

Weed Management Plan

Gamba Grass 2020 – 2030

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

01 March 2024 - 12 May 2024

PROJECT NAME:

Weed Management Plan



SURVEY QUESTIONS

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Mandatory Question (12 response(s))

Question type: Single Line Question

Q2 | Your post code

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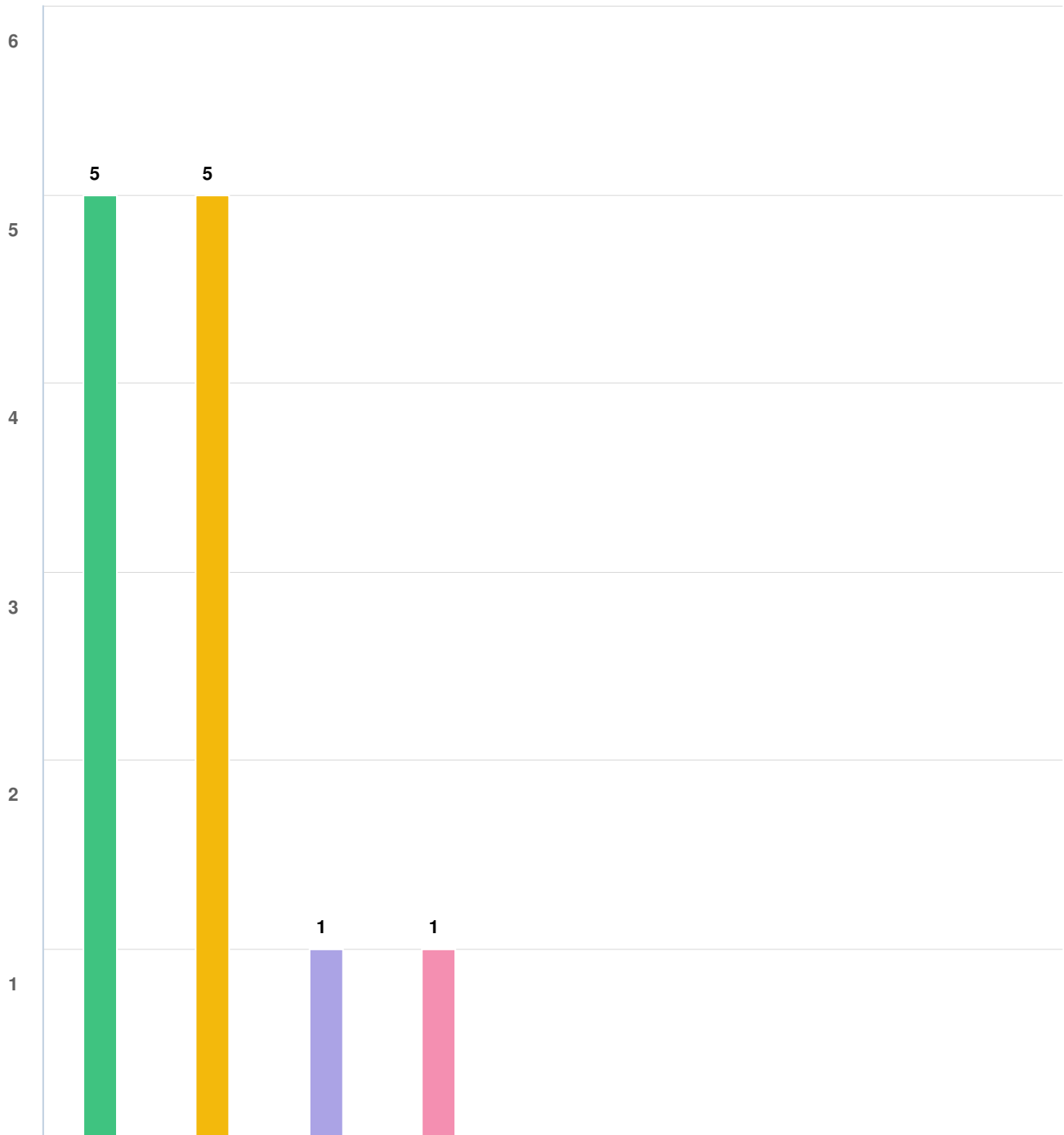
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Q3 What type of land do you manage, work on, have an interest in, or wish to comment on?

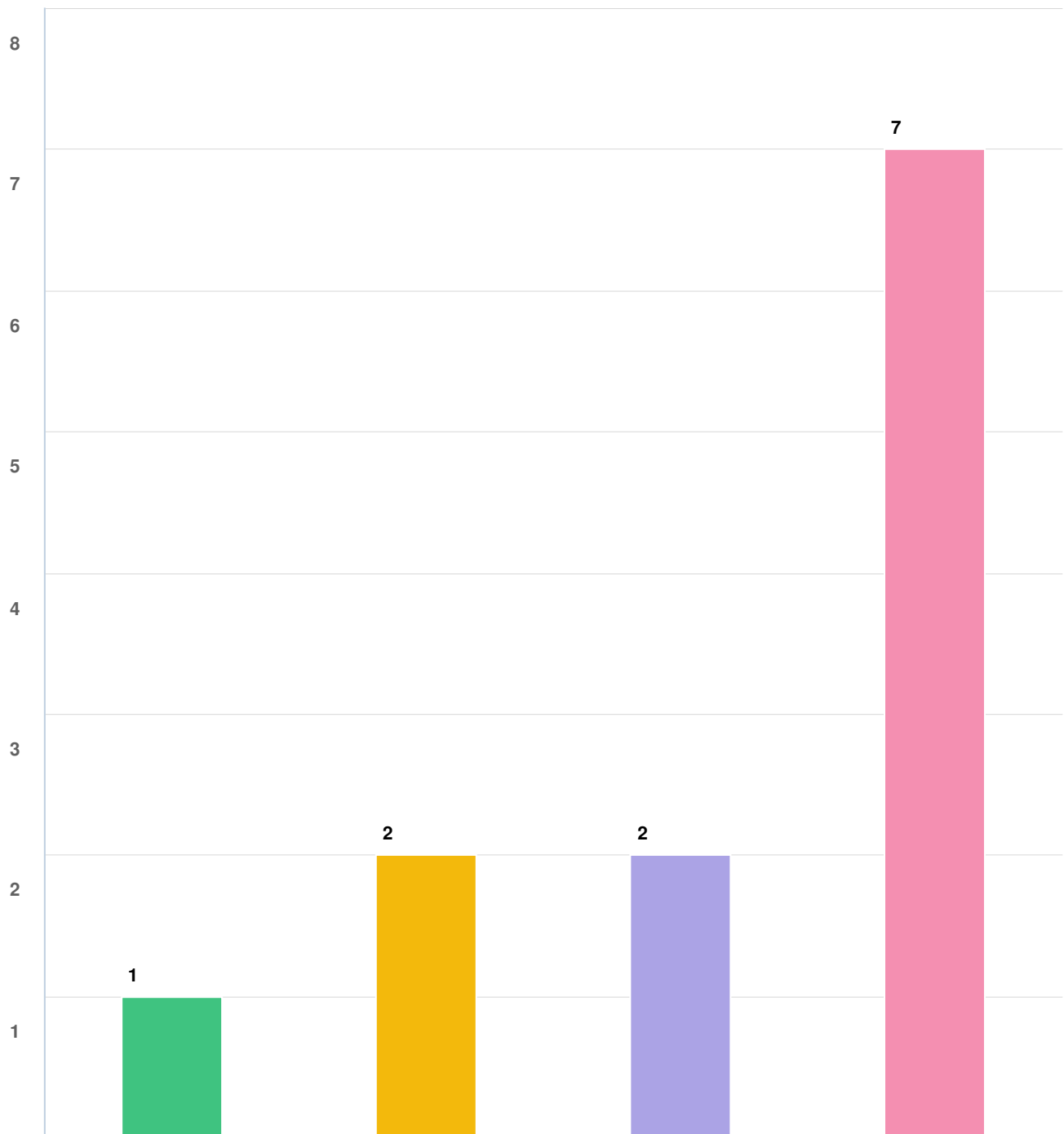


Question options

- A residential or rural block less than 3Ha
 ● A residential or rural block greater than 3Ha
● Pastoral land
- National Parks or Reserves
 ● Road verges
● Government land
● Commercial
● Aboriginal land
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Did you participate in the:

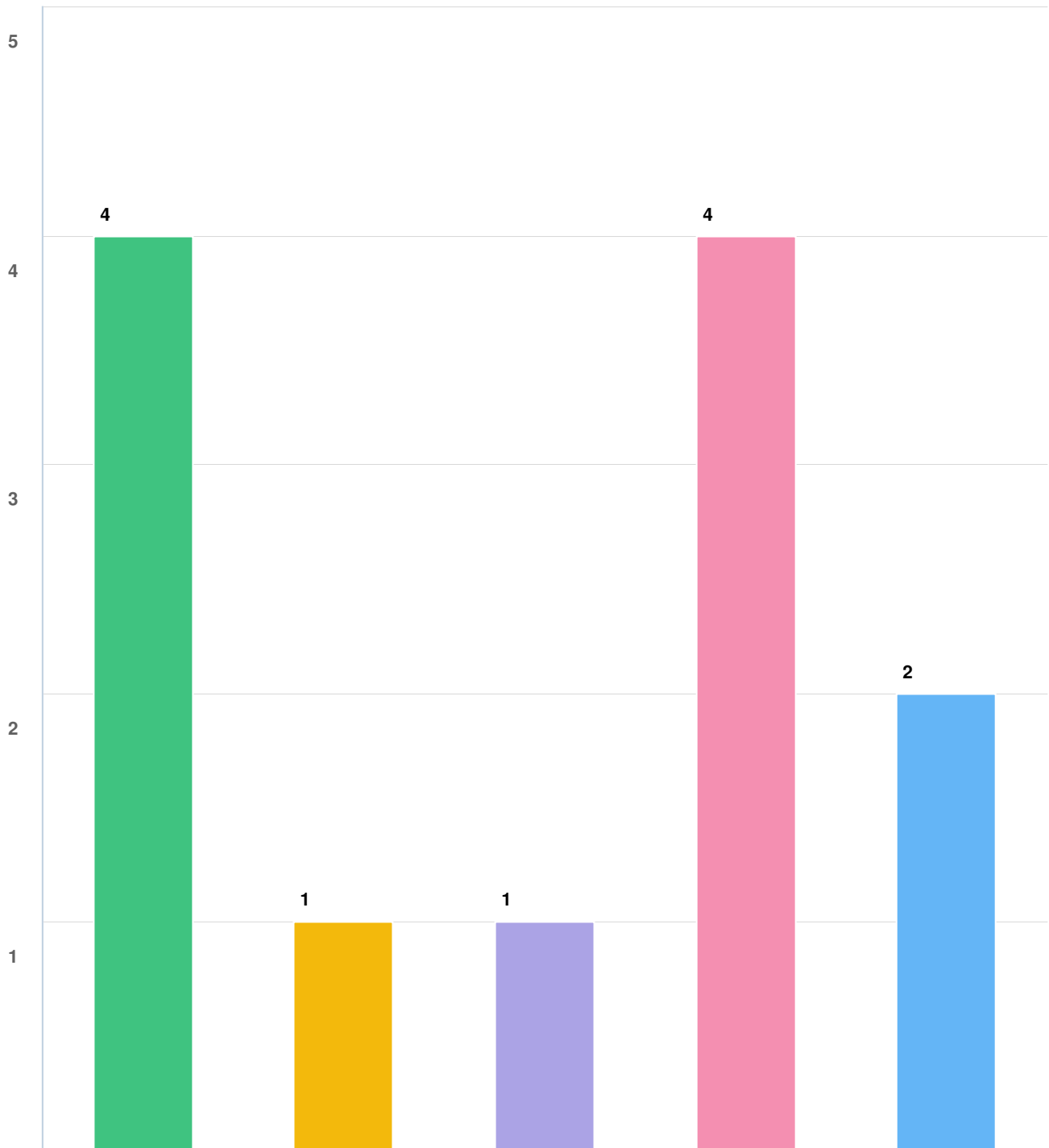


Question options

- Consultation undertaken in 2020 for developing the Weed Management Plan Gamba Grass 2020 – 2030
- Gamba grass 'Have your say' survey in May 2022
- Gamba grass 'Have your say' survey' in April / May 2023
- None of the above

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 | If you manage land in the Class A eradication zone, how are you tracking with gamba grass eradication on your property?

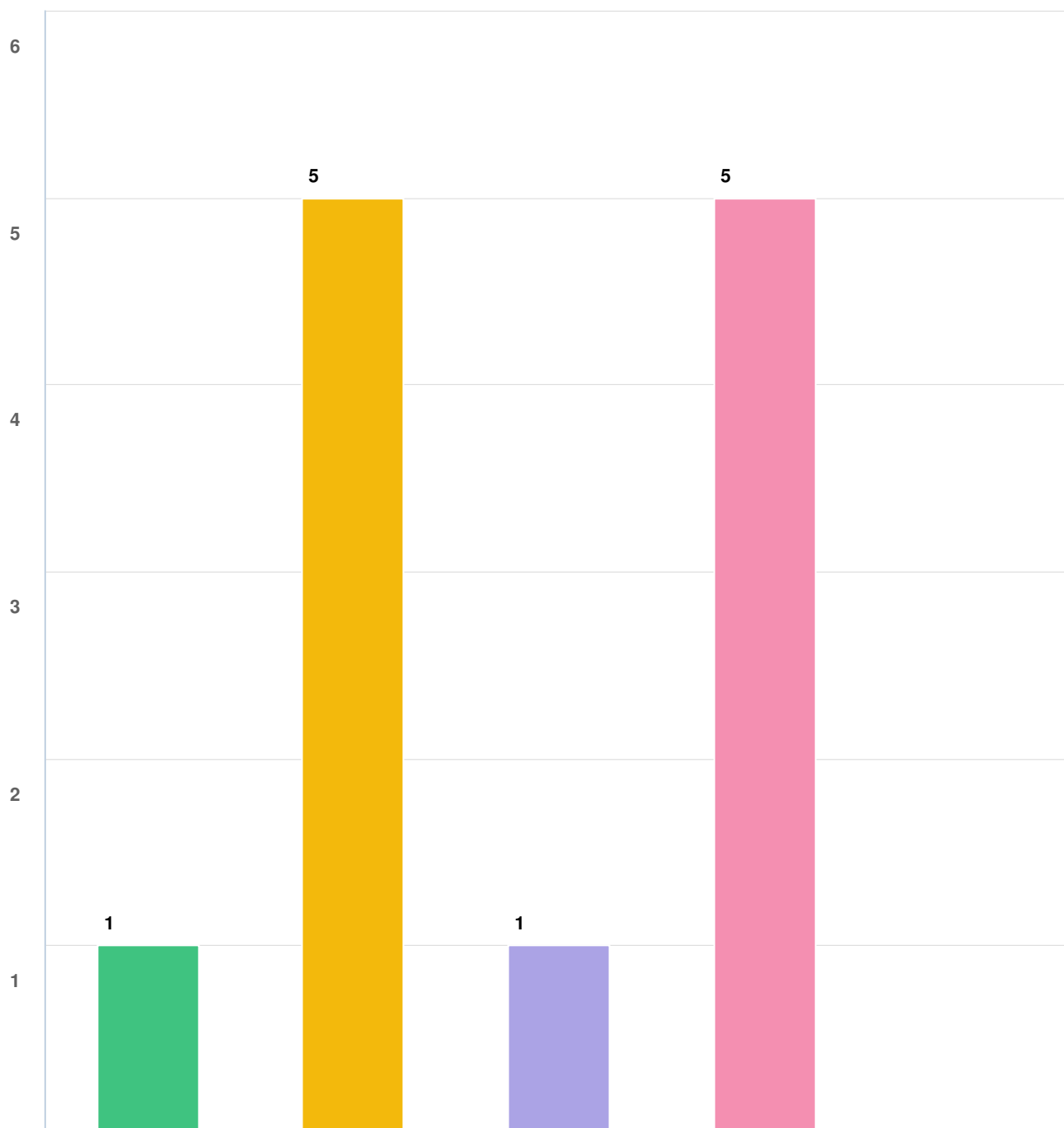


Question options

- Progress towards eradication is on track
- Progress towards eradication is partially on track
- Progress towards eradication is not on track
- NA
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q6 | If you manage land in the Class B management zone, which of the key requirements below are you working towards achieving on your property:

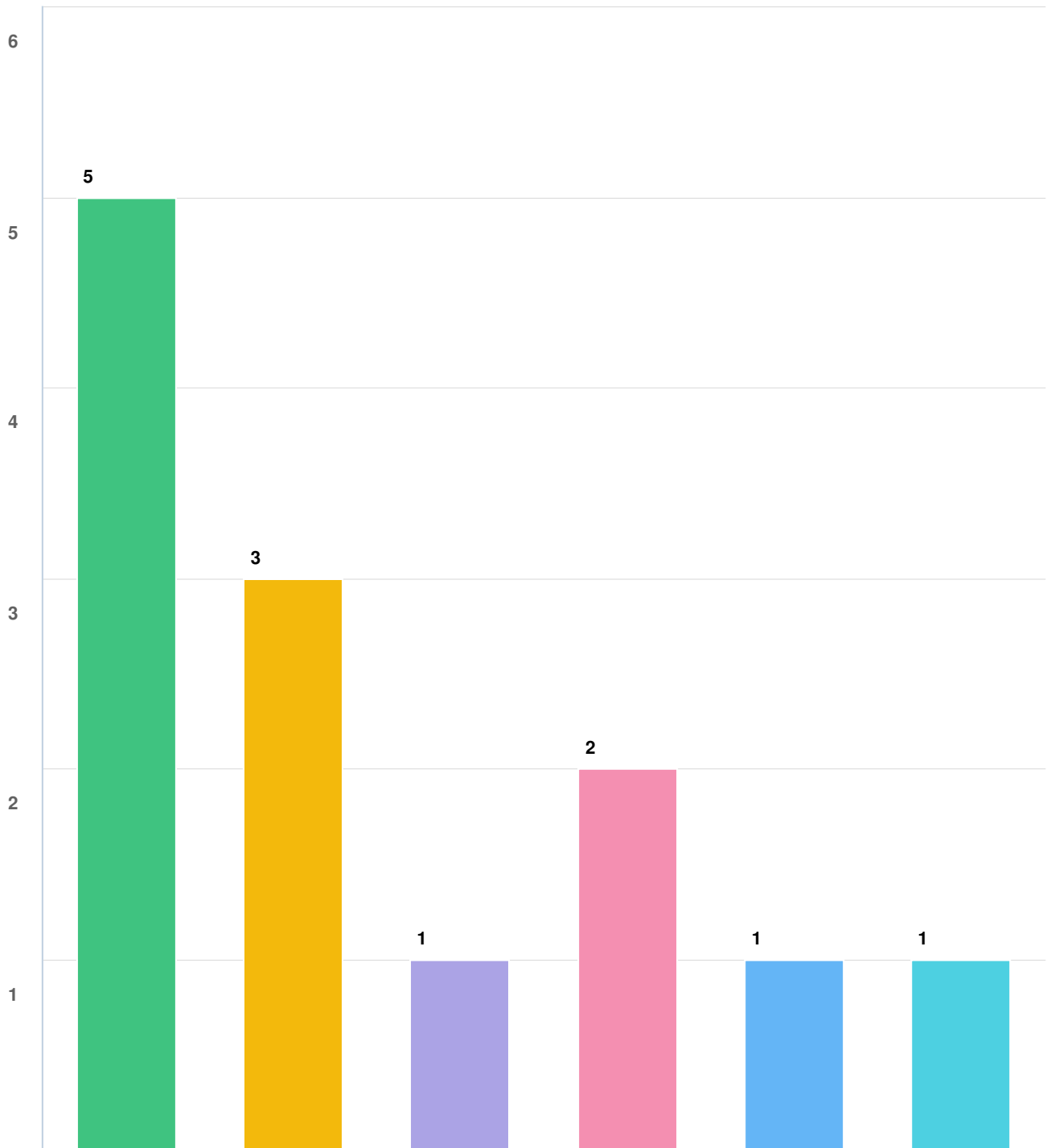


Question options

- Installing a 15m gamba grass free buffer along the inside of your land parcel boundary, around infrastructure and on both sides of tracks and roads
- Destroying all gamba grass from your property if your property is less than 3 Ha
- Installing a 500m gamba grass free buffer adjacent the Class A zone
- NA
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 How are you tracking towards achieving your Class B zone requirements, of maintaining gamba free buffers prior to seeding, keeping clean areas clean, and reducing gamba:

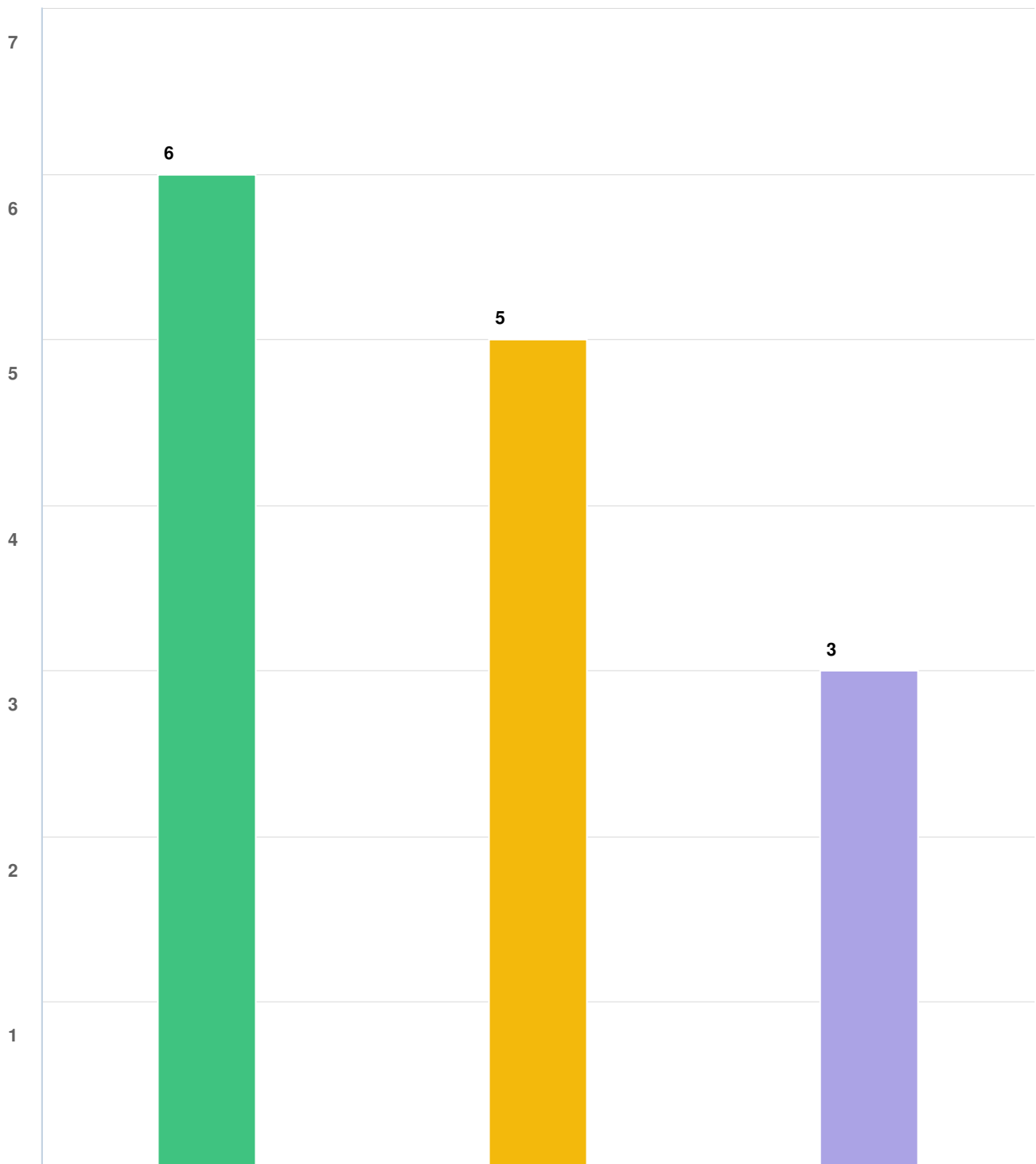


Question options

- Management is on track
- Management is partially on track
- Management is not on track
- I don't have gamba grass on my property
- NA – I am not a land owner managing gamba grass
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q8 Are you receiving enough information in the annual gamba grass reports on how environmental and cultural assets are being protected against the threat of gamba grass?



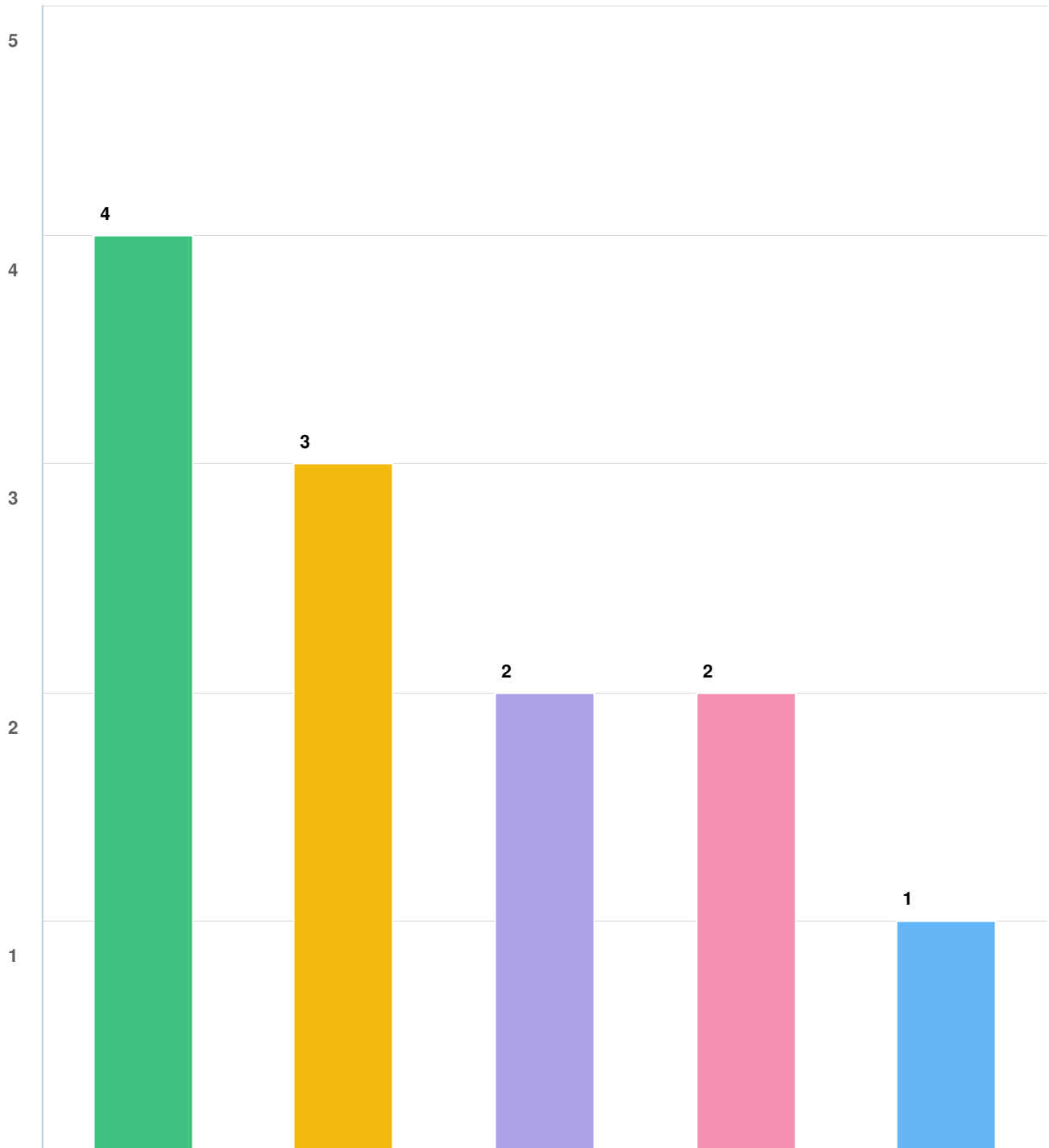
Question options

Yes No Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q9 If no, which environmental and cultural assets would you like more information on?



Question options

- Litchfield National Park
- Other NT Parks and Reserves
- Kakadu National Park
- Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs)
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (5 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 | Where do you think there are still knowledge gaps (unknown information) that need to be addressed to improve gamba grass management outcomes?

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The gaps are with property owners and local and Territory Governments.

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Spraying gamba grass prior to seeding

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Yes. Being new property owners, and new to the territory we have relied on neighbours updating us and what we need to do to manage the mess of gamba we 'inherited'. The relevant council could be more proactive in sending out information on requirements for rural properties.

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Landholders move to the rural area with little knowledge about hazards, including Gamba and fires. Tenants and new owners need support to identify and manage such hazards.

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Not really

Not so much knowledge gap, it's more financial and health concerns preventing doing it. And not being able to reach out for assistance of neighbors for fear of abuse

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As stated above. The disconnect between what is "standard" for fires and "standard" for properties with gamba and other weeds is costly and potentially dangerous, as well as could promote the spread of the weed. I would suggest a compromise or cross the board standardisation (i.e 12m across the board for all blocks over 3ha fire breaks, and 6m for under 3ha) with a grace period for those purchasing undeveloped blocks, if they can prove action towards

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management/ eradication of gamba via mechanical, chemical or manual means. And inclusion of gamba eradication information, weed identification information (like a poster) and chemicals in a "rural starter pack" required when someone purchases a rural property. Increased assistance with a "virgin" block, as those purchasing are often building and developing land, many of which may not have any experience with managing noxious weeds, nor understand the time, labor and other costs involved over an extended period, with weeds like gamba, hyptis and mission grass; many not even knowing what they look like.

