



Forest Practices Board

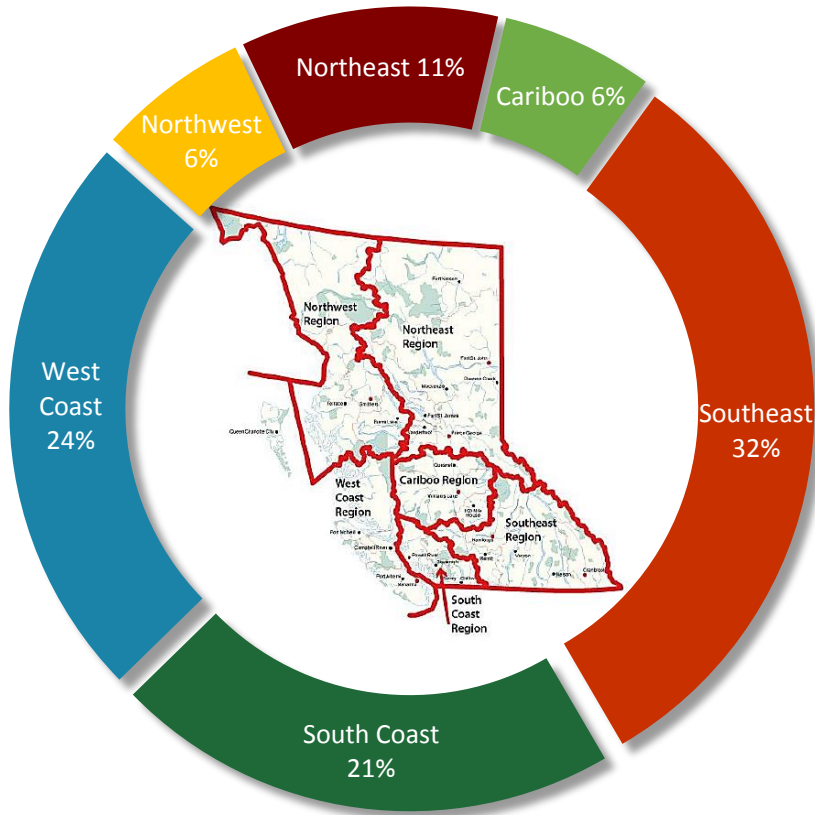
2015 Benchmark Survey

The objective of this survey was to improve the Board's understanding of its perceived value and performance in pursuing its mission, and to establish baseline metrics to ensure verifiable, meaningful progress can be made. This in turn will better position the Board to evaluate and improve upon its watchdog function and focus its outreach and communication activities with key stakeholder groups.

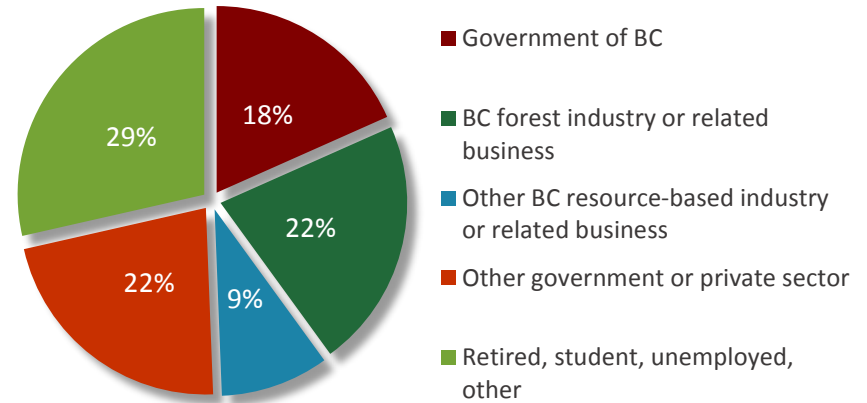
Quick Facts:

- Online survey
- 19 questions
- Conducted between February 26th - March 31st, 2015
- Respondents were targeted with assistance of interested stakeholder organizations
- 725 respondents from across the province of BC

