't know	25.86% 68
<b>Total</b>	<b>263</b>

### Q8 5. Is there merit in the functions undertaken by BPB continuing to be undertaken by a statutory board?

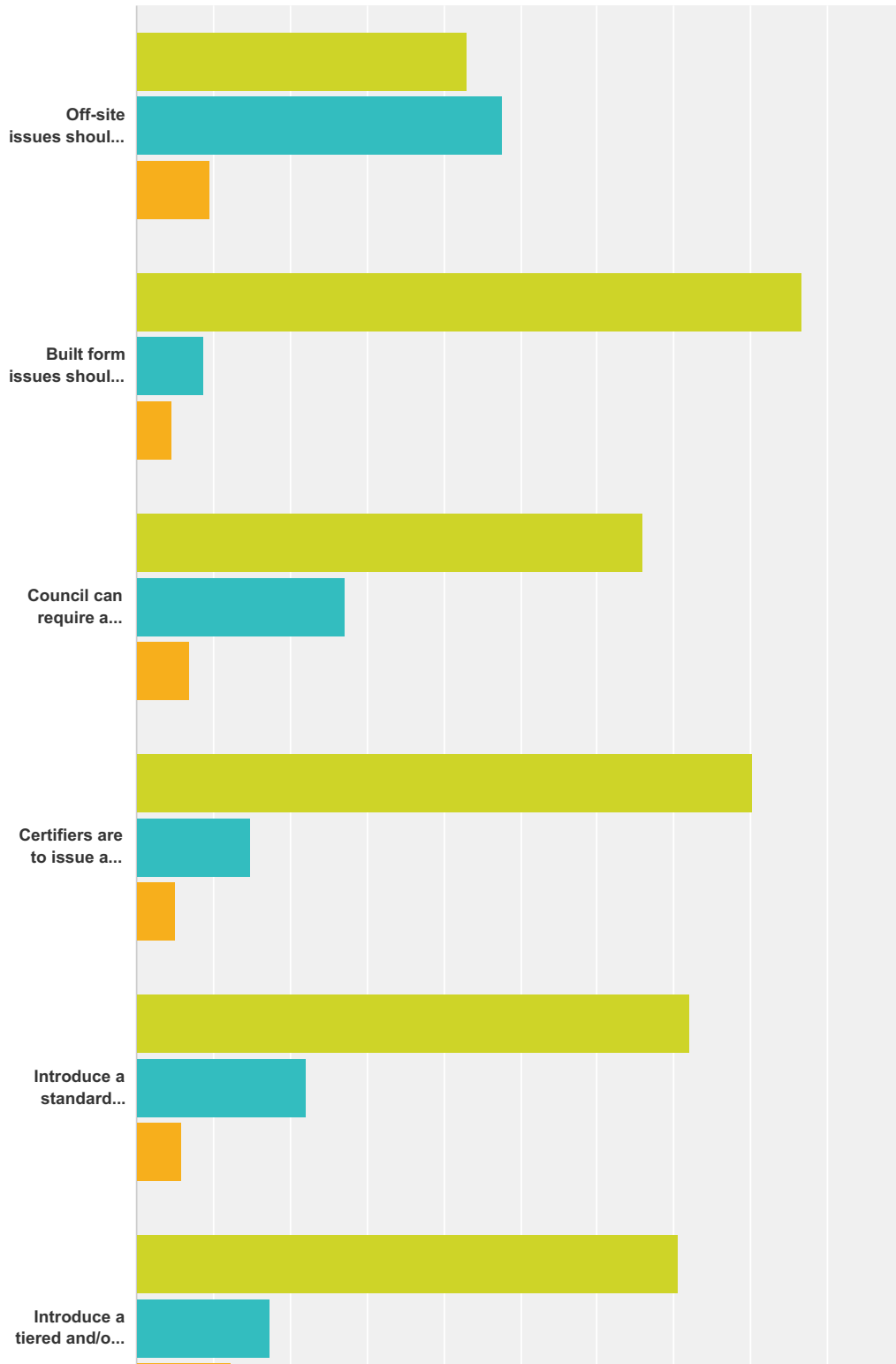
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	57.79% 152
No	21.67% 57
Don't know	20.53% 54
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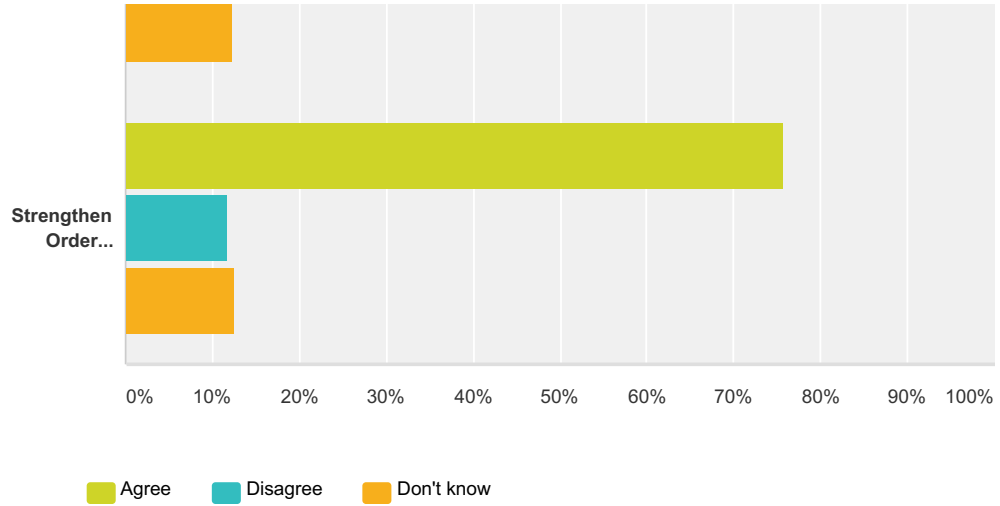
### Q9 6. Would the framework of cooperation developed by the BPB's Reference Group provide an effective approach for interaction between private certifiers and local government?

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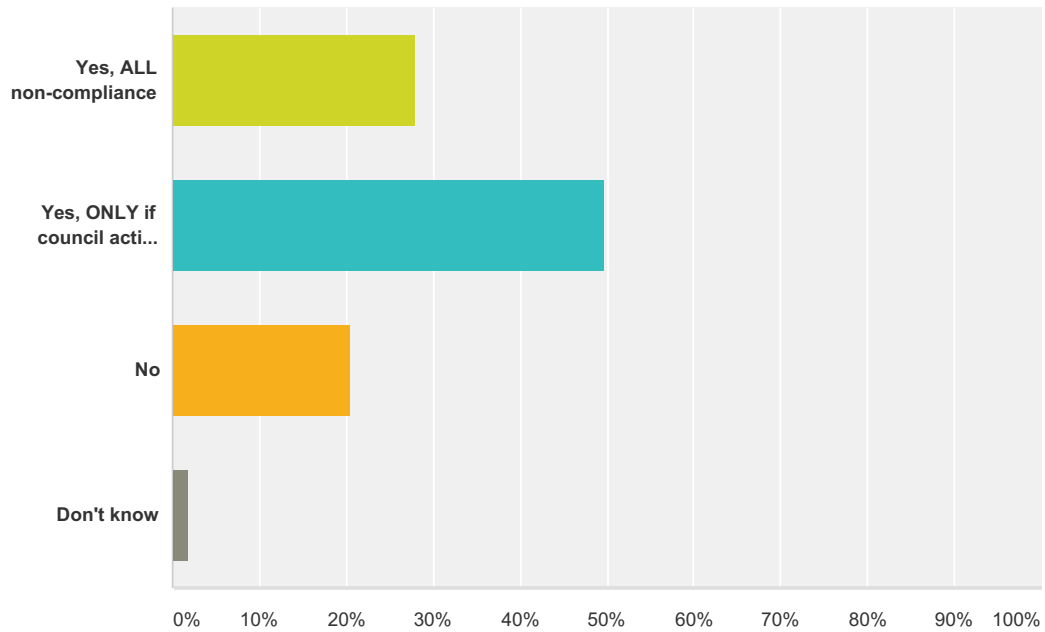
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	Agree	Disagree	Don't know	Total
Off-site issues should be directed to council in the first instance, unless the certifier is on-site at the time	42.97% 113	47.53% 125	9.51% 25	263
Built form issues should be directed to the certifier in the first instance	86.69% 228	8.75% 23	4.56% 12	263
Council can require a certifier to inspect the site and report back	66.03% 173	27.10% 71	6.87% 18	262
Certifiers are to issue a written direction using a prescribed form, instead of a notice of intent	80.23% 207	14.73% 38	5.04% 13	258
Introduce a standard state-wide compliance fee, built into all applications for development/ CDCs	72.03% 188	22.22% 58	5.75% 15	261
Introduce a tiered and/or cumulative PIN system (fines)	70.50% 184	17.24% 45	12.26% 32	261
Strengthen Order provisions	75.88% 195	11.67% 30	12.45% 32	257

### Q10 7. Should certifiers be required to report all cases of building and planning non-compliance to councils?

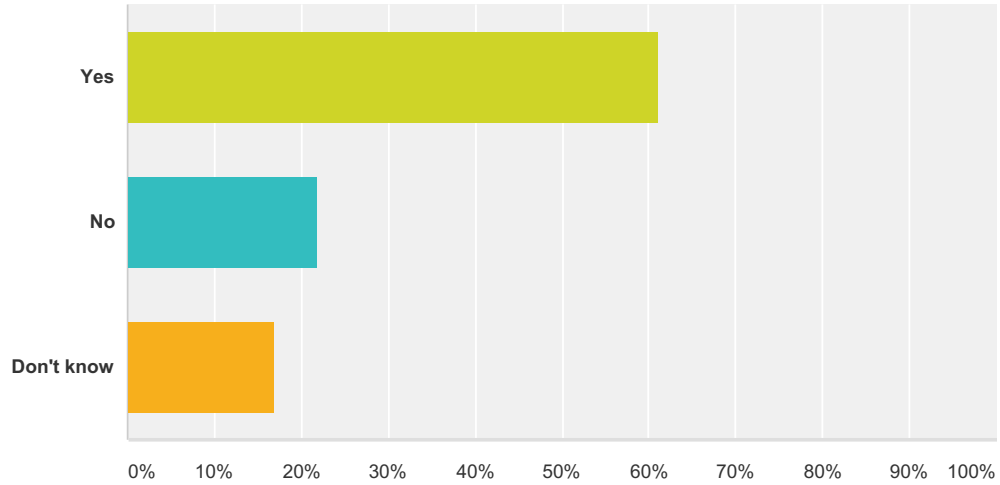
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, ALL non-compliance	28.03% 74
Yes, ONLY if council action is required	49.62% 131
No	20.45% 54
Don't know	1.89% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>264</b>

**Q11 8. Is there merit in a partnership model between the State and local government in the area of certification and building regulation enforcement?**

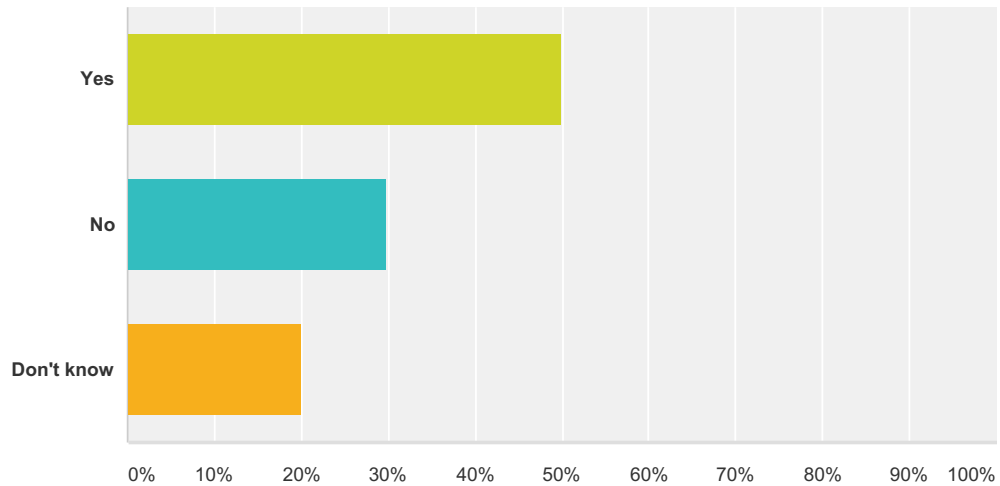
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	61.13%	162
No	21.89%	58
Don't know	16.98%	45
<b>Total</b>		<b>265</b>

**Q12 9. Would enhanced oversight of the certification process (greater BPB involvement in appointing/ auditing PCAs of community and strata title developments) assist in addressing the problems experienced by owners of these developments?**

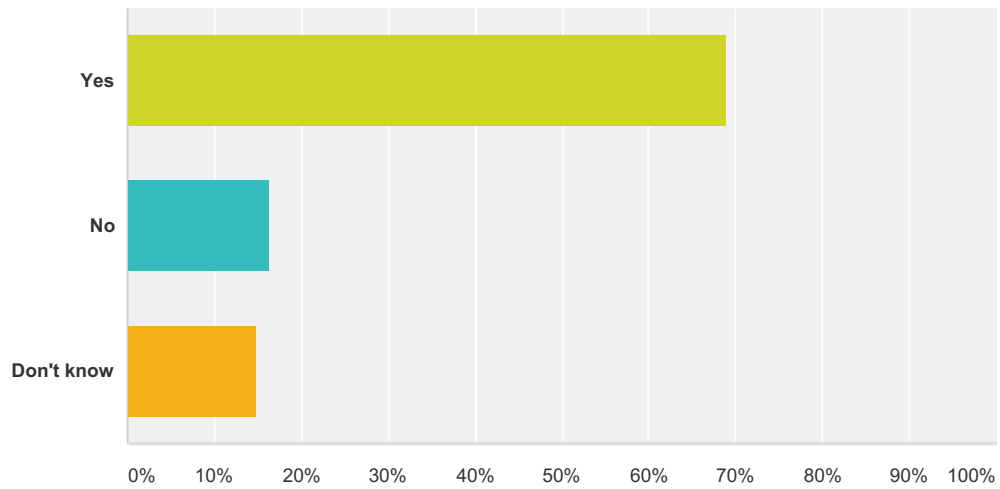
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	50.00% 132
No	29.92% 79
Don't know	20.08% 53
<b>Total</b>	<b>264</b>

**Q13 10. Would an electronic system for development applications, complying developments and certification generate useful information for government and industry, and improve regulatory performance?**

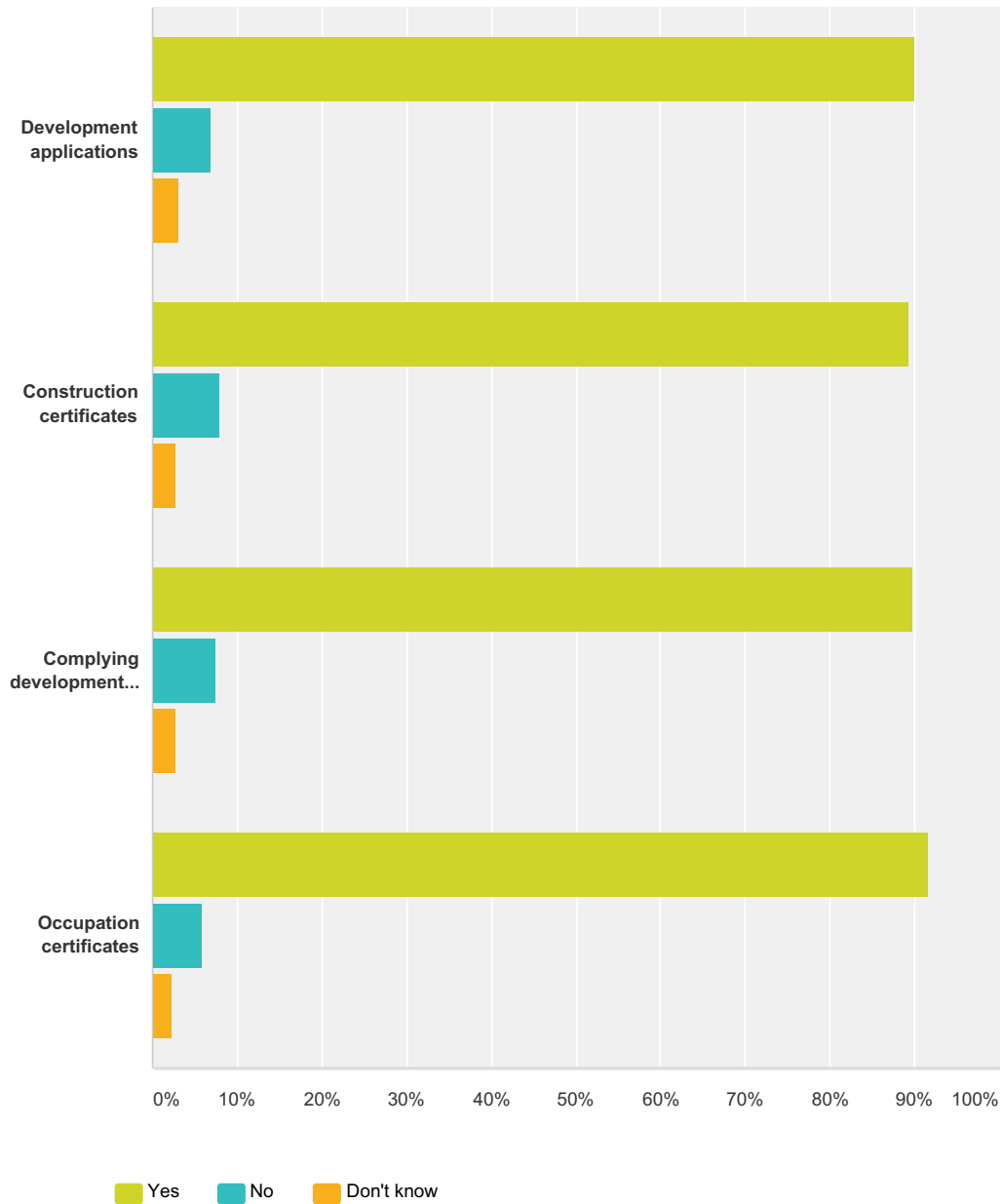
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	68.87% 177
No	16.34% 42
Don't know	14.79% 38
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>

