

Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Where Are We Now Engagement Report



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu
New Plymouth
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Tēnā koutou,

Thank you for your attendance at one of the waste management and minimisation workshops held throughout June 2022. We recognise the value of your time so hope you found the experience enjoyable.

Your contributions were very insightful and have been useful in assessing the effectiveness of our services over the last six years.

This document outlines a summary of the ideas we captured. It is a record of the collaboration with a range of Taranaki stakeholders and the start of our collective journey to build a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan that reflects the needs of the Taranaki community.

Ngā mihi nui,

Zero Waste Taranaki Team



WMMP goals: 2017-2023



Summary of Workshops



6

2 hour workshops

Stakeholders were invited to share their feedback on our waste services



51

Attendants

Partners, Community, Commercial, Waste Service Providers, Farming, TRC representatives and council staff attended our workshops



308

Statements & Ideas

We captured the strengths and weaknesses of our services, plus looked at any opportunities and threats for the future



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Businesses & Organisations

The participants of the workshops represented a range of stakeholders from around Taranaki

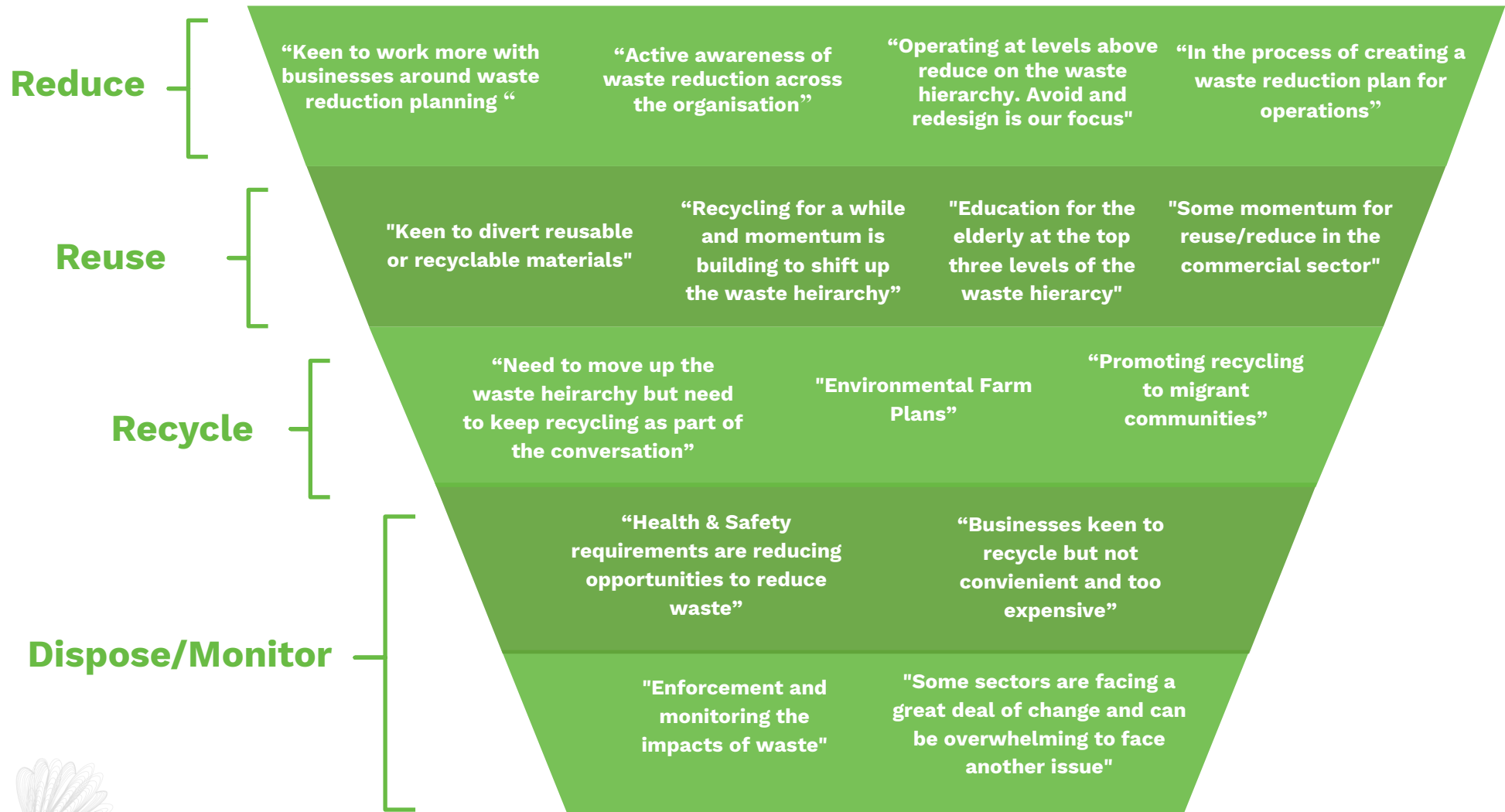


Schools **Community** **Monitoring** **Recycling** **Food scraps** **Kerbside** **Organic** **Education** **The Junction** **Central Government** **Zero Waste** **Covid** **Environment** **Incentives** **Communication** **Media** **Rural waste** **Enforcement** **Funding** **Recycling App** **Local Government** **Waste Minimisation** **Collaboration** **Transferstations** **Businesses** **Disposal** **Campaign** **Access** **Māori** **Waste hierarchy** **Supply chains** **Waste Service Providers** **Face to face** **Council** **Tamariki** **Inconsistent** **Taranaki**