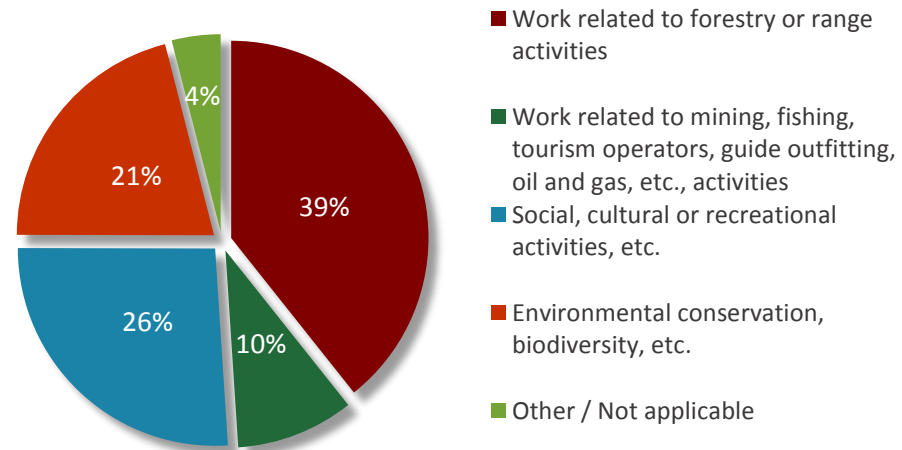
What region of the province do you live in?



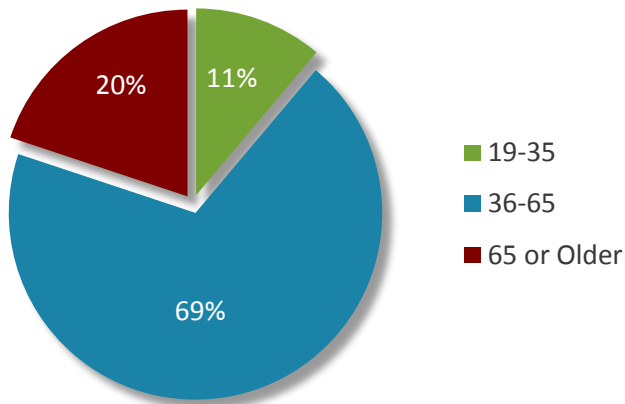
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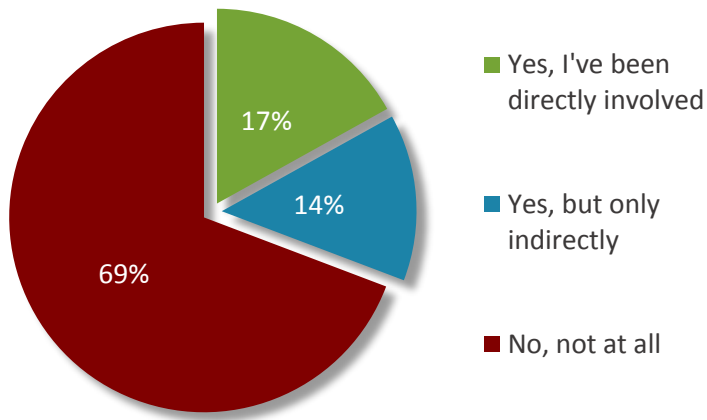
What is your principle area of interest as it relates to BC's forest and range practices?