### Q14 11. Do you support the adoption of standard forms for development applications, CCs, CDCs and OCs?

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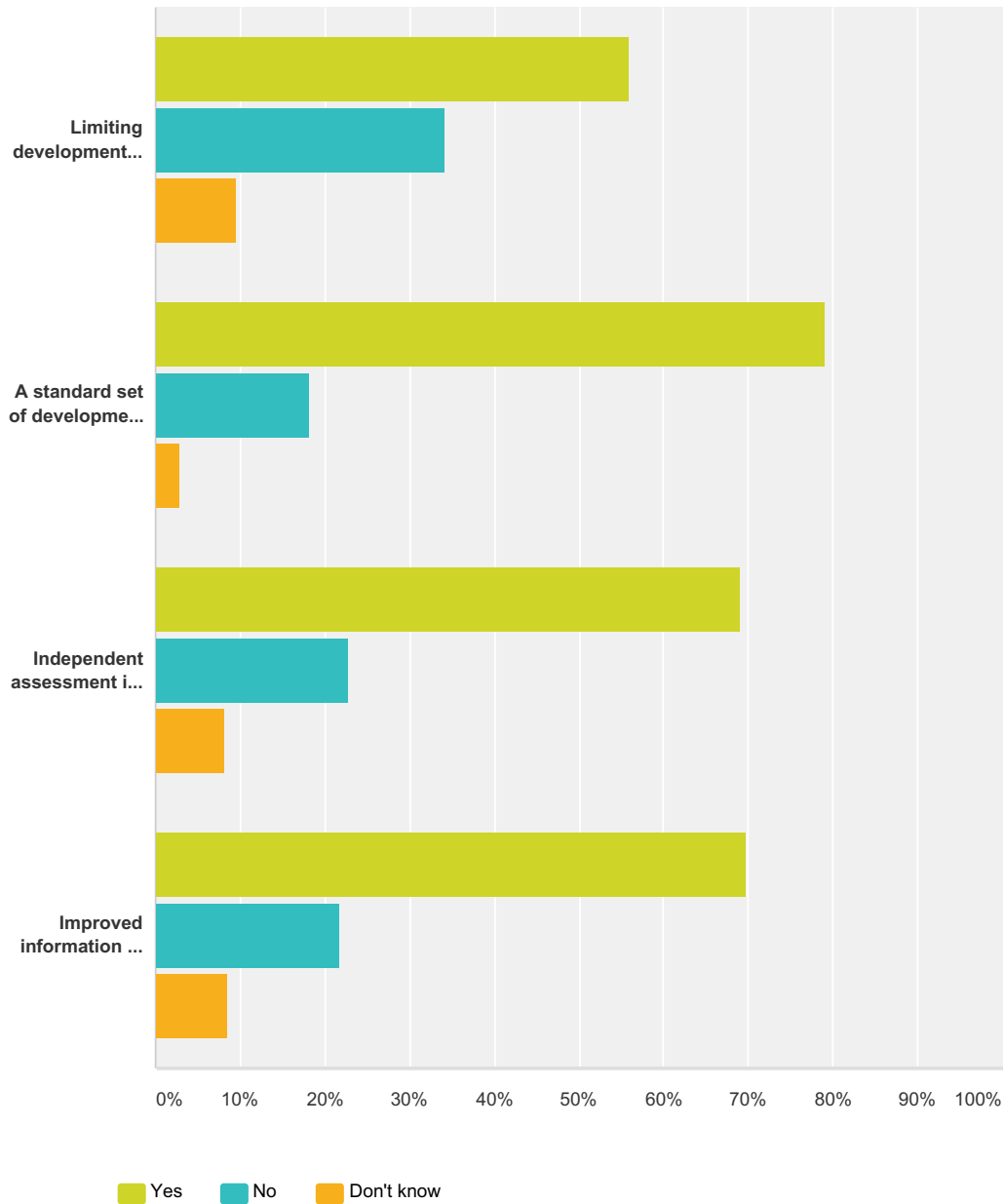
	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
Development applications	89.96% 233	6.95% 18	3.09% 8	259
Construction certificates	89.41% 228	7.84% 20	2.75% 7	255
Complying development certificates	89.84% 230	7.42% 19	2.73% 7	256

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Occupation certificates	<b>91.73%</b> 233	<b>5.91%</b> 15	<b>2.36%</b> 6	254
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### Q15 12. Do you support the following as ways of improving the planning and approval stage of a development?

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	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
Limiting development approval to a concept approval	56.05% 139	34.27% 85	9.68% 24	248
A standard set of development application conditions	79.03% 196	18.15% 45	2.82% 7	248
Independent assessment if a council imposes building standards above the BCA	69.11% 170	22.76% 56	8.13% 20	246

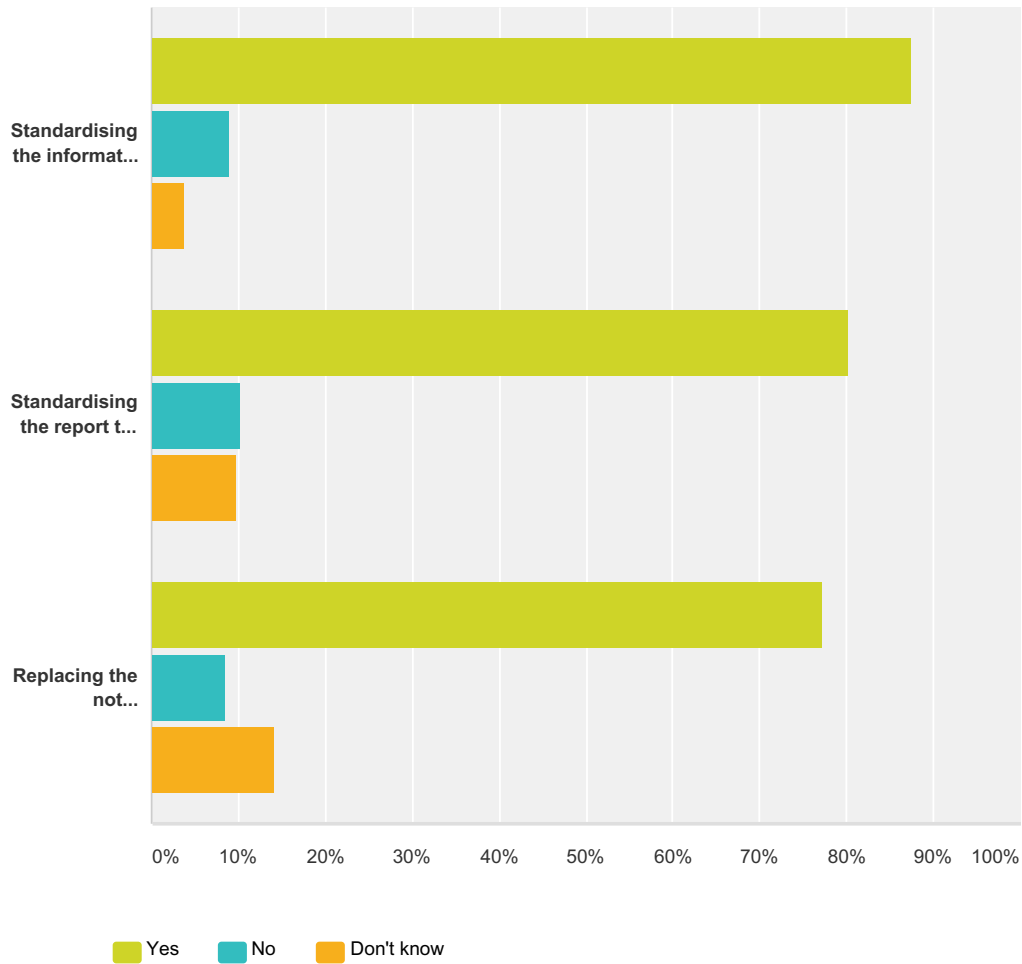


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Improved information to the community on local developments	<b>69.80%</b> 171	<b>21.63%</b> 53	<b>8.57%</b> 21	245
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### Q16 13. Would the following significantly improve the certification process to allow commencement of building work?

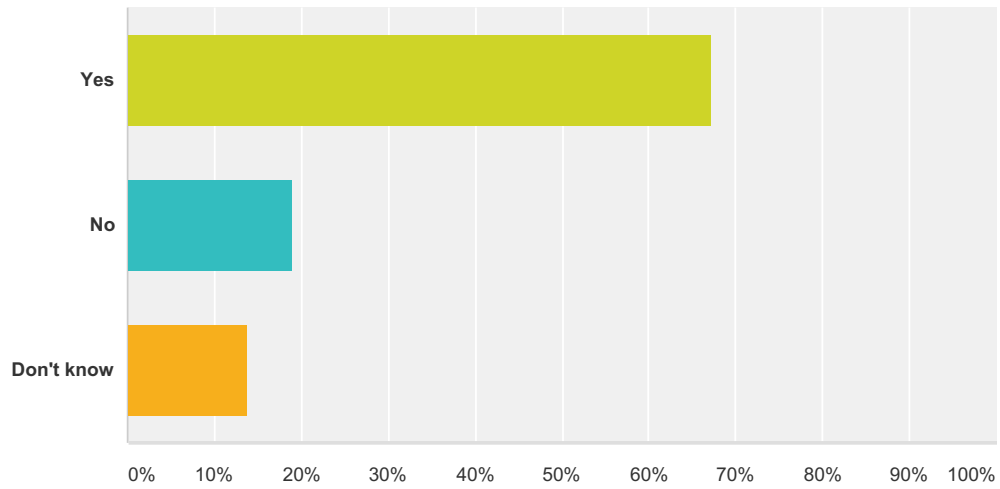
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	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
Standardising the information to support the CC/ CDC	87.40% 215	8.94% 22	3.66% 9	246
Standardising the report to support alternative solutions with content confirmed by the certifier	80.08% 197	10.16% 25	9.76% 24	246
Replacing the not inconsistent test with the consistent test for both CCs/ CDCs and OCs	77.14% 189	8.57% 21	14.29% 35	245

### Q17 14. Do you support combining the roles of certifying authority and principal certifying authority?

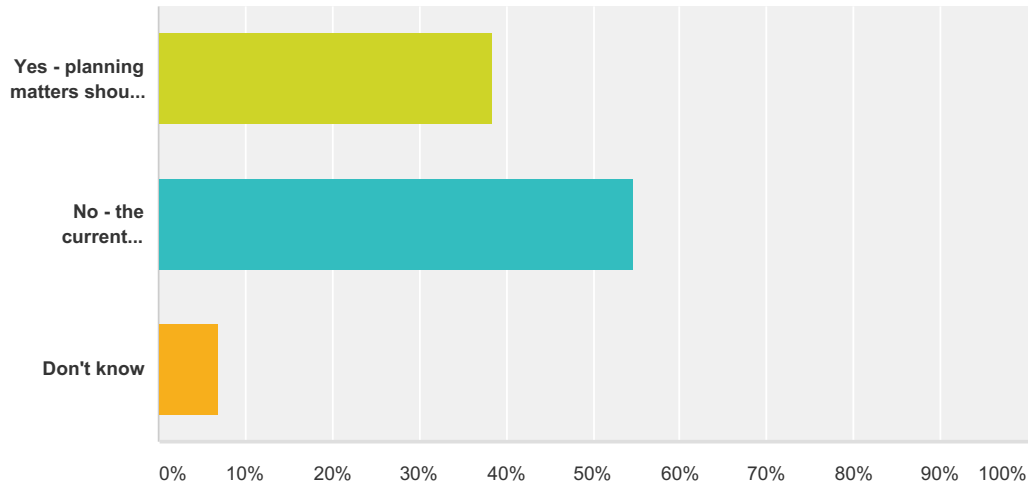
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	67.21%	166
No	19.03%	47
Don't know	13.77%	34
<b>Total</b>		<b>247</b>

