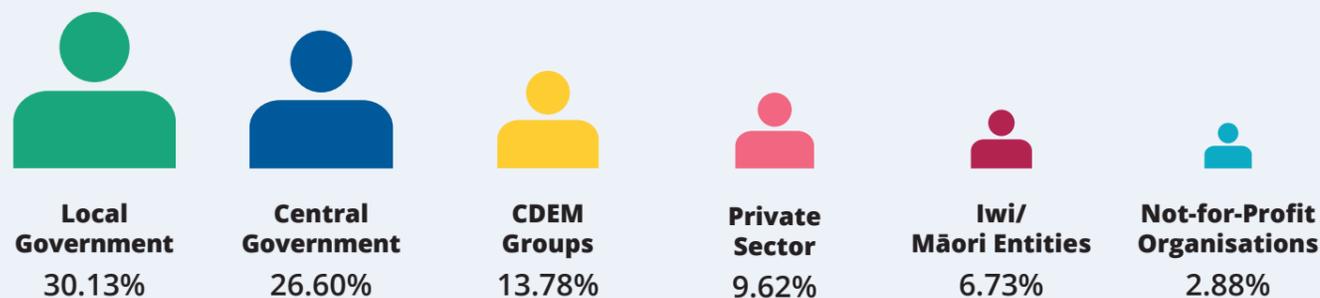


NEMA Regulatory Framework Review ("Trifecta") Programme Stakeholder Survey Results – May 2021

In May 2021, NEMA initiated public consultation for the **Trifecta Programme** with a survey of our stakeholders, focused on the usability of the current framework (particularly the **CDEM Act, National CDEM Plan Order and accompanying Guide**) and how these could be improved.

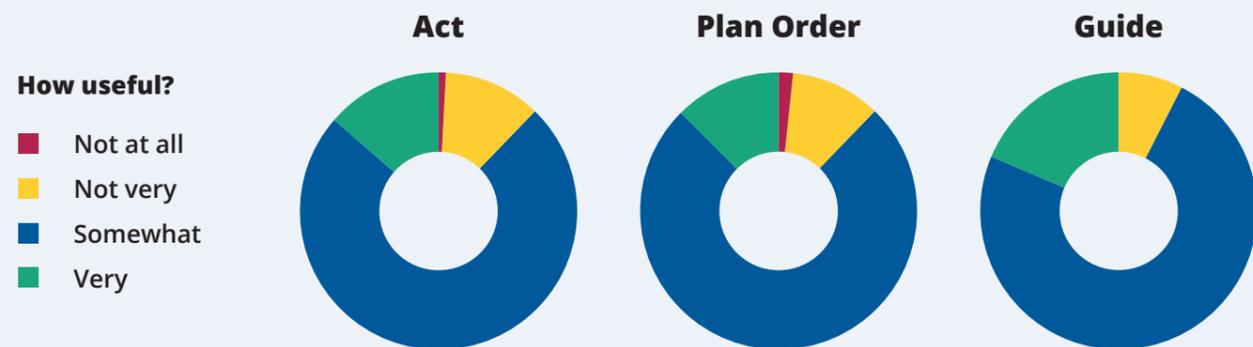
The responses will inform the development of a new, more flexible and responsive regulatory framework, as part of our Programme to deliver the largest change to Emergency Management policy in a generation.

We heard from 312 stakeholders



10.62% of participants identified **'Other'** as their primary employer. This included universities, emergency services, media and science organisations.

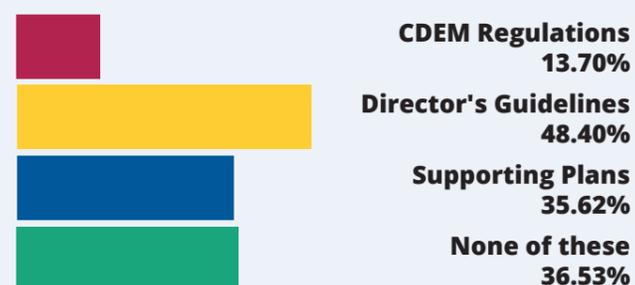
There is opportunity to improve the framework to better meet stakeholder needs



We found that the current framework provides a good foundation but each document is only somewhat meeting the needs of most stakeholders.

There is clearly room to strengthen and improve the framework to better meet stakeholder needs.

We asked which other documents in the framework our stakeholders regularly use



The CDEM Regulations are not well-used, indicating they are not fit for purpose and would benefit from revision.

Guidance documents such as Supporting Plans and Director's Guidelines are regularly used by almost half of the respondents, indicating they provide supplementary assistance as part of the wider framework.

Stakeholders identified a range of areas for enhancement and clarity that build on the strengths of the current arrangements



Current framework strengths

- Details roles and responsibilities/duties
- Powers for response and recovery
- Process for declaration of emergencies
- Gives authority to act
- Provides foundation for consistency
- Hierarchy of information – brevity of the Act through to the comprehensiveness of the Plan and Guide, and links between each

The current framework ensures some consistency and is particularly strong for response. However, it needs updating, we can provide even greater clarity and alignment around roles and responsibilities and enhance assurance and accountability.



Suggested framework improvements

- Greater clarity of roles and responsibilities in specific areas
- Greater assurance and accountability
- Provide for a greater role for iwi/Māori
- More clarity around CDEM Groups and local authorities including structures, governance, resourcing, roles and responsibilities
- Update to align with other legislation and strategic and operational guidance
- Enable easy application of lessons following events
- Better cohesion and alignment across local, regional and national level

We should create a more flexible and modern emergency management regulatory framework



66% of respondents want alternative forms of secondary legislation and guidance with greater flexibility.

32% of people were undecided because they wanted to better understand the proposed changes or had concerns about too much flexibility.

We'll explore use of more flexible forms of secondary legislation, such as Rules, and ensure they are consulted and explained while being developed.

95% of people would like to access all documents in the framework via a single online resource.

Stakeholders said they want the updated framework to help them by:

