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How to apply the Sustainable Development Goals to Australia?

Measuring Sustainable Development Conference, 23 – 24 April 2015



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The project

- Three-year project (2013-2015), led by Sir Bob Watson, Prof. John Thwaites and Prof. Dave Griggs
- **Support Australian and regional leadership in the development and implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals:**
 1. Identify what Sustainable Development Goals and targets are most appropriate for Australia
 2. Identify SDGs and targets appropriate for the region (i.e. Southeast Asia and Pacific)
 3. Identify interlinkages between the goals and suggest targets and indicators that maximise integration
 4. Identify how progress against the SDGs will be assessed, evaluated and acted upon
 5. Engage various stakeholder groups to promote the SDGs and gather their input
 6. Influence the Australian Government's position on the SDGs and influence the international debate

Project elements



Papers



National workshops

Indonesia

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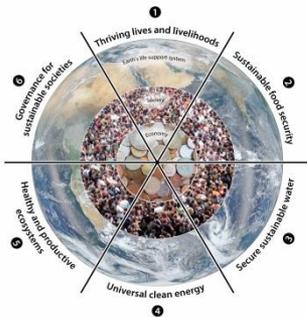


Regional workshops with SDSN colleagues



Malaysia

Engage with leading academics, business, government and civil society



Science approach to the SDGs

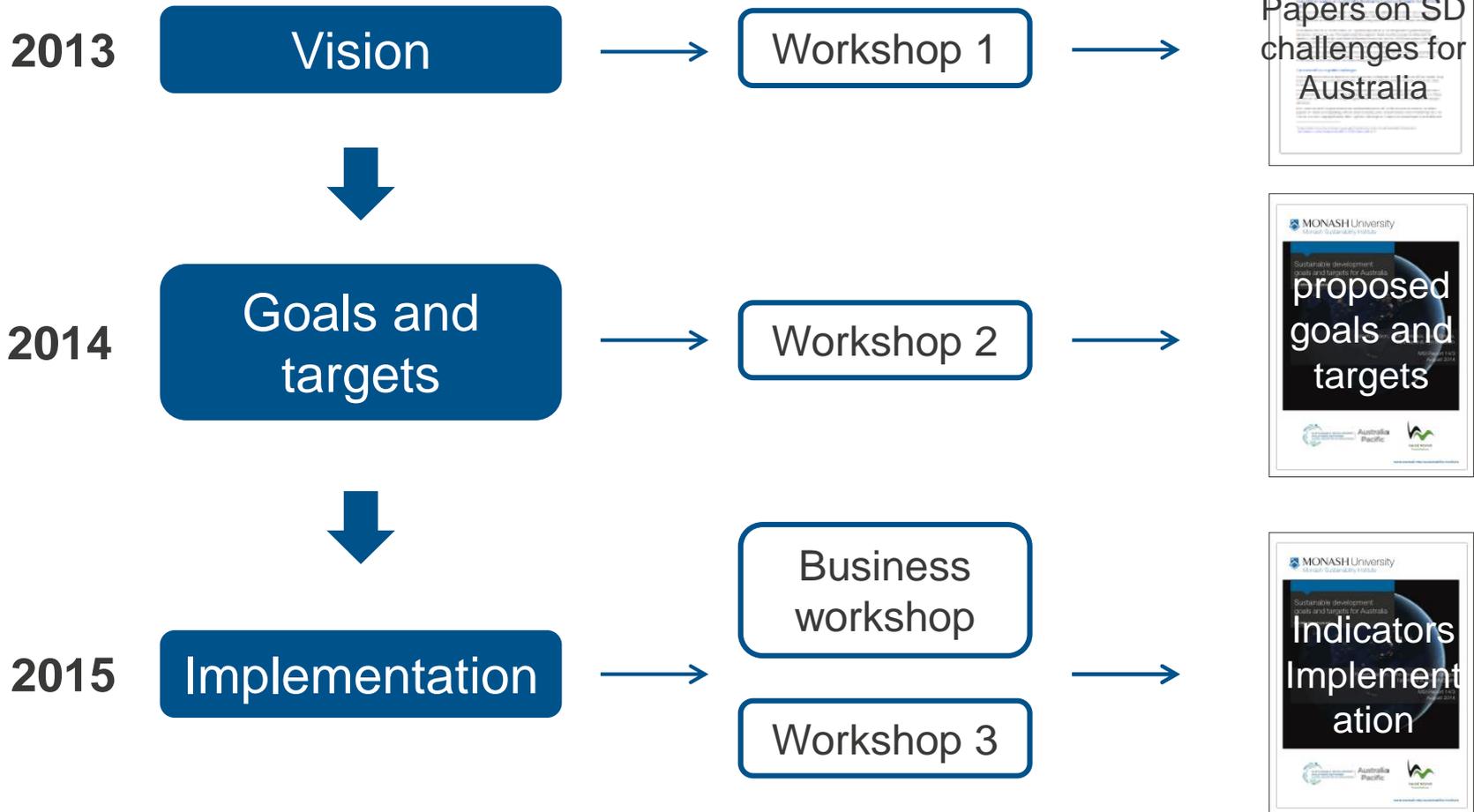


Direct engagement with government



Direct engagement with business

National SDGs process



Business Workshop – Feb 2015

Building business engagement in sustainable development and the SDGs

- Jointly with Global Compact Network Australia, supported by BHP Billiton
- Bring Australian businesses up to date on post-2015
- Role of business in relation to sustainable development
- Examples of leading businesses
- National and international opportunities for businesses
- Australian Government approach to post-2015



Business Workshop – Feb 2015

- More than 80 participants – most from business with senior government and NGO representation.
- Business has a crucial role in achieving SDGs
- Businesses should start to align their long term strategies with the Sustainable Development Goals
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships will be critical