**Q18 15. For a CC or CDC, should assessment of planning requirements (handled by the consent authority), be separated from assessment of building requirements?**

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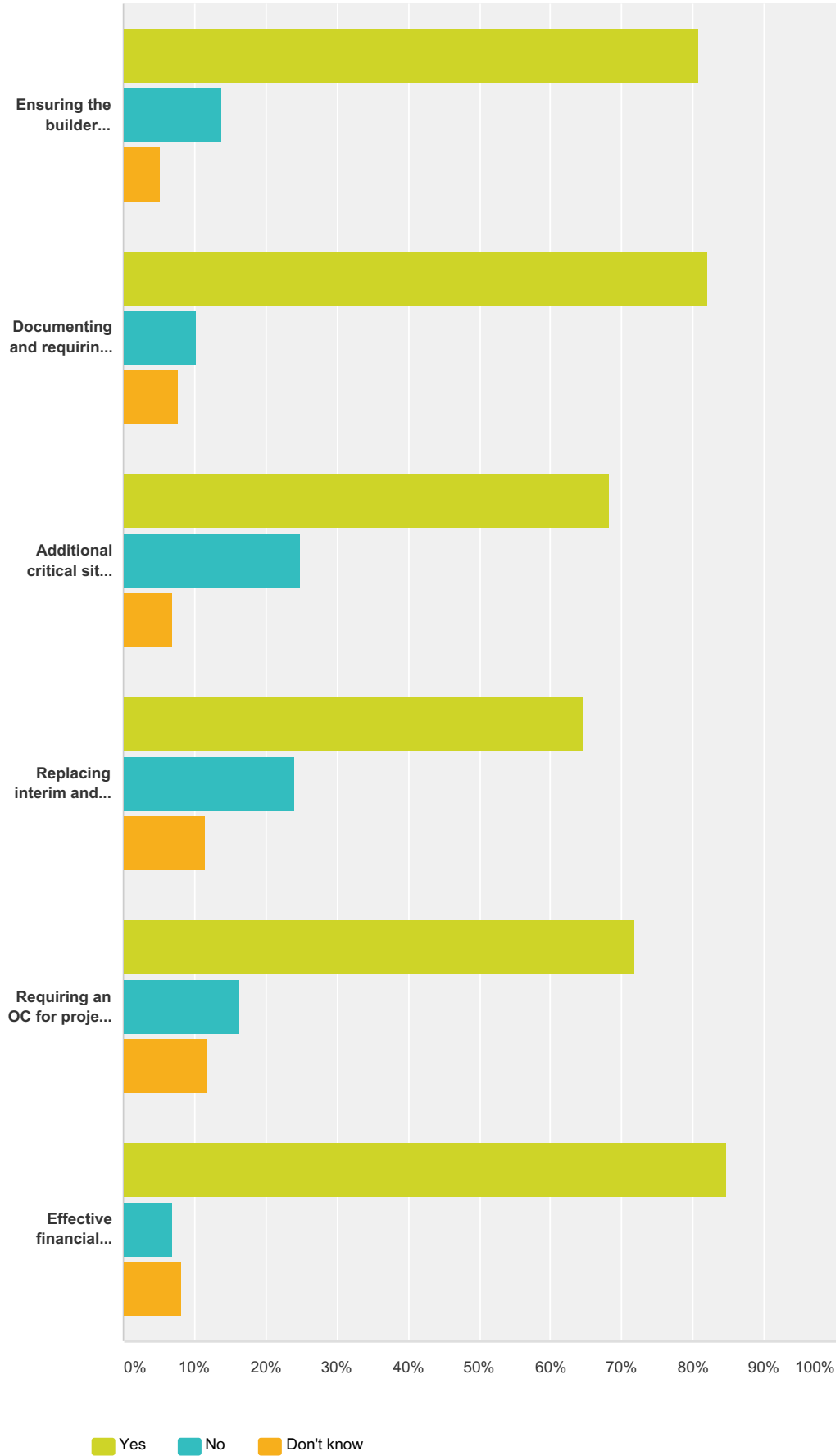


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes - planning matters should be considered separately from building matters	38.46% 95
No - the current approach should stay (combined planning/ building assessment)	54.66% 135
Don't know	6.88% 17
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>

**Q19 16. Would the following address the current problems with the regulatory approach to the construction stage?**

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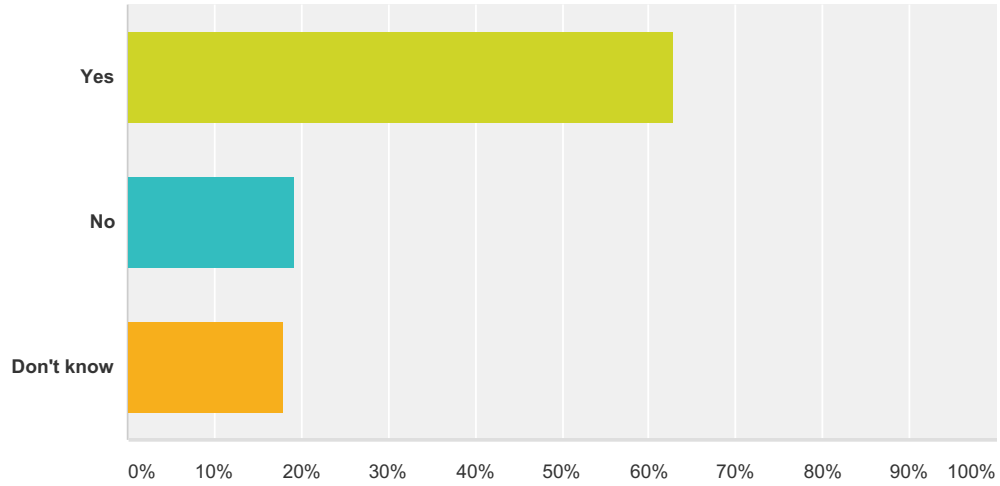


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	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
Ensuring the builder receives the certified plans and CC/ CDC	<b>80.82%</b> 198	<b>13.88%</b> 34	<b>5.31%</b> 13	245
Documenting and requiring adherence to good certifier practice	<b>82.04%</b> 201	<b>10.20%</b> 25	<b>7.76%</b> 19	245
Additional critical site inspections based on risk assessment	<b>68.29%</b> 168	<b>24.80%</b> 61	<b>6.91%</b> 17	246
Replacing interim and final OCs with an OC and development completion certificate, respectively	<b>64.63%</b> 159	<b>23.98%</b> 59	<b>11.38%</b> 28	246
Requiring an OC for projects with missed inspections, and unauthorised work	<b>71.84%</b> 176	<b>16.33%</b> 40	<b>11.84%</b> 29	245
Effective financial sanctions for unauthorised work	<b>84.84%</b> 207	<b>6.97%</b> 17	<b>8.20%</b> 20	244

### Q20 17. Do you support the mandatory creation and maintenance of a Building Manual for all new Class 1b-9 buildings?

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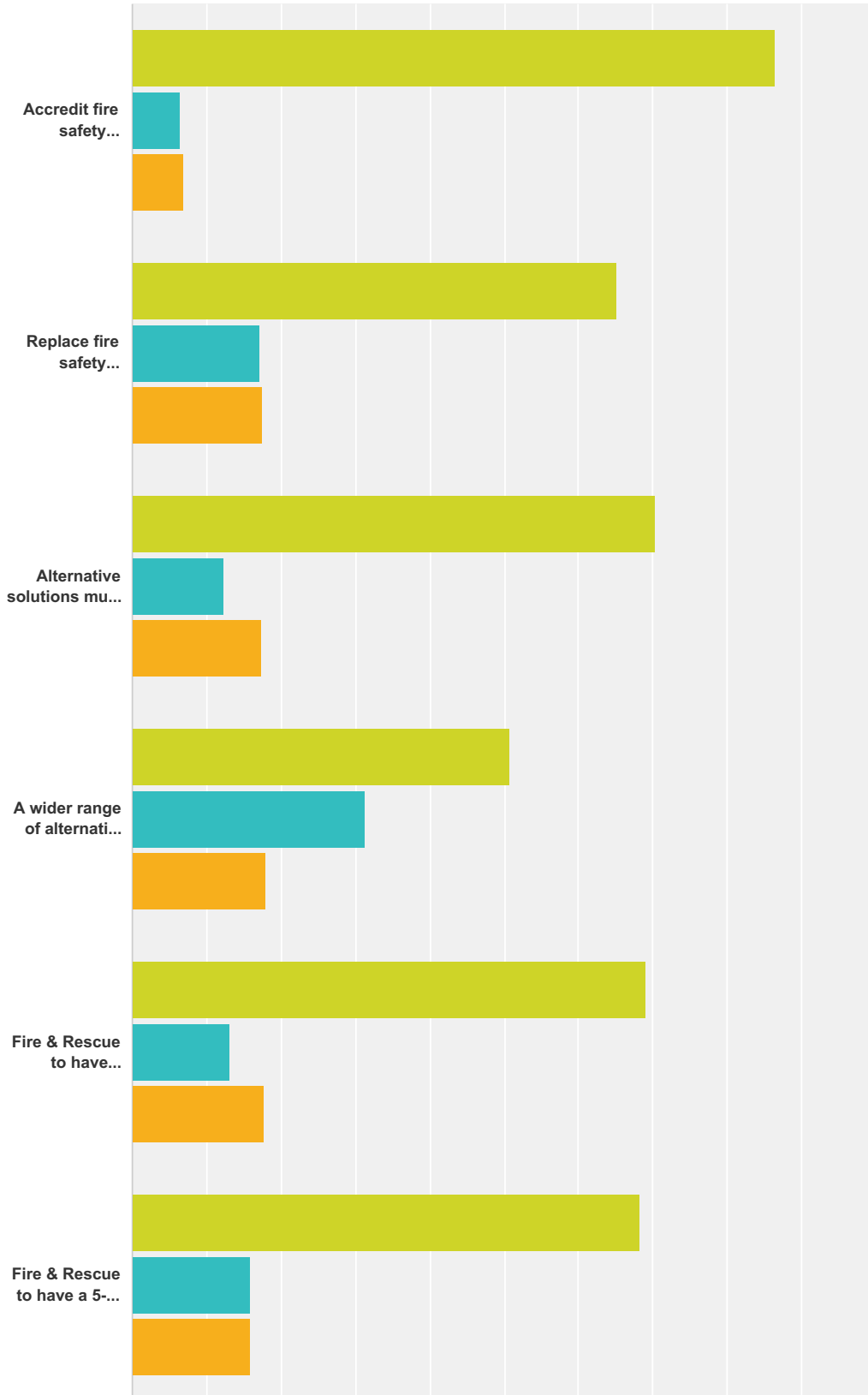