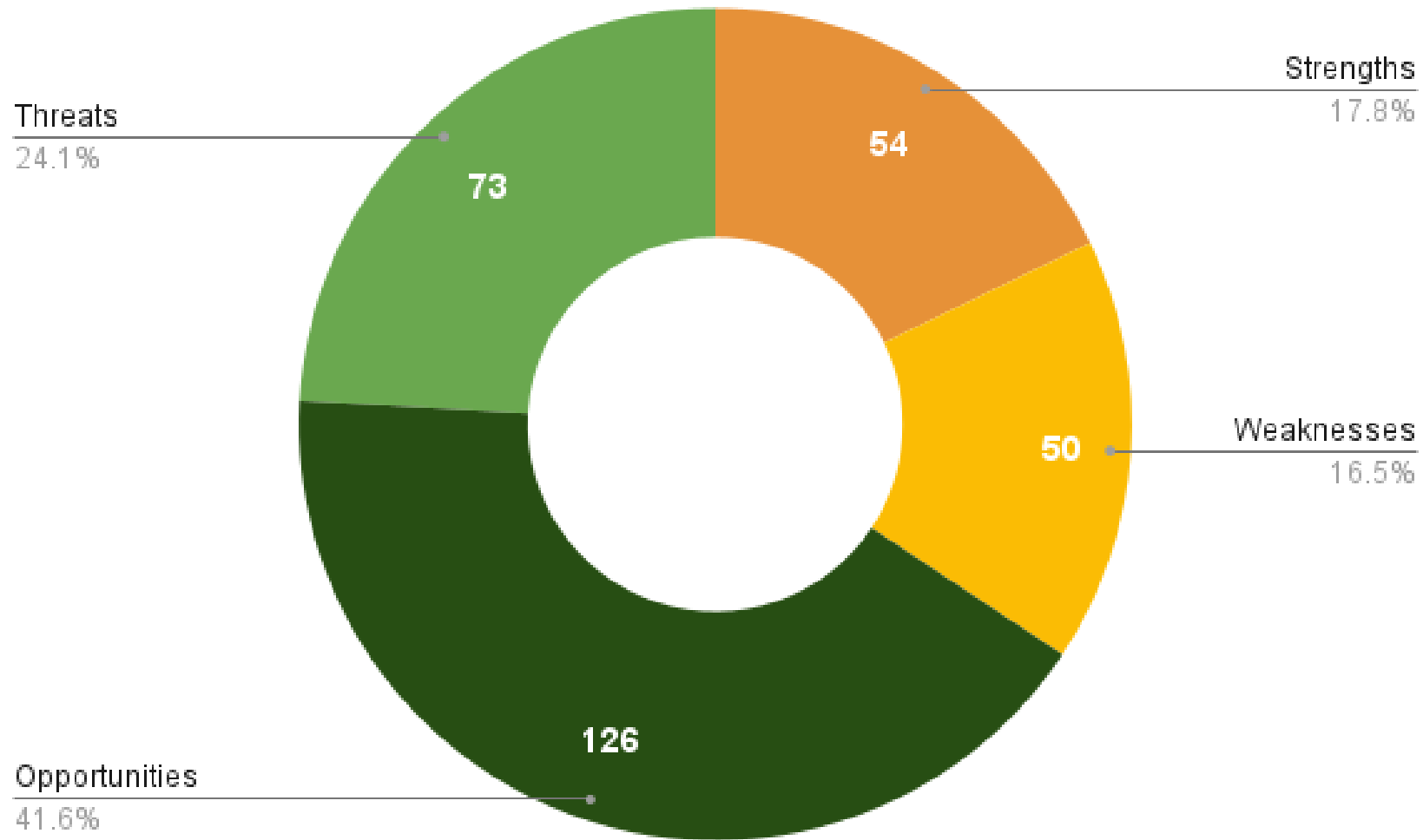
Checking In

Where groups are active on the waste hierarchy

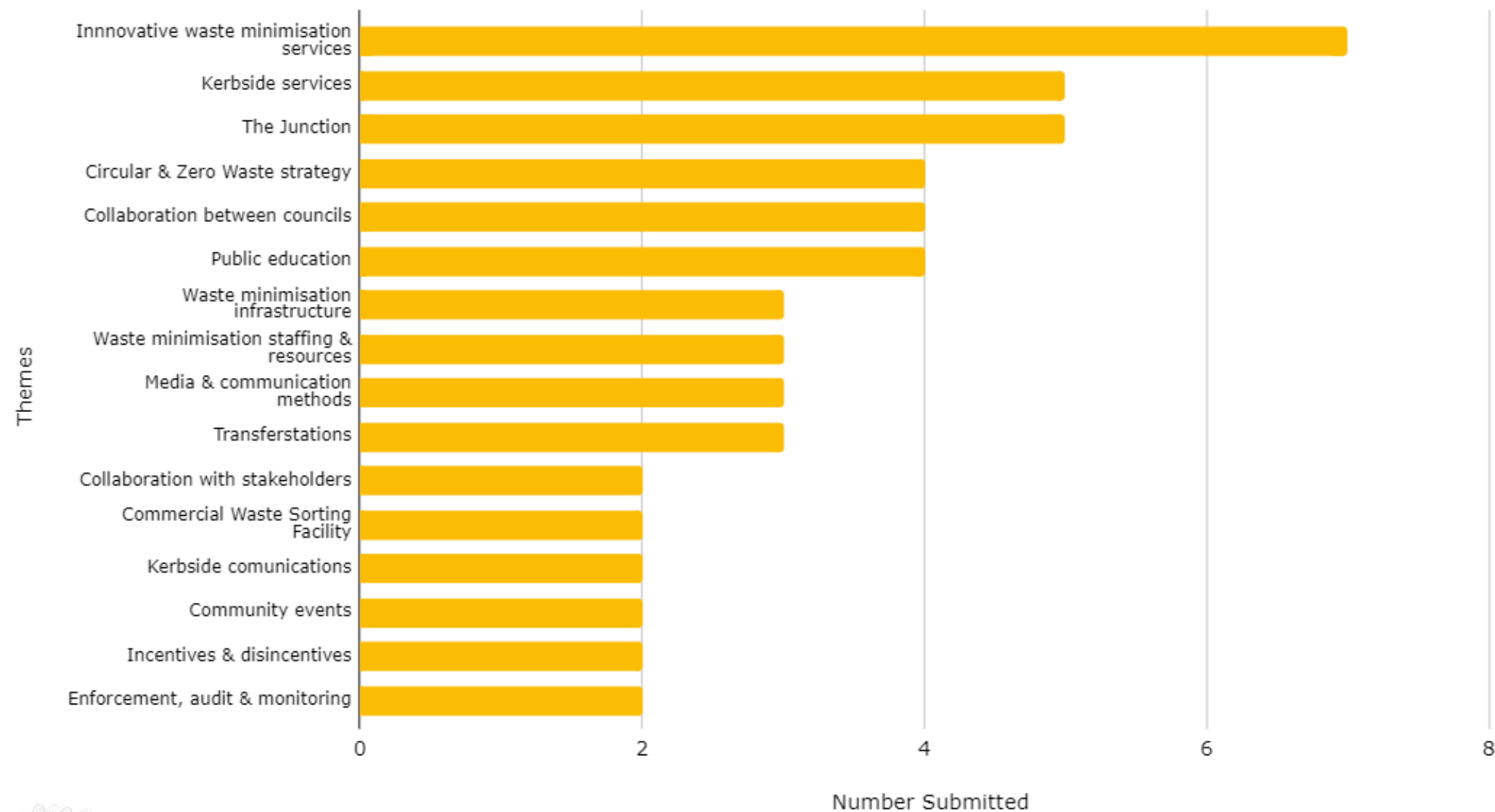


Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats

Number of statements captured



Findings: Strengths



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"More proactive with ideas, new programmes and solutions introduced"

"The collaboration - Team Taranaki"

"The Junction - great asset"

"Council highly engaged and ambitious on waste minimisation and Zero Waste target"

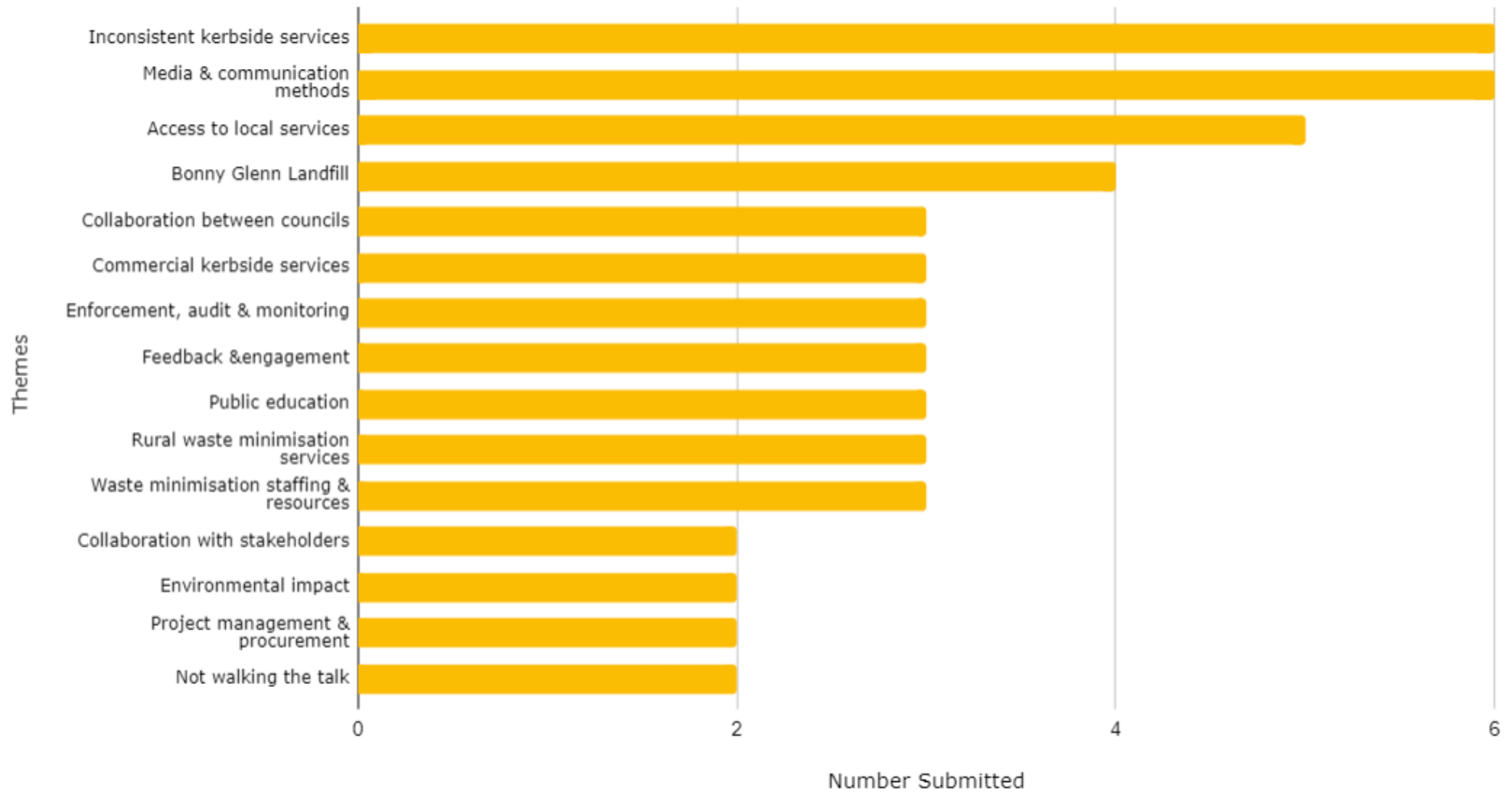
"Kerbside service and food scraps collection"

"Engaging with key stakeholder and getting them together"

"Council's focus on carrot approach, rather than mandates or stick approach"

"public education systems"

Findings: Weaknesses



Findings: Weaknesses

"Delay of the commercial kerbside collection"

"not using the right comms channels for rural waste mins"

"Timelines for projects are often much longer and later than what is initially communicated by NPDC"

"NPDC contractors not walking the talk"

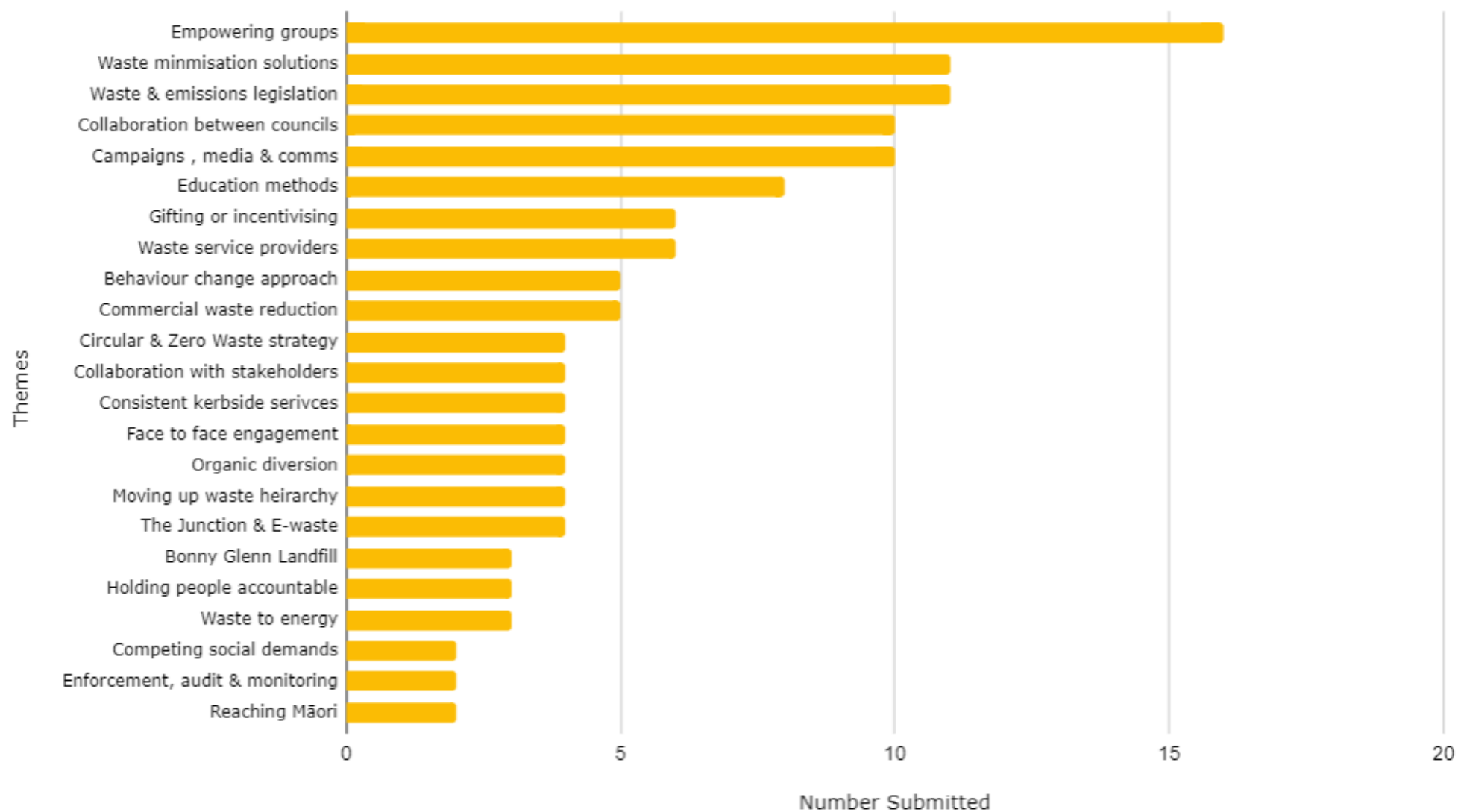
"Not enough promotion of waste disposal services"

"We no longer have a local landfill that our landfill waste can go to"

"Lack of uniform kerbside across the region – confuses some residents"

"Lack of genuine action by council on feedback that is given by waste collectors (closing the loop)"

Findings: Opportunities



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"Create local services and processing options to encourage zero waste and reduce cost"

"Consistent services for satellite towns (all TAs – e.g. Waitara, Opūnake, Toko)"

"Behaviour change of everyone involved (farmers, regulatory, councils, farm, schools & businesses)"

"PR plan to utilise good news stories and positive things that are happening"

"Connecting the 'Dots' – linking organisations and communities that already have waste minimisation initiatives"