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The importance of timing (month, when or after rain) and regular maintenance of it. How far in your neighbours yard you can spray if any that are covered in gamba

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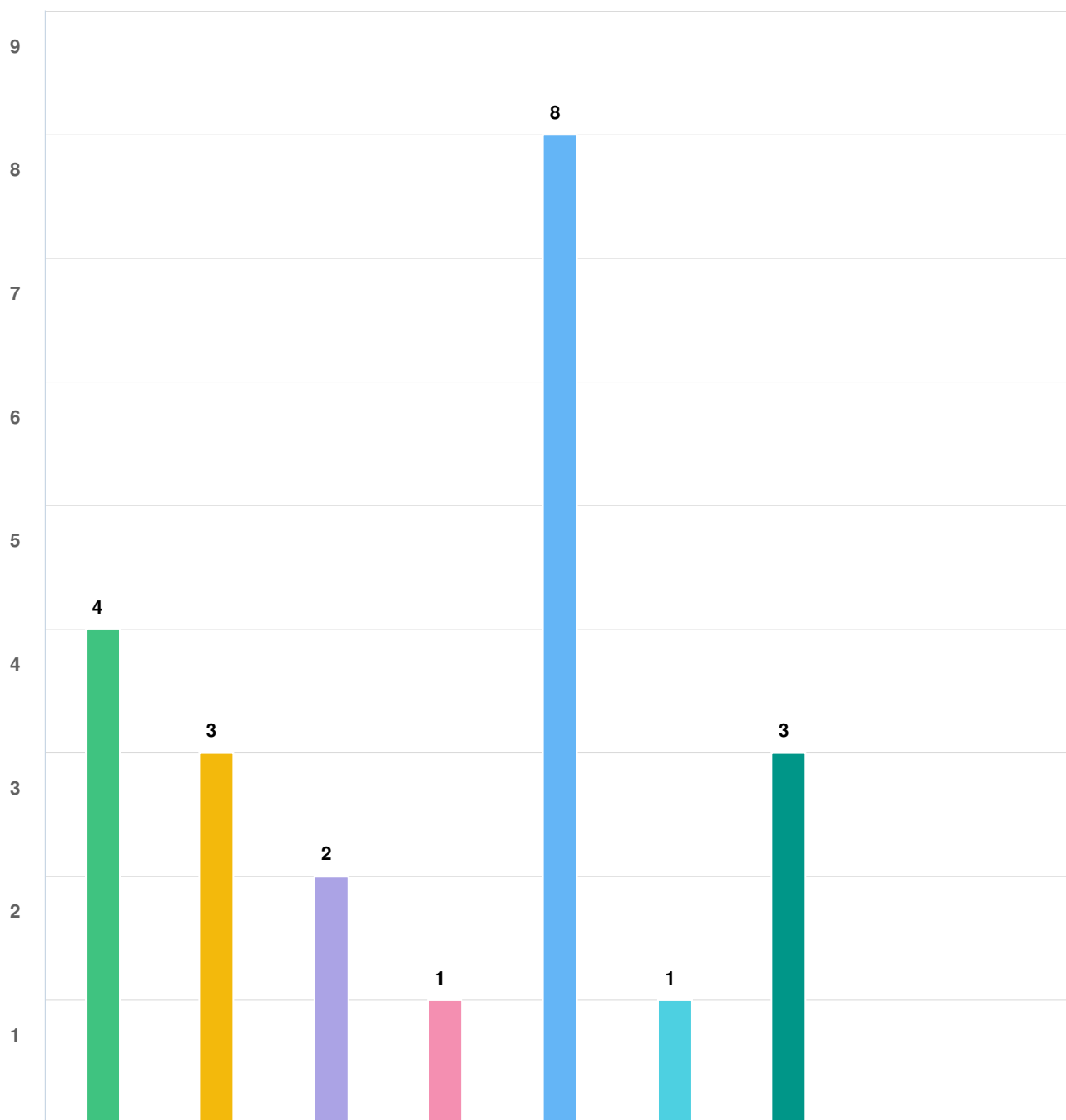
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Additional ways to stimulate public and landholder interest in addressing gamba grass.

Optional question (11 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q11 | Which gamba grass communications methods have you found useful to you or someone you know:



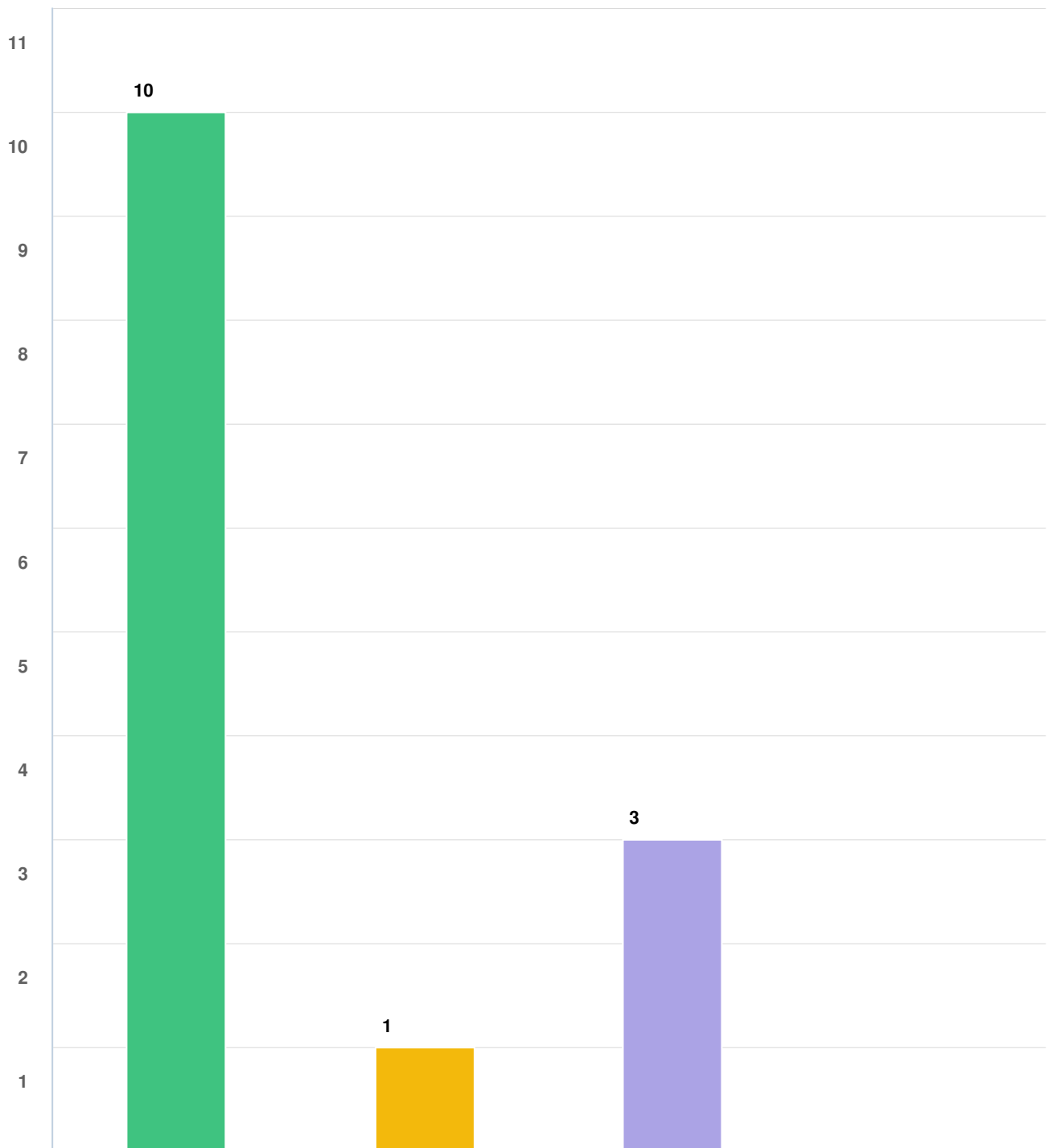
Question options

- Information at nt.gov.au/gamba
- Gamba grass legal requirements leaflet received with rates notice
- Gamba grass annual reports
- Videos on how to identify and spray gamba grass at nt.gov.au/gamba
- Gamba grass Facebook posts
- Back of bus advertising
- Other (please specify)
- Radio advertising
- Gamba grass 'core flutes'

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Question type: Checkbox Question

Q12 | What further information do you need in order to manage gamba grass on your land effectively?