Workshop summary available within next few days



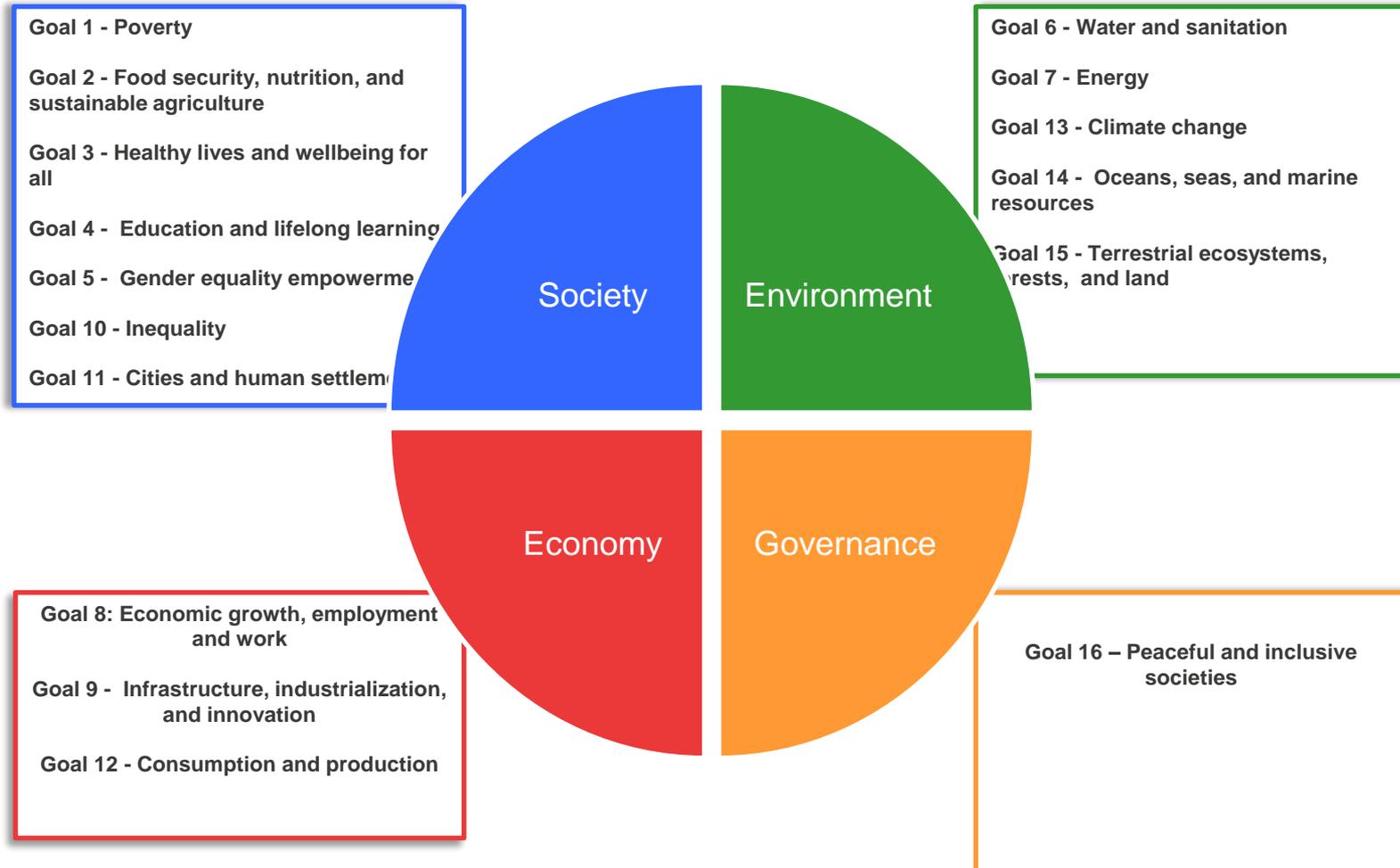
Workshop 3 – May 2015

Implementing the SDGs

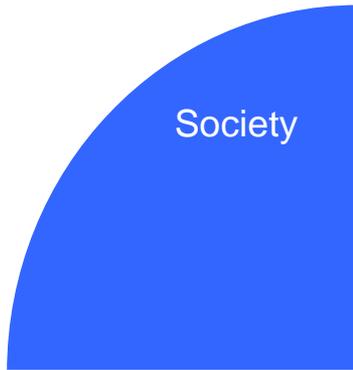
- Which of the proposed SDGs are most relevant for Australia
- Opportunities for Australia
- How Australia could measure, assess and evaluate progress against the SDGs and respond accordingly
- Role of different sectors in contributing to the implementation of the SDGs eg national, state and local governments, business, NGOs