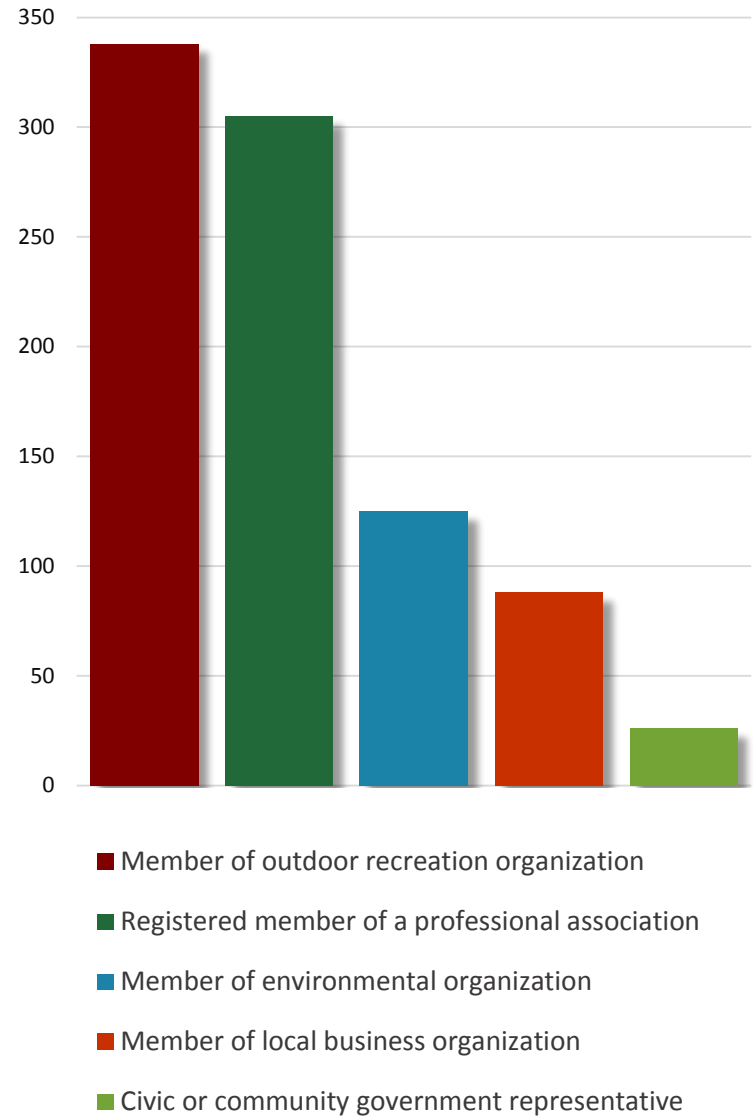
How old are you?



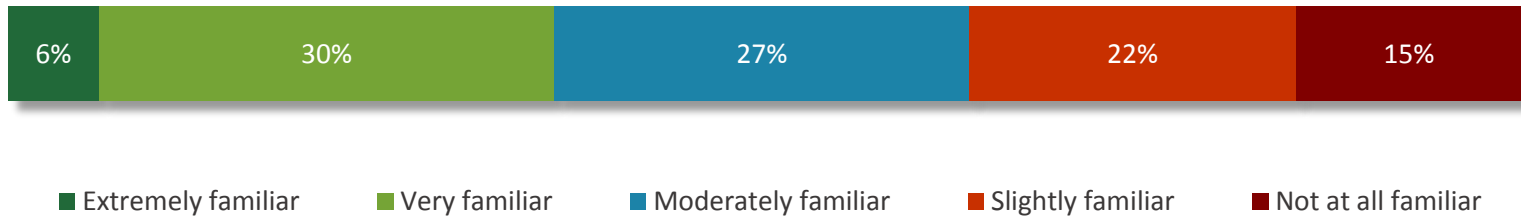
Have you ever been involved in a Forest Practices Board audit or investigation?



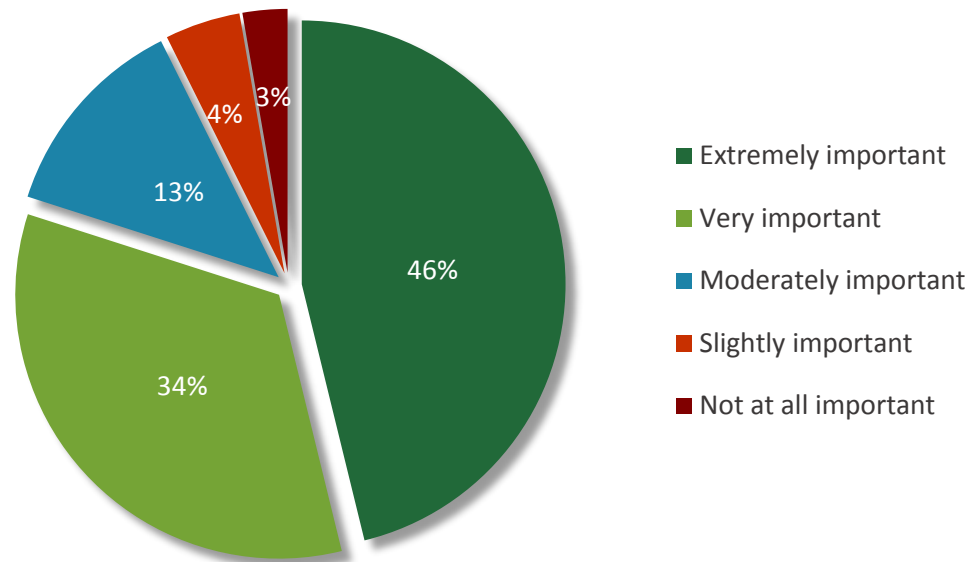
Professional or community affiliations (Any or all that apply)



How familiar are you with the Forest Practices Board?