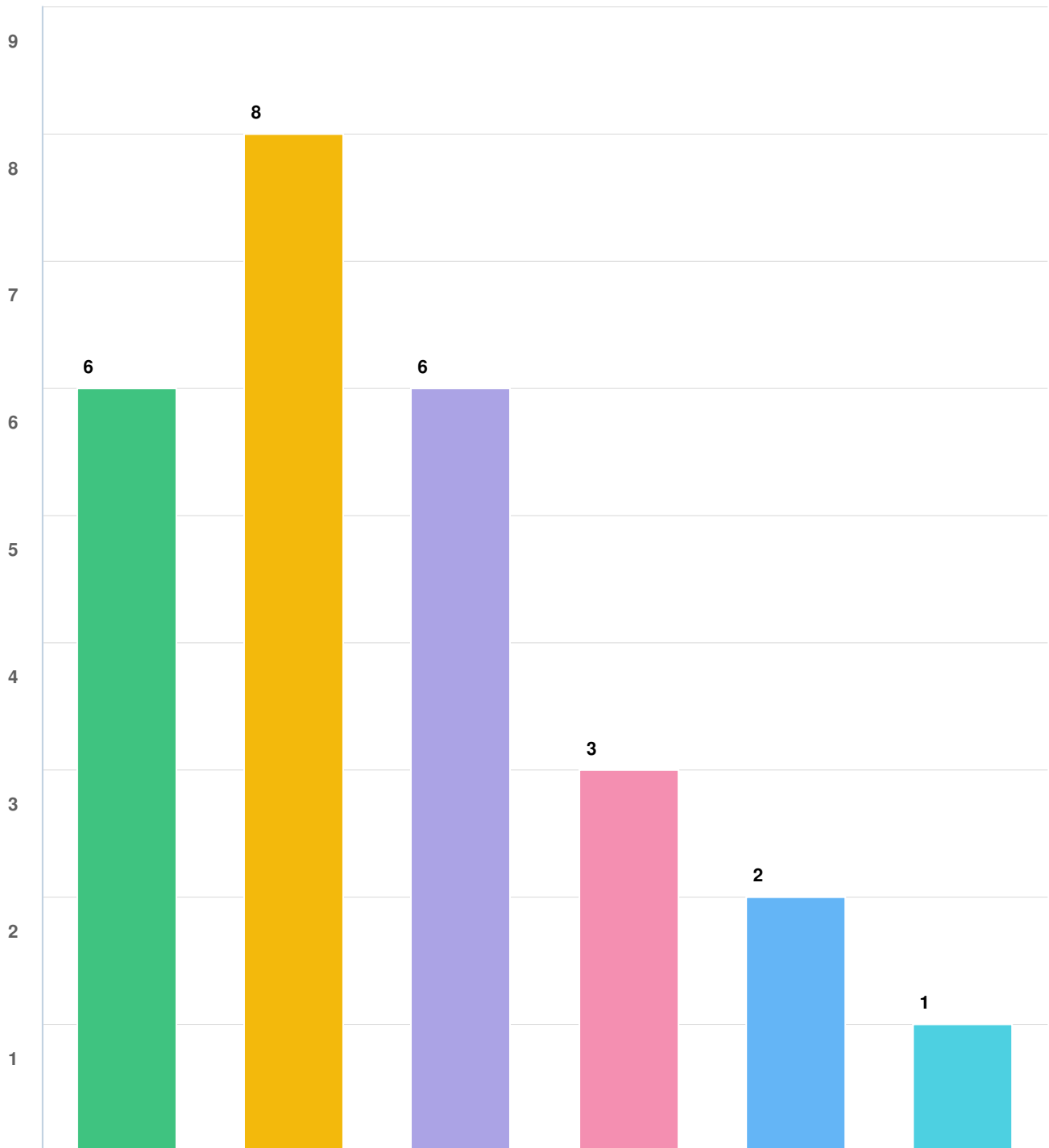
Question options

- The information I need is available
- Information on gamba grass identification
- Information on how to spray and control gamba grass
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q13 | What are the main factor(s) that motivate you to deal with gamba grass issues and support gamba action?



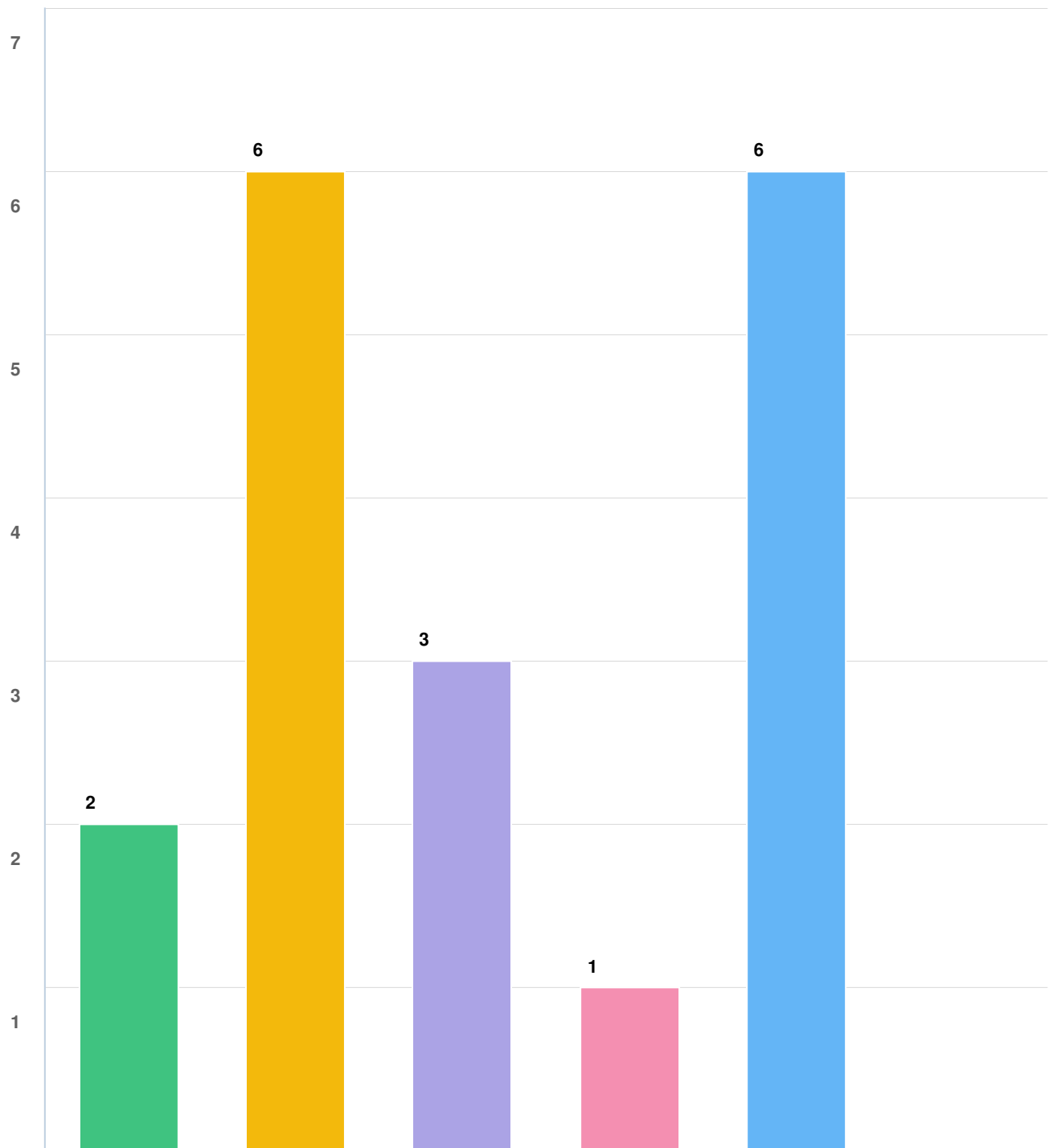
Question options

- Looking after your lifestyle
- Looking after nature
- Safety of people and protection of built infrastructure
- Financial impact of not taking action
- Legal requirements
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (12 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q14 What factors are a barrier to your ability to manage gamba grass?



Question options

- Nothing is hindering me from managing gamba grass on my land
- Time
- Money
- Knowledge
- Other (please specify)
- I don't have any gamba grass on my land to manage

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q15 | Do you believe there has been a change in attitude towards gamba grass over the last two years and if so please list the change(s)?

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Still waiting for the change.

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Yes - I believe most people understand the need to manage gamba, however, many people, including my family, bought land before gamba was a problem. I think if there was more support by Governments at all levels (including Federal, NT, councils), people would feel that the eradication is not insurmountable and would be more likely to make efforts on their own land.

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No

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Unsure, we have only lived here for 8 months

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Some people I work with are sick of hearing about it. Others still don't know what it is.

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Yes

Not really as financial concerns have increased just to survive so gamba low priority

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Yes. People WANT to eradicate it. But are getting frustrated with the bureaucracy, and increased time restraints to prove action.

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Yes my neighbour got the free spray for the first time and got into it

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Yes. Increased acceptance that gamba is a major issue that needs to be addressed by all types of landholders, along with the public.

Optional question (11 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q16 | Have you received a gamba grass compliance order or fine or know someone else that has?

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Yes.

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No but they should give fines

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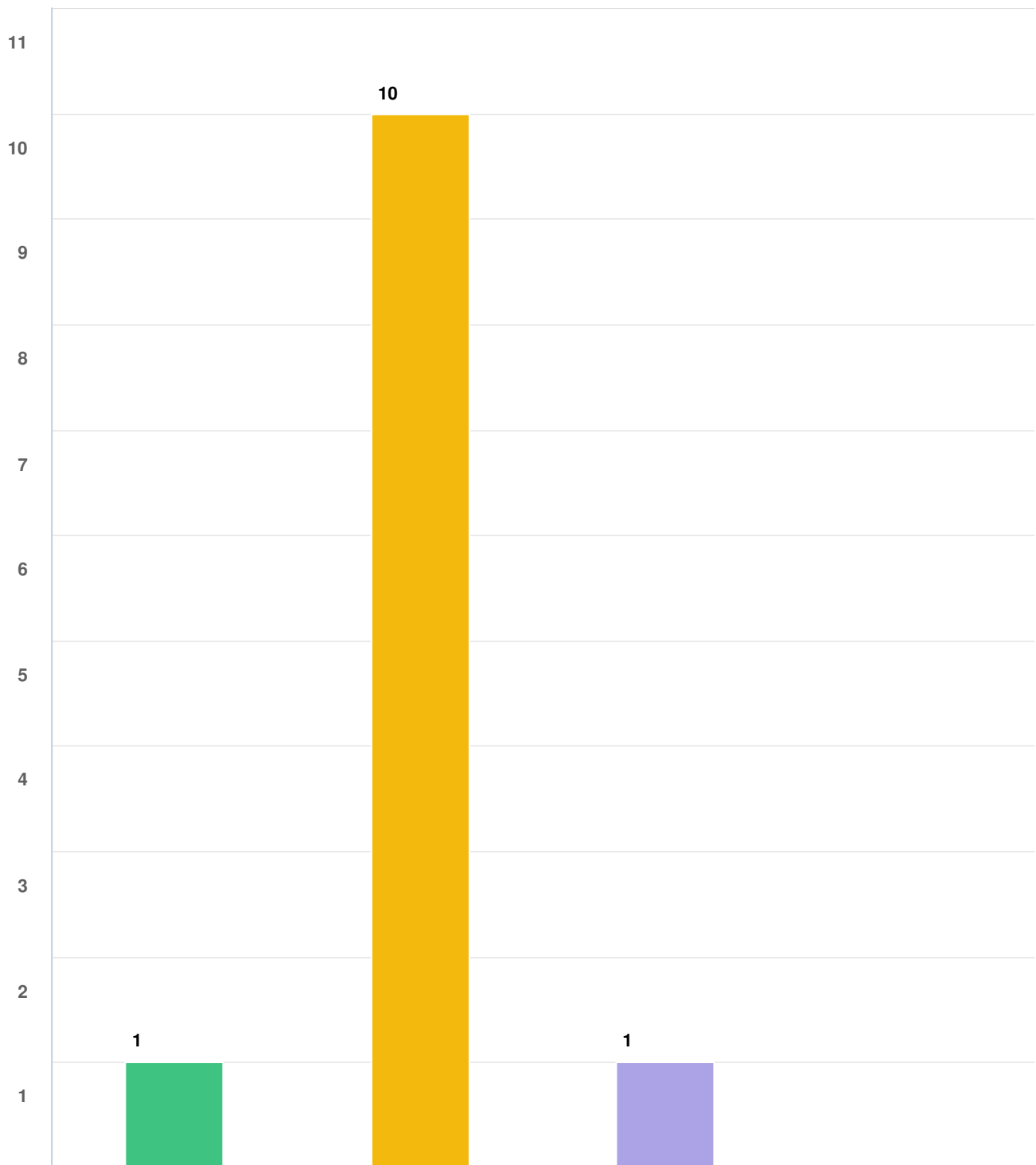
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Q17 | If you have made a complaint about gamba grass has this complaint been resolved?