The UN Open Working Group Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



The domains and SDGs

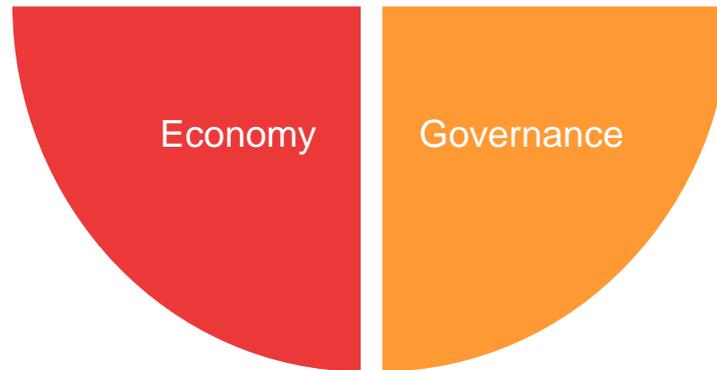


The majority (41%) of SDG indicators relate to the improvement of society



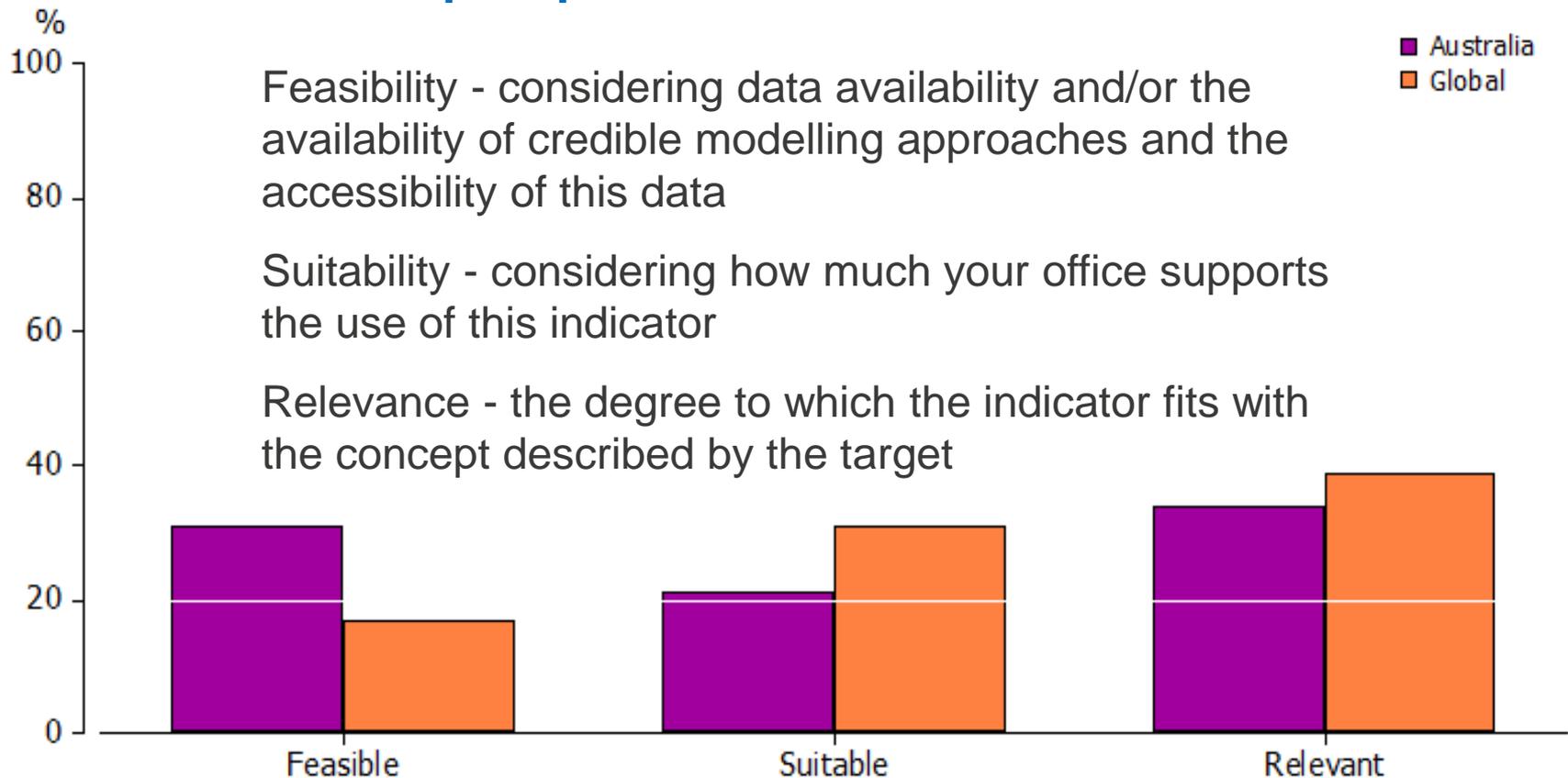
While 29% relate to the environment

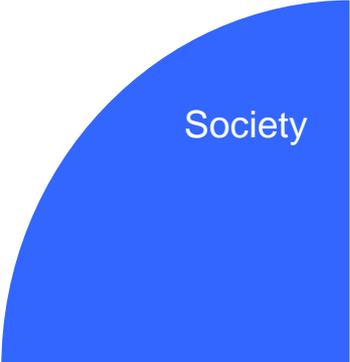
Over a quarter (30%) of SDG indicators are around the economy and governance



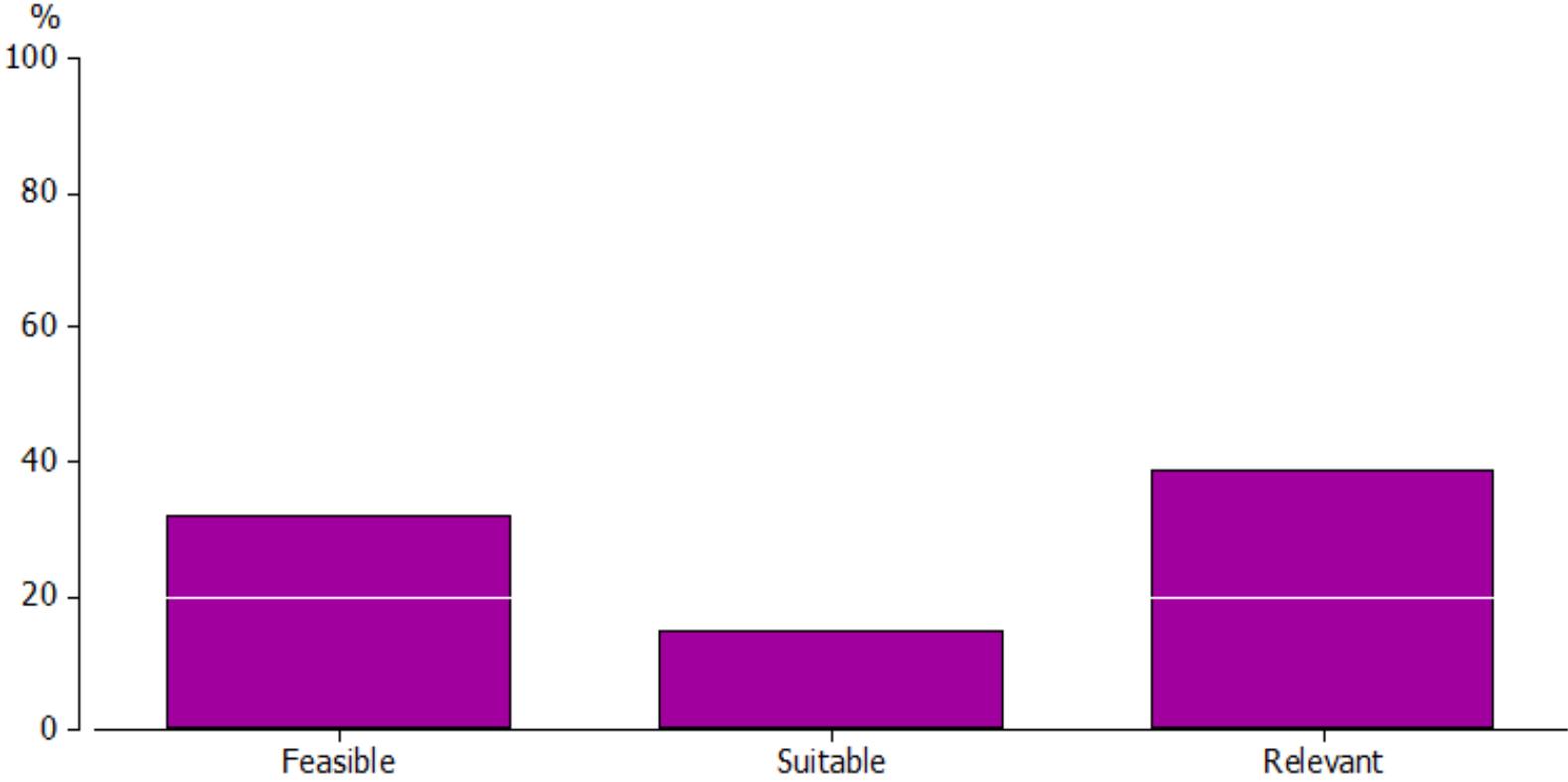
...and one goal, Goal 17, is around the means of implementation

Comparing Global assessment of proposed indicators against Australia's assessment of proposed indicators