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	62.92%	151
No	19.17%	46
Don't know	17.92%	43
<b>Total</b>		<b>240</b>

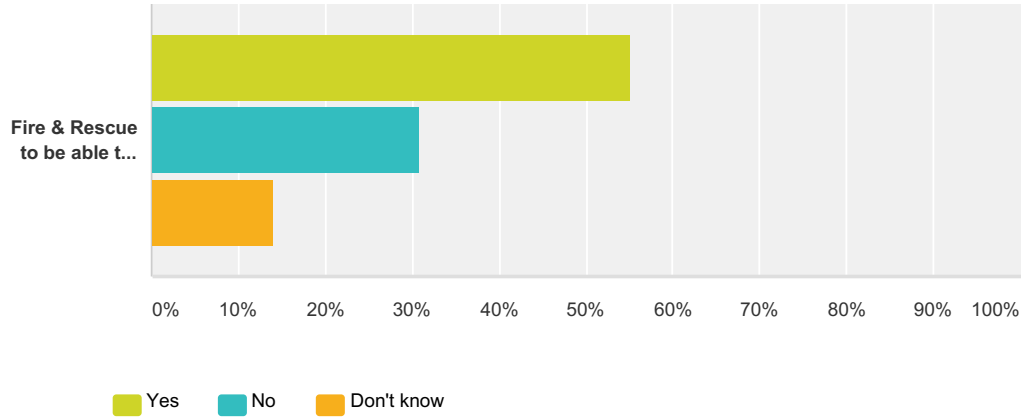


### Q21 18. Do you support the following proposed reforms of the fire protection system?

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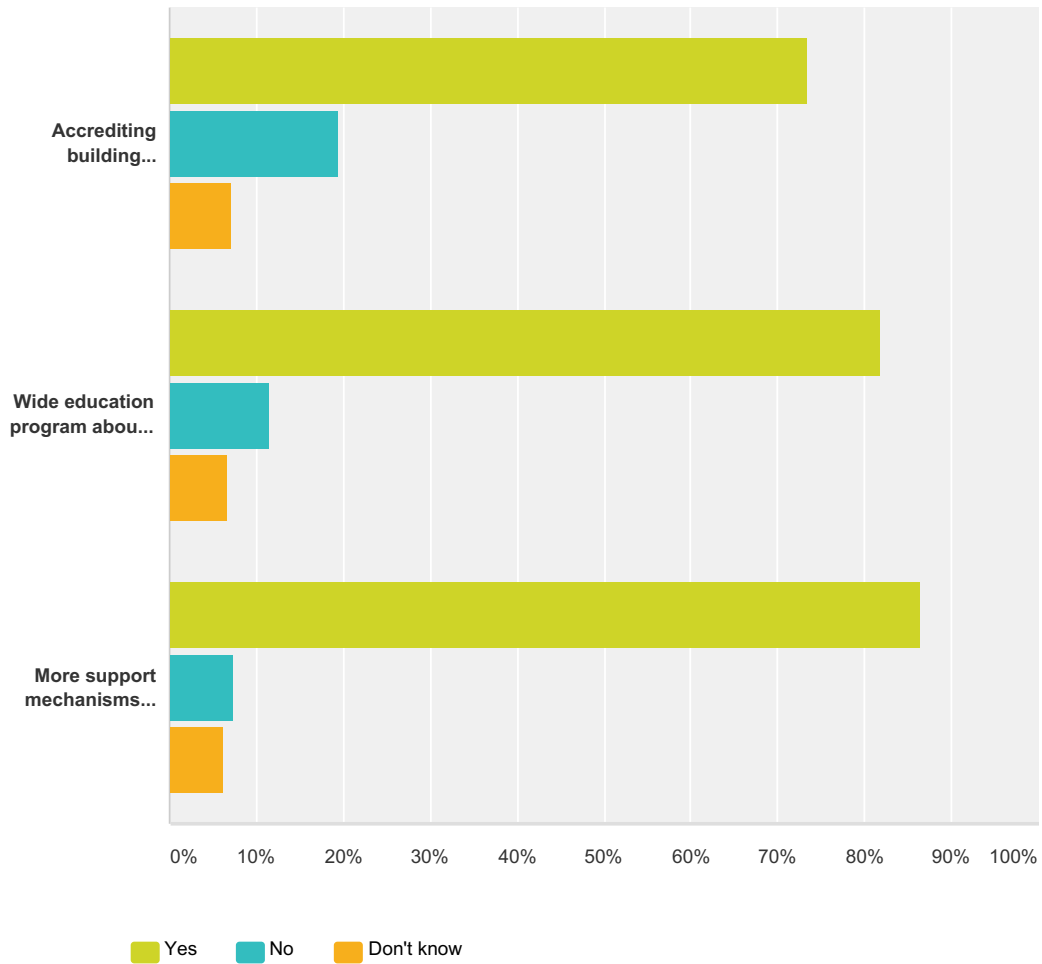
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	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
Accredit fire safety designers, installers and/or technicians	86.53% 212	6.53% 16	6.94% 17	245
Replace fire safety schedules with a compliance schedule	65.16% 159	17.21% 42	17.62% 43	244
Alternative solutions must incorporate the International Fire Engineering Guidelines	70.37% 171	12.35% 30	17.28% 42	243
A wider range of alternative solutions must be notified to Fire and Rescue	50.81% 125	31.30% 77	17.89% 44	246
Fire & Rescue to have discretion to prepare reports so it can focus on higher-risk alternative solutions	69.14% 168	13.17% 32	17.70% 43	243
Fire & Rescue to have a 5-day window of opportunity to inspect before the OC is issued	68.16% 167	15.92% 39	15.92% 39	245
Fire & Rescue to be able to issue fines	55.14% 134	30.86% 75	13.99% 34	243

### Q22 19. Would the following improve the supply of certifiers and make it a more attractive profession?

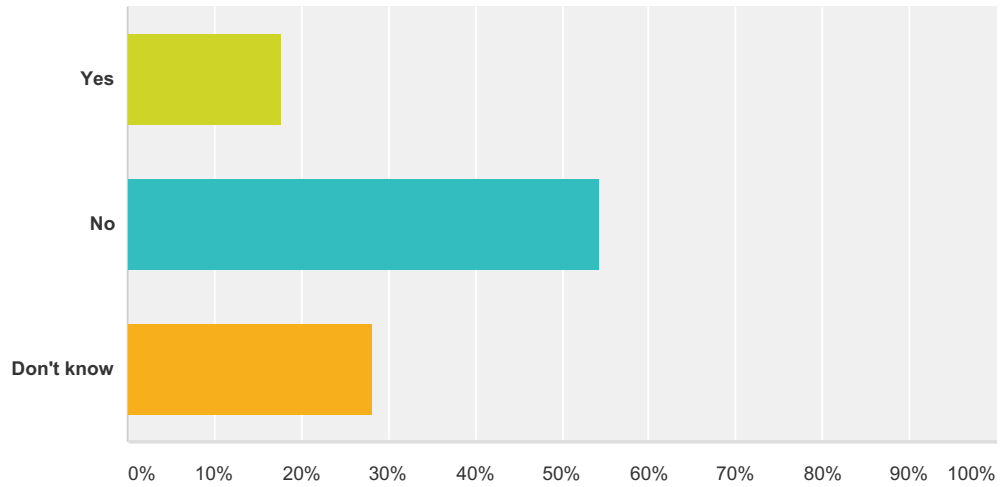
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	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
Accrediting building designers and designers of critical building elements, so PCAs can rely on third-party certificates	73.42% 174	19.41% 46	7.17% 17	237
Wide education program about how a certifier's role differs from a builder's role	81.78% 193	11.44% 27	6.78% 16	236
More support mechanisms (e.g. advisory panels; Practice Guide)	86.44% 204	7.20% 17	6.36% 15	236

**Q23 20. Is there an adequate pathway for a certifier to progress from category A4 (building inspector) up to A1 (building surveyor)?**