How important is the Board's "independent watchdog" function for ensuring sound forest and range practices in BC?

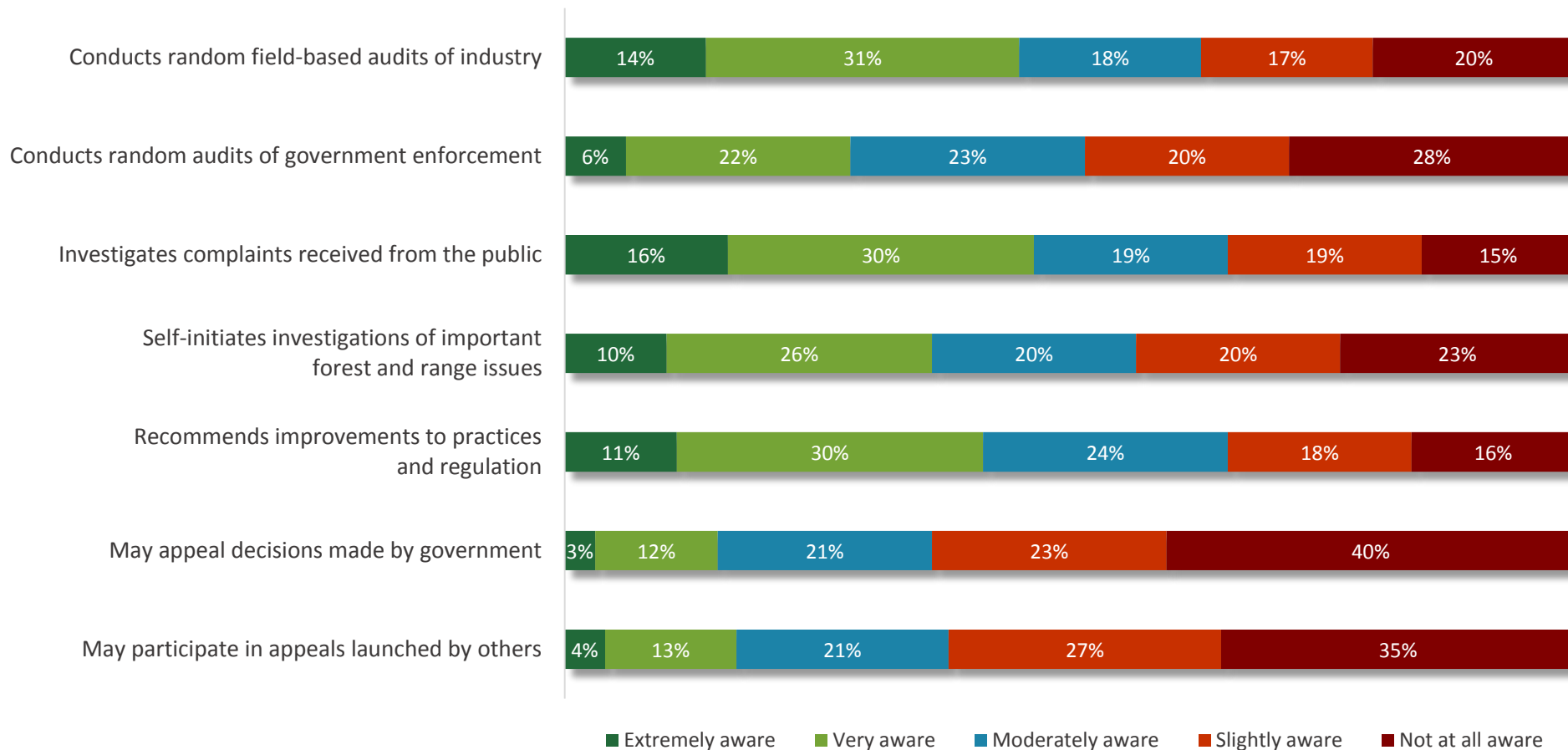


In a word (or several words) what comes to mind when you think of the Forest Practices Board?