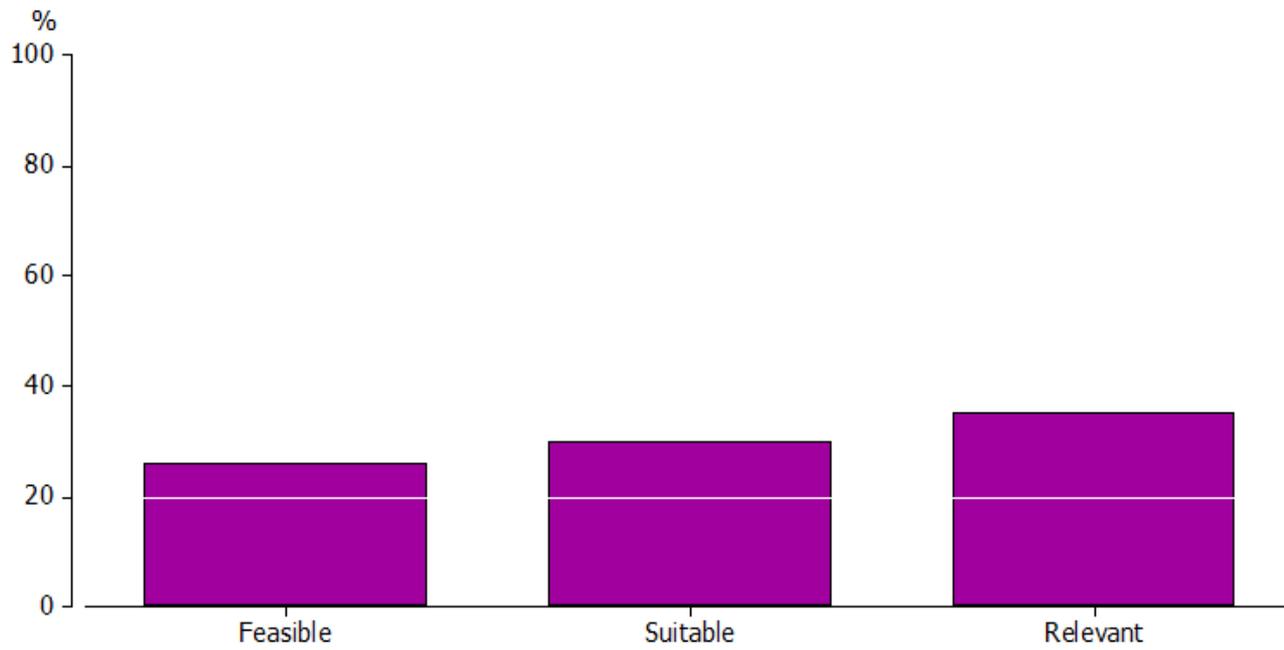


Australia's assessment of indicators



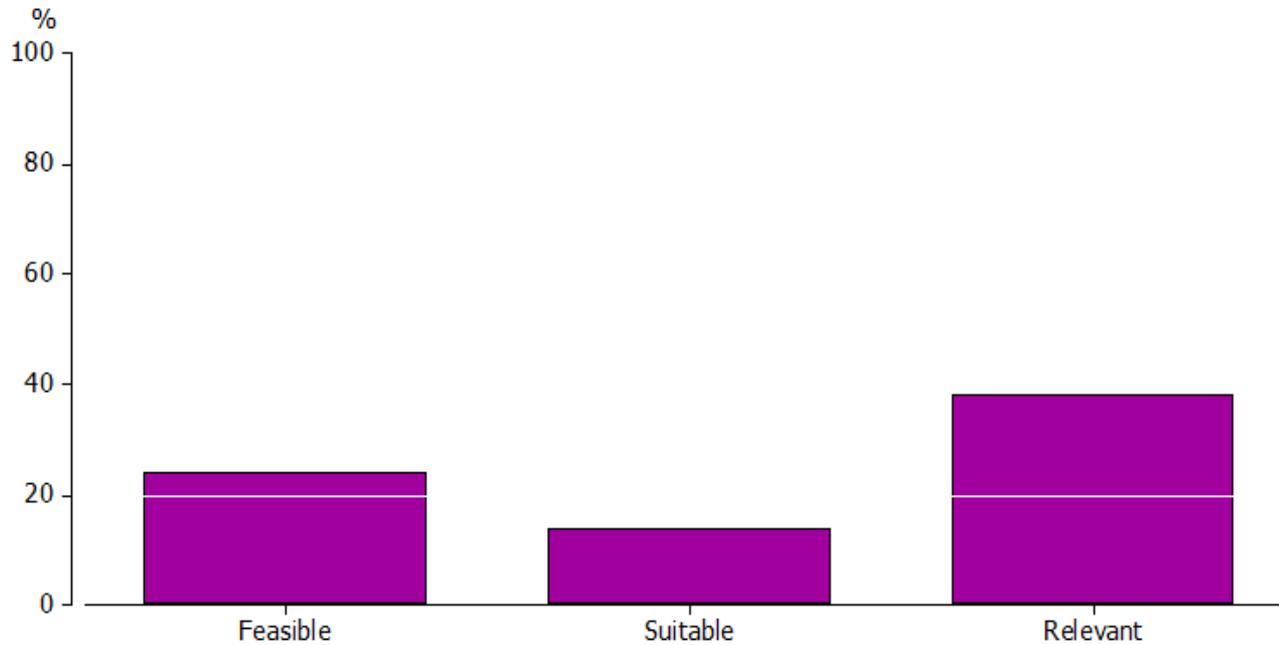
Environment

Australia's assessment of indicators



Governance

Australia's assessment of indicators



Points for assessment and evaluation

- The point of measuring, assessing and evaluating something is in order to act upon it.
- To know if you need to act you need to assess or evaluate against something, against a target, against others etc.
- Who is going to be responsible for assessing or evaluating what, and who is going to be responsible for acting on the result.
- In order for someone to act on an assessment or and evaluation what you are assessing has to be able to be acted upon.
- For someone to act upon you need to win their hearts and minds it and that requires them to be bought into the process.
- Do we need an Intergovernmental Panel on the SDGs to carry out periodic assessments, c.f, IPCC,IPBES. Or do we need a variety of approaches, ten commandments, comprehensive assessments, special reports



Further information

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Thank you!