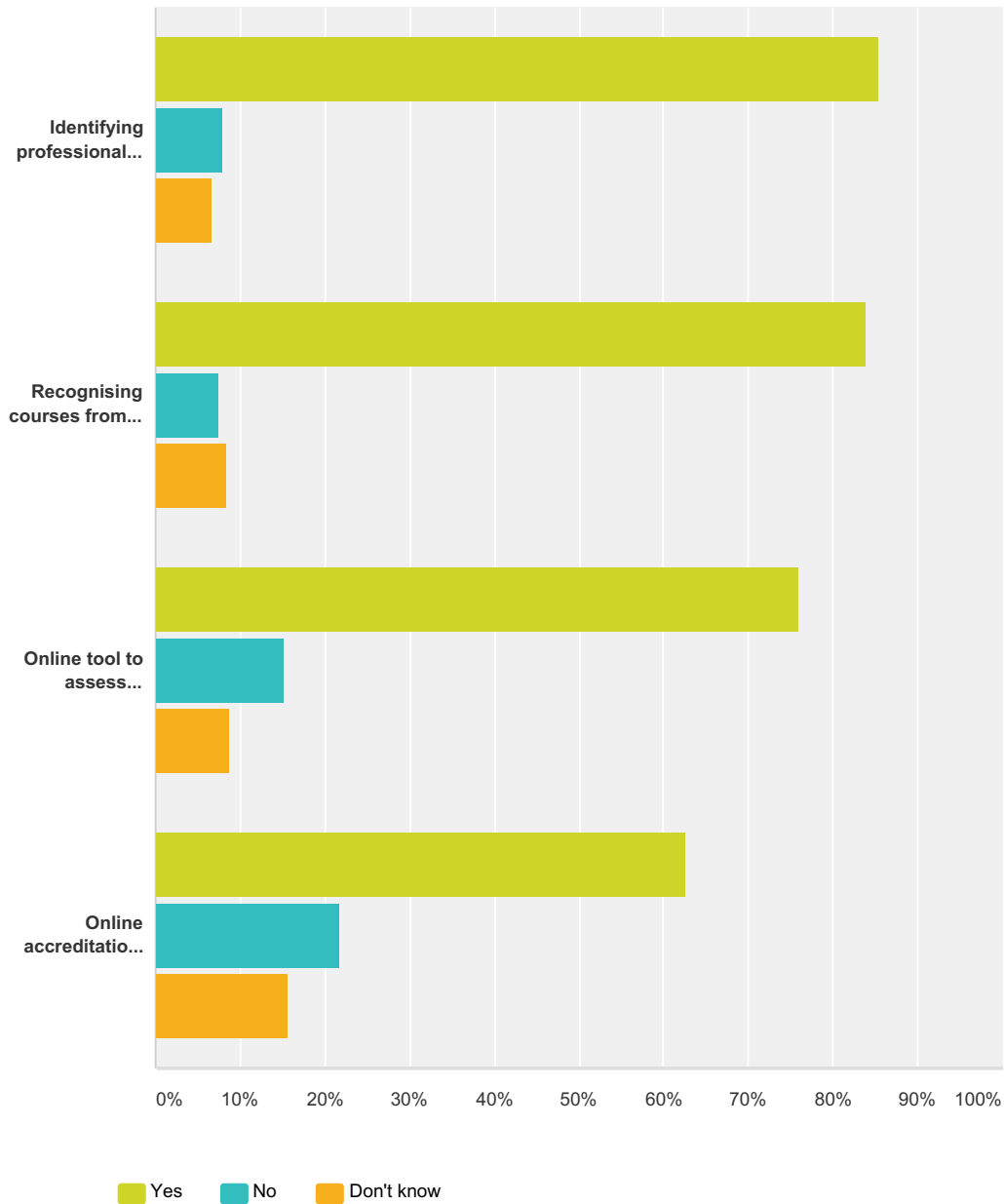
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	17.65%	42
No	54.20%	129
Don't know	28.15%	67
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### Q24 21. Would the following changes to the accreditation process address the main deficiencies in the current system?

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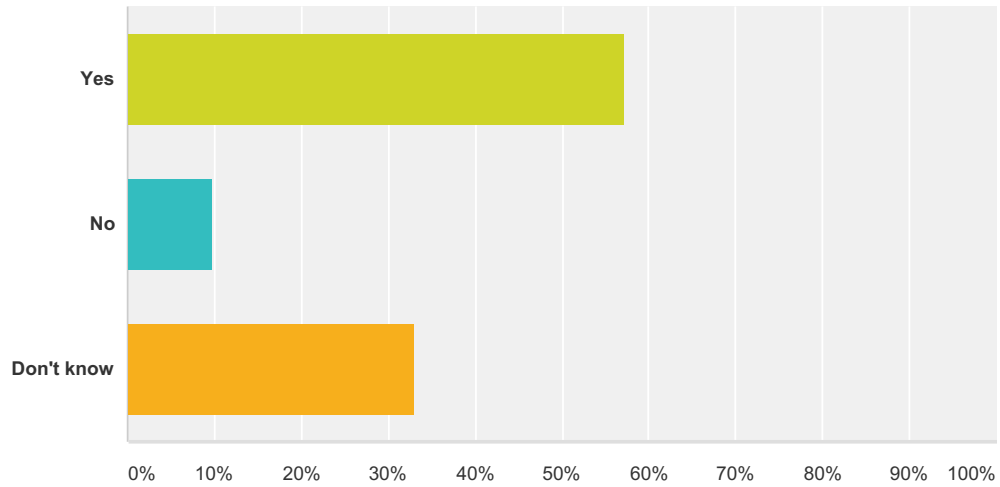
	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
Identifying professional qualifications that match the knowledge required of certifiers, and training to bridge the gap	85.29% 203	7.98% 19	6.72% 16	238
Recognising courses from nationally recognised training organisations as meeting accreditation requirements	83.97% 199	7.59% 18	8.44% 20	237
Online tool to assess certifiers' knowledge against required knowledge, and identify gaps	75.95% 180	15.19% 36	8.86% 21	237

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Online accreditation linked to the disciplinary register	<b>62.55%</b> 147	<b>21.70%</b> 51	<b>15.74%</b> 37	235
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**Q25 22. Do you support the use of an evidence-based framework and guide for the review of the accreditation scheme (as recommended by IPART)?**

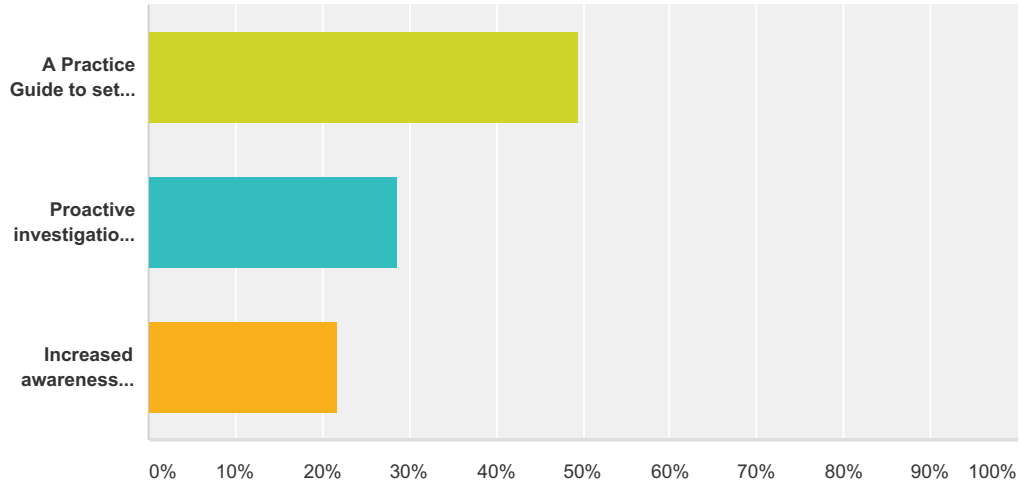
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	57.26%	134
No	9.83%	23
Don't know	32.91%	77
<b>Total</b>		<b>234</b>

**Q26 23. Are the following sufficient to ensure a suitable level of accountability for certifiers? (What should be the top priority?)**

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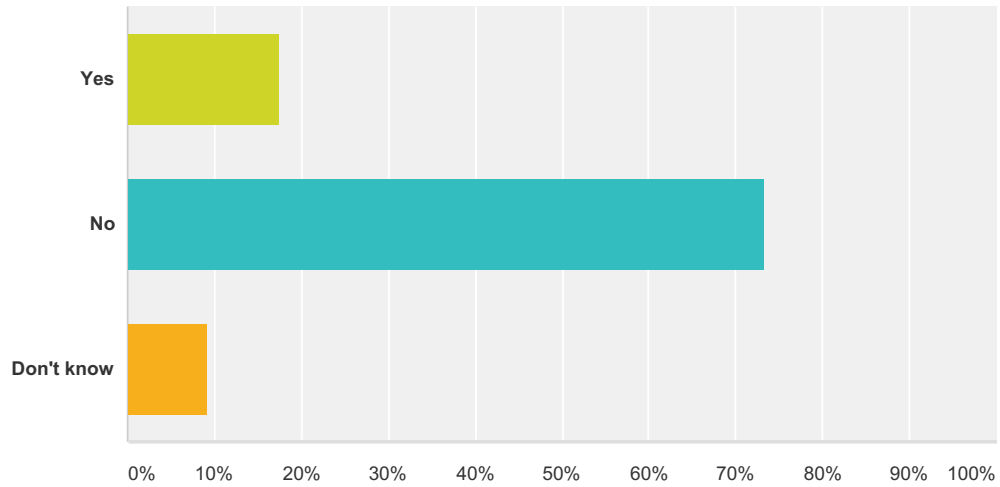


Answer Choices	Responses
A Practice Guide to set the benchmark for performance in a transparent manner	49.57% 116
Proactive investigations and audits	28.63% 67
Increased awareness (among the public) of the role of certifiers	21.79% 51
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>



**Q27 24. Should councils establish panels of approved private certifiers, so that certifiers are appointed to each job via a 'next cab off the rank' (roster) system?**

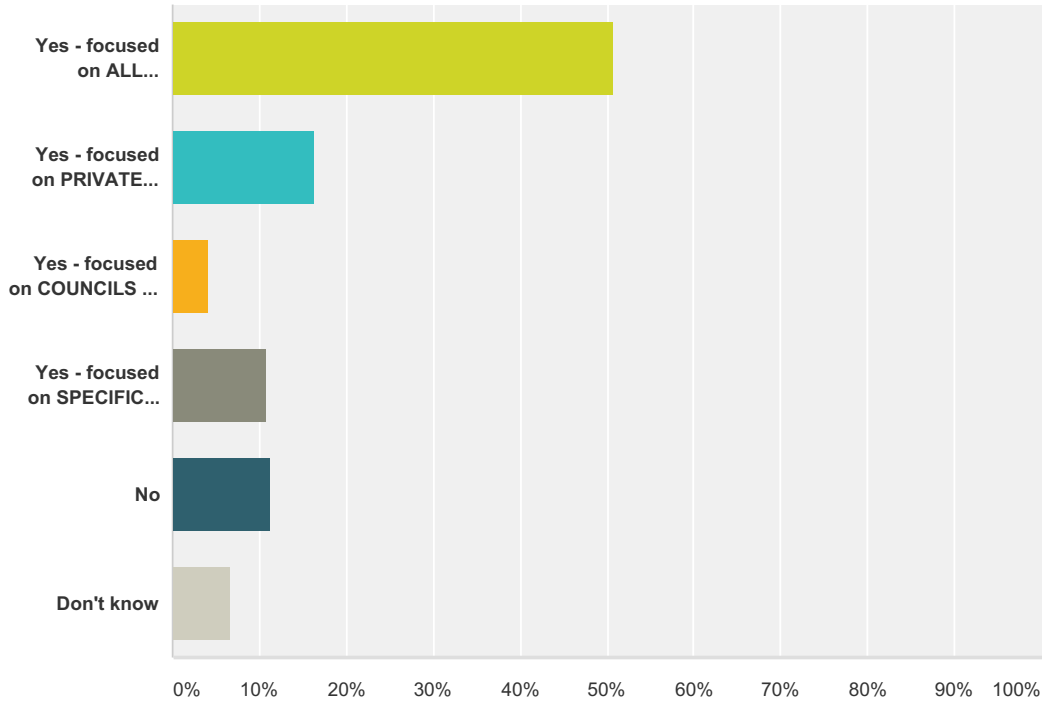
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	17.50%	42
No	73.33%	176
Don't know	9.17%	22
<b>Total</b>		<b>240</b>