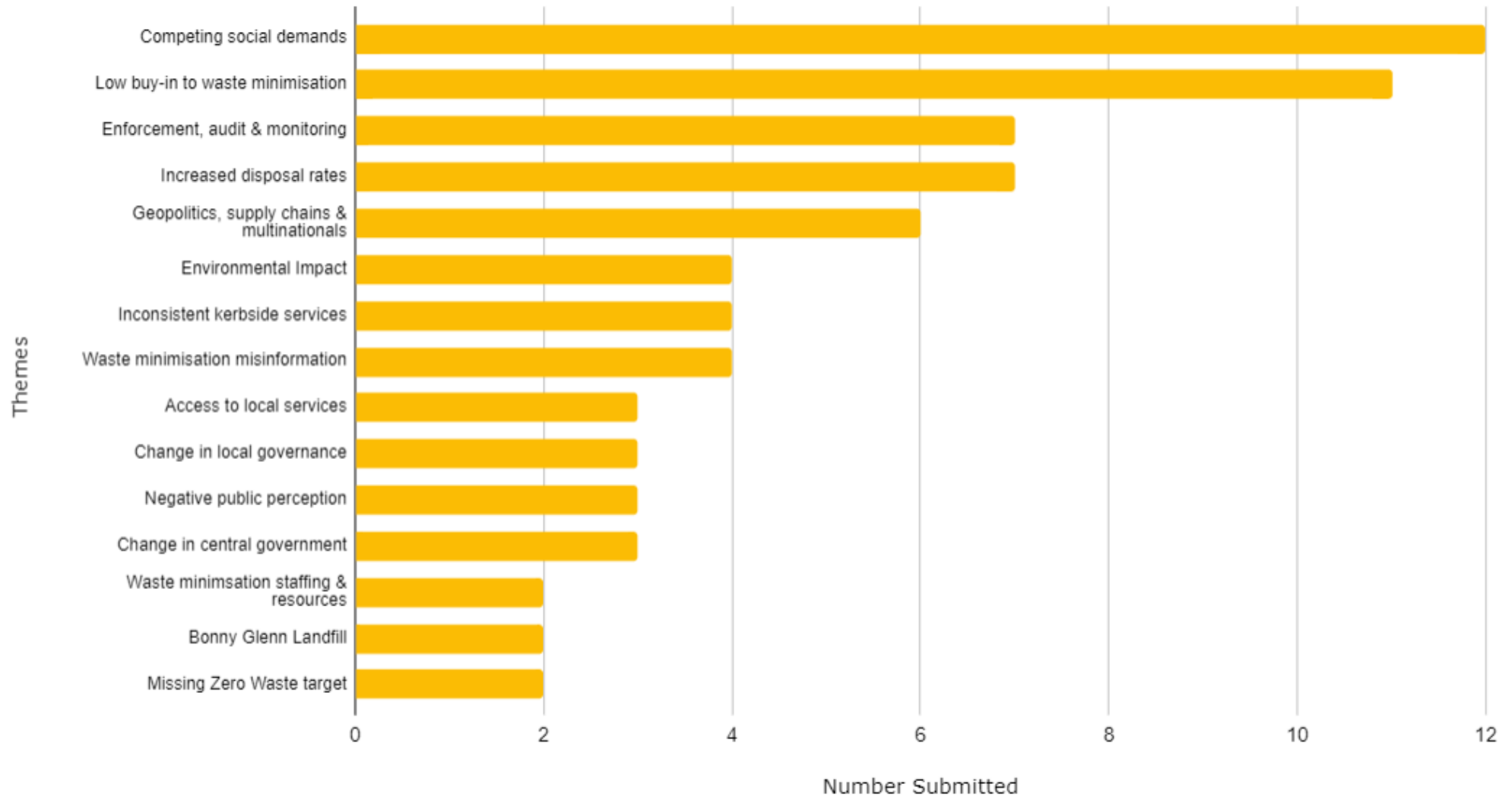
"Holding businesses, schools, community organisations and residents more accountable"

"Improving collaboration between TA's for better outcome"

"Waste levy income councils receive could be shared with others in the waste sector"



Findings: Threats



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"Central Government change of direction"

"Hard to change behaviour when increasingly busy and cost of living"

"Poor surveillance to monitor and enforce"

"Increase in disposal rates"

"Continued use of Bonny Glen - keep our waste in our region"

"Not enough people are on board"

"People overwhelmed by state of the world and the amount we need to do to reduce waste"

"Pollution of soil, air, ocean, animals and ground water from poor waste management"



Where To From Here?

Using your statements, ideas and insights we will:



Utilise the opportunities through our strengths



Leverage opportunities to minimise our weaknesses



Prevent threats through our strengths



Minimise potential dangers where weaknesses meet threats

We are now conducting a waste assessment of Taranaki. This will gather all waste data from around the region, identify where our waste goes, and any gaps in waste streams or services we need to address or areas of focus. This will complete the first stage of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan process. In the second stage, we will be engaging with the community and key stakeholders on where we would like to go (our vision) and how we could get there (options analysis).

You will be able to join us to utilise these strategies and data to start building the vision and goals for the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023-2029. We continue to engage with Taranaki Whānau Whānui for their perspectives on the impact of waste in our rohe (region) as part of this planning process.



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