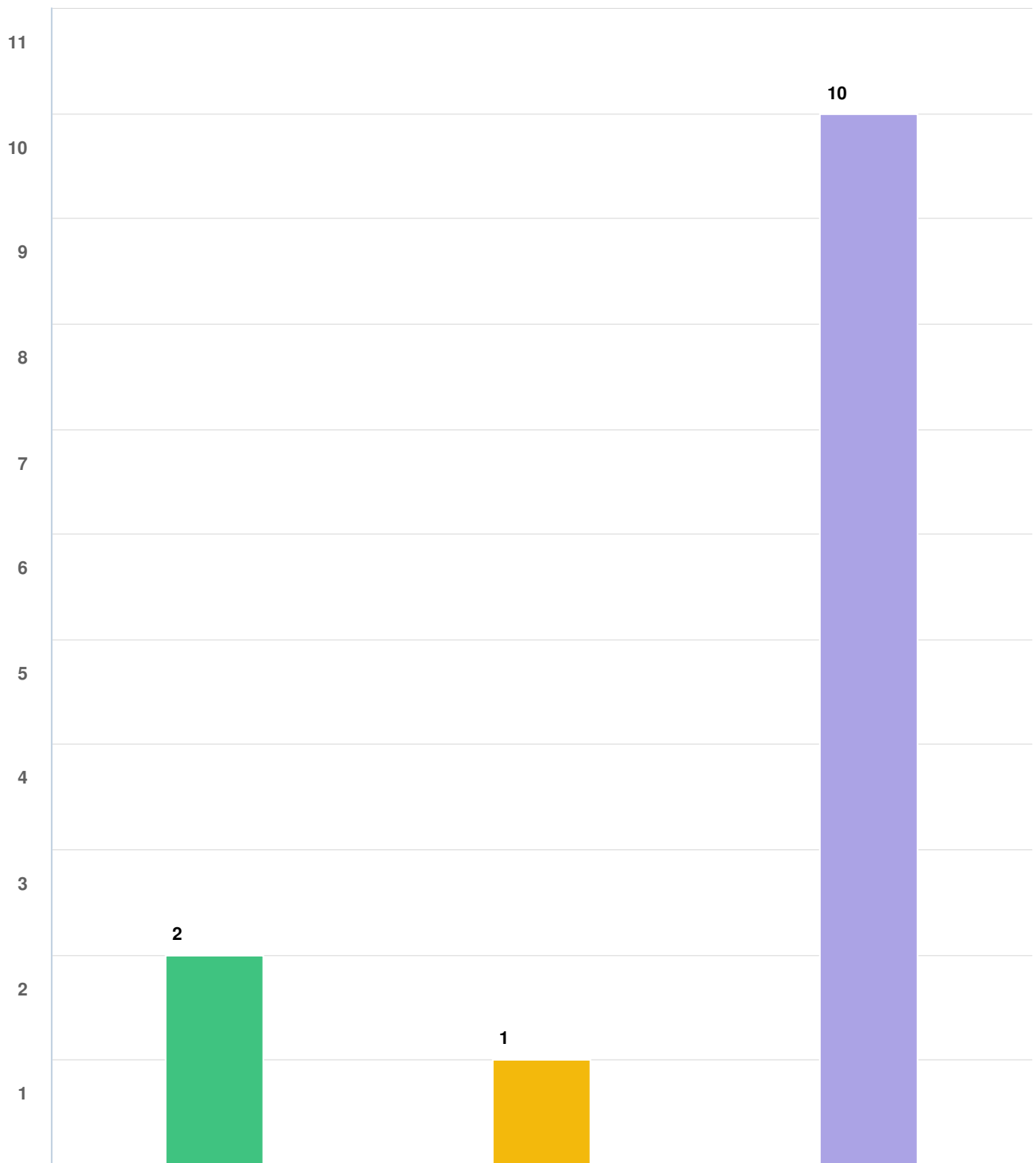


Question options

- No
- NA – I have not made a complaint
- Other (please specify)
- Yes

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q18 | Do you find the gamba grass annual reports to be transparent and meaningful reporting method?



Question options

- Yes
- No
- I didn't know the gamba grass report existed

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q19 | Please provide any other feedback here? E.g. a gamba grass success story you would like to share, gamba management learnings, gamba grass management that you are involved in, more information that is needed?

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Please provide further information to local and Territory governments. Start the fines to property owners.

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When gamba is killed, the resulting bare ground is often a perfect substrate for other weeds. Is there any information on what can be sown on cleared areas to enable the native vegetation to return as quickly as possible?

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Spraying weeds prior to seeding and just after burn off'. Enforcing rural properties to remove weeds.

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As new property owners we inherited a lot of Gamba that had not been maintained, poisoned or managed for some time. We've spent hundreds and hundred of unbudgeted dollars on chemical, spraying upwards of 1,000 litres this wet season to try and control the gamba here while others in the area let theirs go wild.

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No good news stories. Living at Marrakai (last year) all landholders were issued with 10 litres of poison. At the end of the season I suggested that this is overkill as lots of properties were 5 acres. My suggestion was that 5 acres or less get the 5 litres and larger get the 10 litres. Thanks for hearing that as all people here were issued with 5 litres (when they applied). Clearly not enough for larger properties.

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Struggling. I'd be happy to have gamba control assistance in some form built into my council rates . Can't afford a loan for a tractor or have the means to pay someone to cut down gamba once it dies

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Labasheeda fire fighters eradicating it from the block after 7 years of action.

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We purchased a new property 6 acres... it was 80% gamba. We asked for more chemicals... but got knocked back. I think there should be an adjustment to the poison provided for those that purchase a new property

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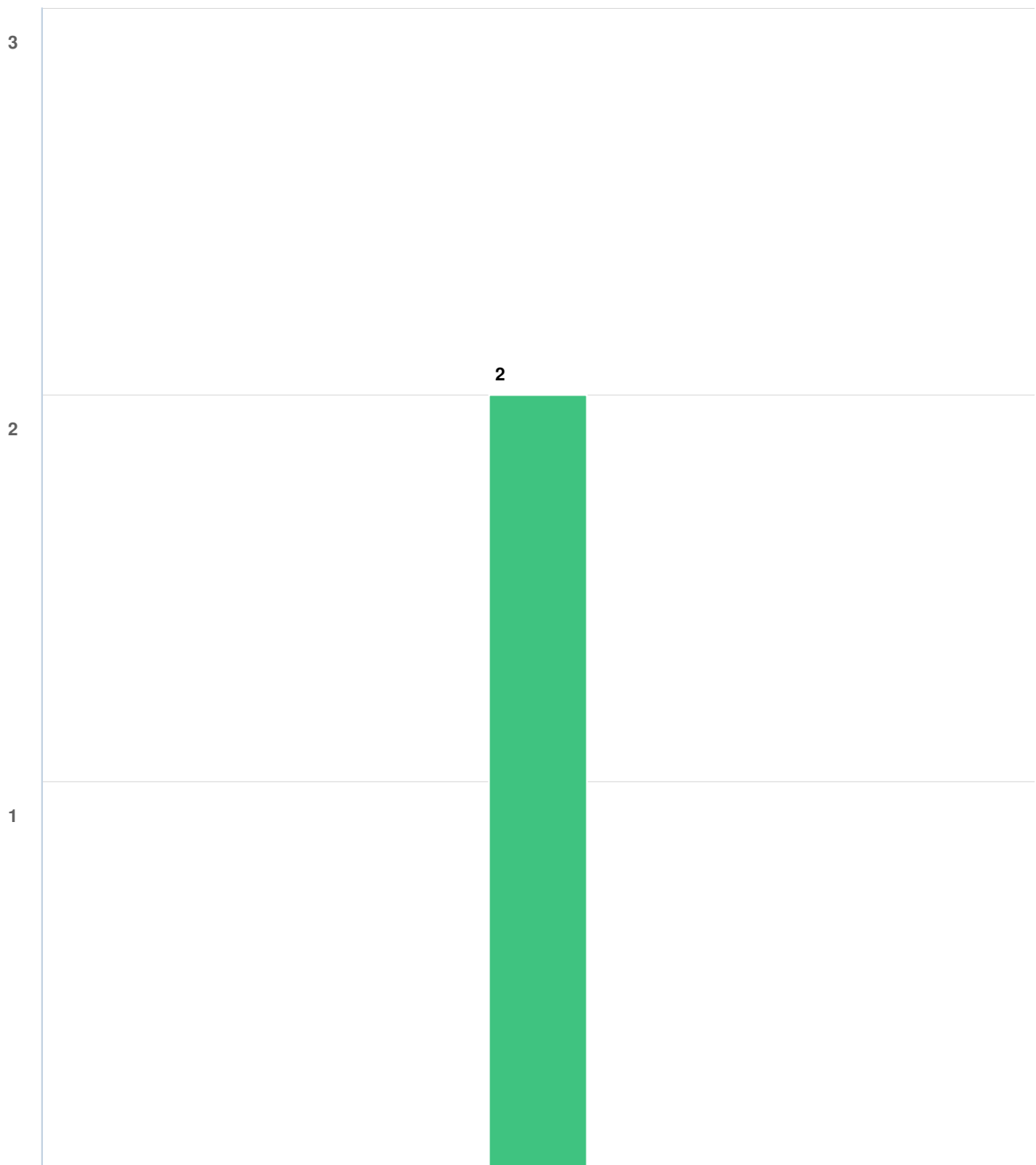
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The supply of "free" weedicide by the NT Government has been an important initiative for stimulating landholder action to control gamba grass and it would be useful to see the program expanded. While recognising the progress that has been made in addressing gamba grass in Litchfield NP, it would be a major advance to further expand this program.

Optional question (10 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q20 Tick if you do not wish to include your feedback in the 2024 gamba grass annual report.



Question options

No

Optional question (2 response(s), 10 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question