### Q28 25. Should BPB expand its program of proactive investigations and audits of certifiers?

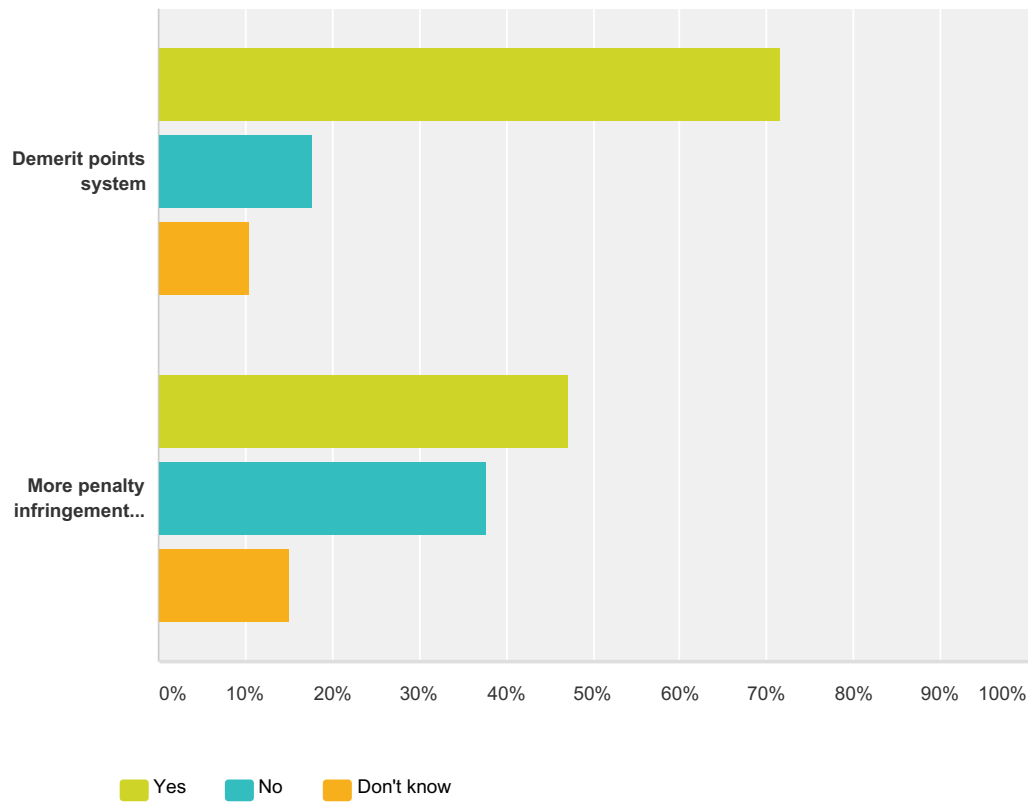
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes - focused on ALL certifiers (council or private)	50.83%	122
Yes - focused on PRIVATE certifiers	16.25%	39
Yes - focused on COUNCILS in their role as certifying authorities	4.17%	10
Yes - focused on SPECIFIC TYPES of development (e.g. swimming pools; strata buildings)	10.83%	26
No	11.25%	27
Don't know	6.67%	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>240</b>

### Q29 26. Would the following provide a quicker way to discipline certifiers?

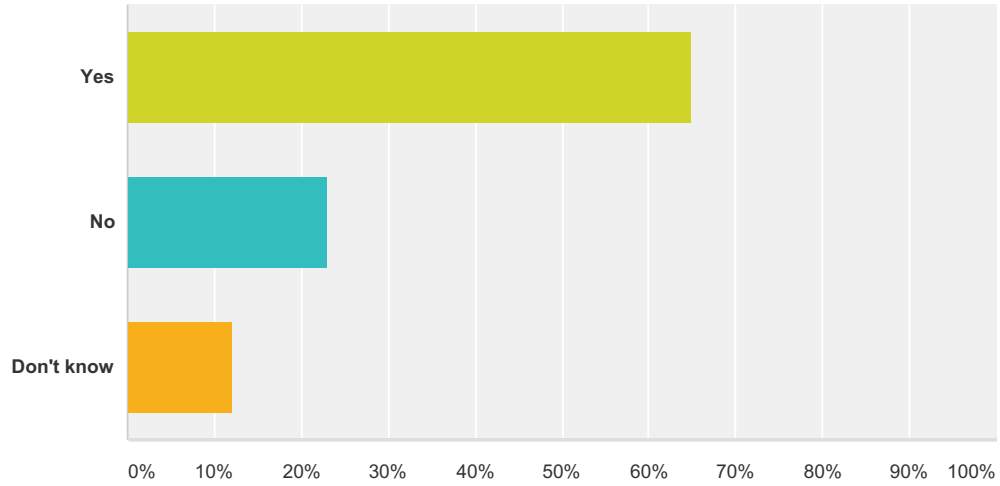
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	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
Demerit points system	71.69% 157	17.81% 39	10.50% 23	219
More penalty infringement notices (fines)	47.15% 91	37.82% 73	15.03% 29	193

**Q30 27. Would you prefer an online system for the lodgement of complaints? (The current system is paper-based.)**

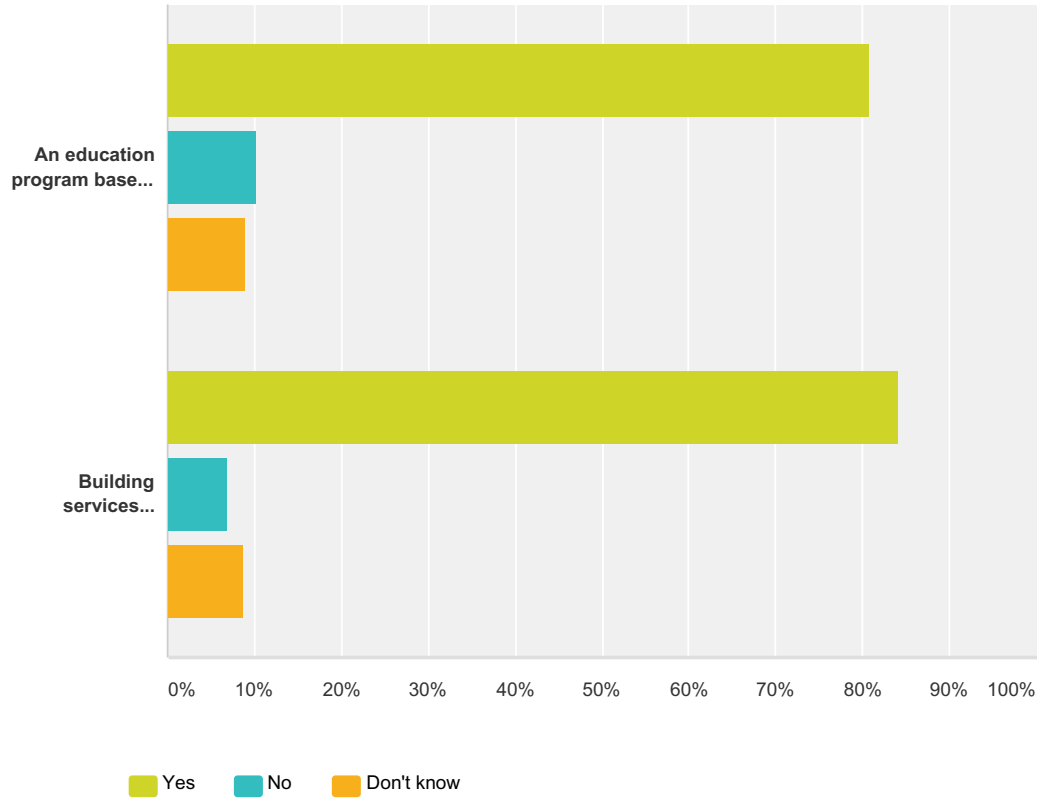
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	64.85%	155
No	23.01%	55
Don't know	12.13%	29
<b>Total</b>		<b>239</b>

### Q31 28. Would the following address certifiers' needs for training and information support?

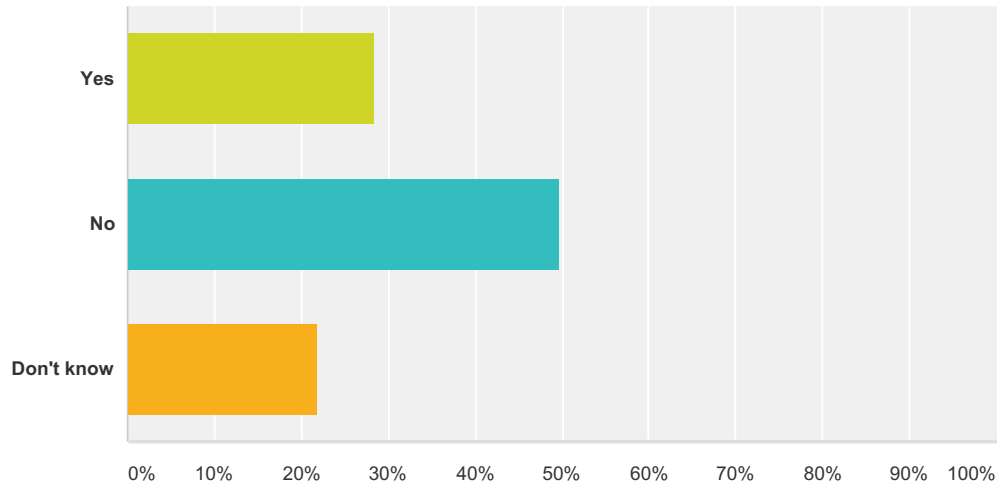
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	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
An education program based on inquiries, complaints and audits	80.89% 182	10.22% 23	8.89% 20	225
Building services advisory hotline	84.19% 181	6.98% 15	8.84% 19	215

**Q32 29. Is it possible to achieve full competitive neutrality without either councils ceasing to offer certification services, or private certifiers being abolished?**

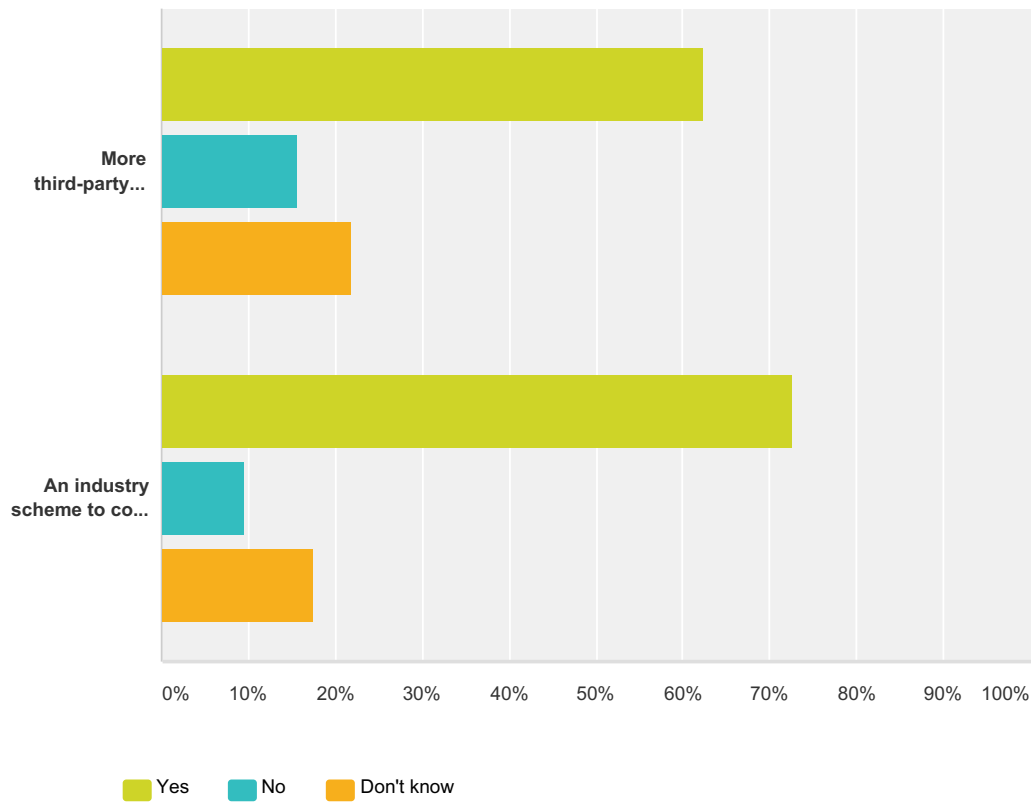
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	28.33% 66
No	49.79% 116
Don't know	21.89% 51
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>

### Q33 30. Would the following address certifiers' insurance issues?

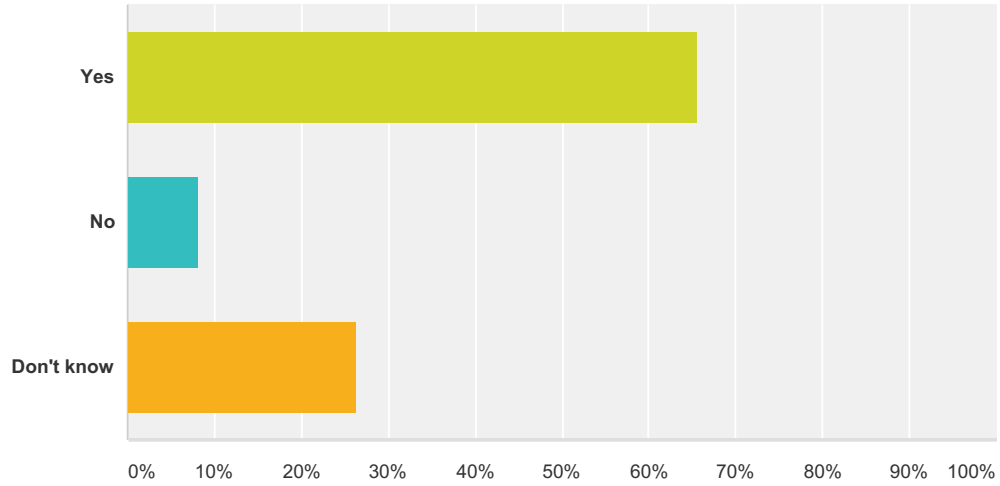
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	Yes	No	Don't know	Total
More third-party certification (by expanding accreditation to critical building elements and design)	62.50% 140	15.63% 35	21.88% 49	224
An industry scheme to cover gaps in insurance cover when certifiers retire/ leave or if a PCA changes for a project	72.69% 165	9.69% 22	17.62% 40	227

**Q34 31. Does a ‘last person standing’ problem arise from the different liability cover between builders and certifiers?**

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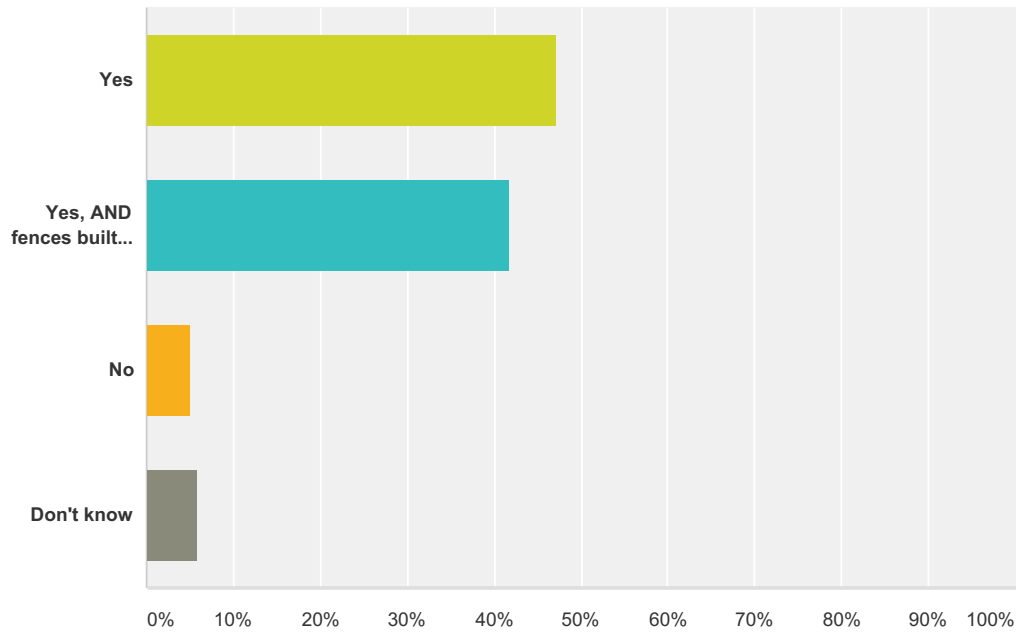


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	65.53%	154
No	8.09%	19
Don't know	26.38%	62
<b>Total</b>		<b>235</b>



### Q35 32. Should the swimming pool fencing requirements be consolidated from three standards to one?

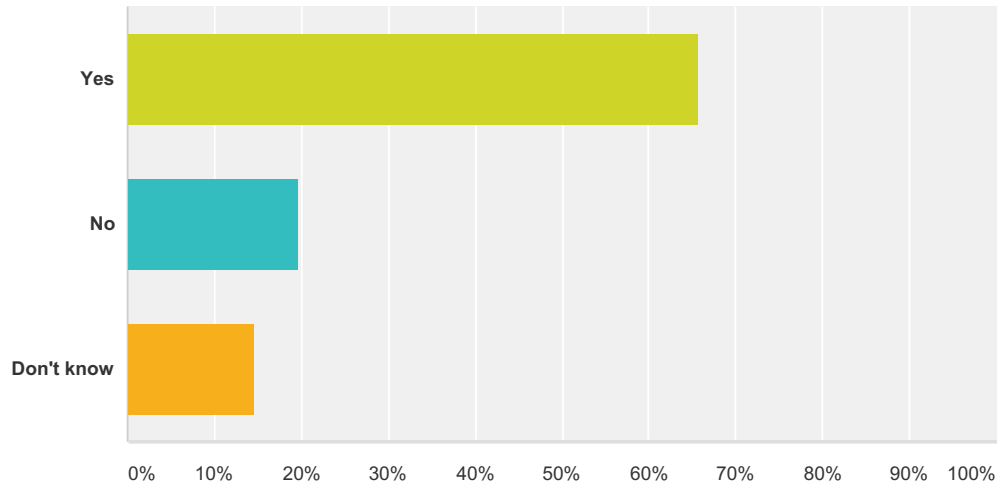
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	47.28% 113
Yes, AND fences built to earlier standards should be required to be upgraded by a set date	41.84% 100
No	5.02% 12
Don't know	5.86% 14
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>

**Q36 33. Should fees be set that enable both councils and the State to recover all processing costs for development applications and CDCs?**

Answered: 234 Skipped: 256



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	65.81% 154
No	19.66% 46
Don't know	14.53% 34
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>

**Q37 What other suggestions do you have in relation to any of the topics in the discussion paper?**

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