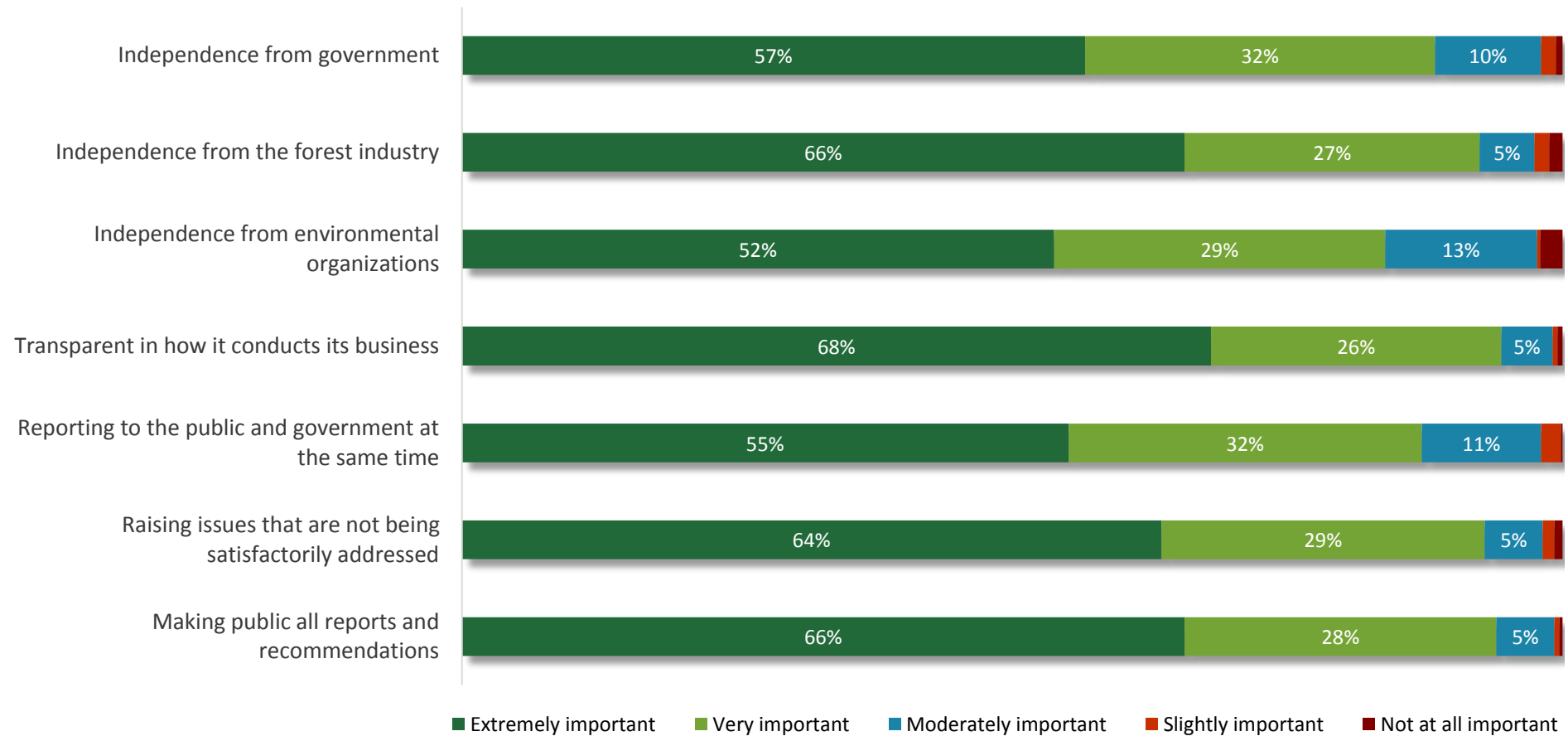
(Font size proportional to number of responses).



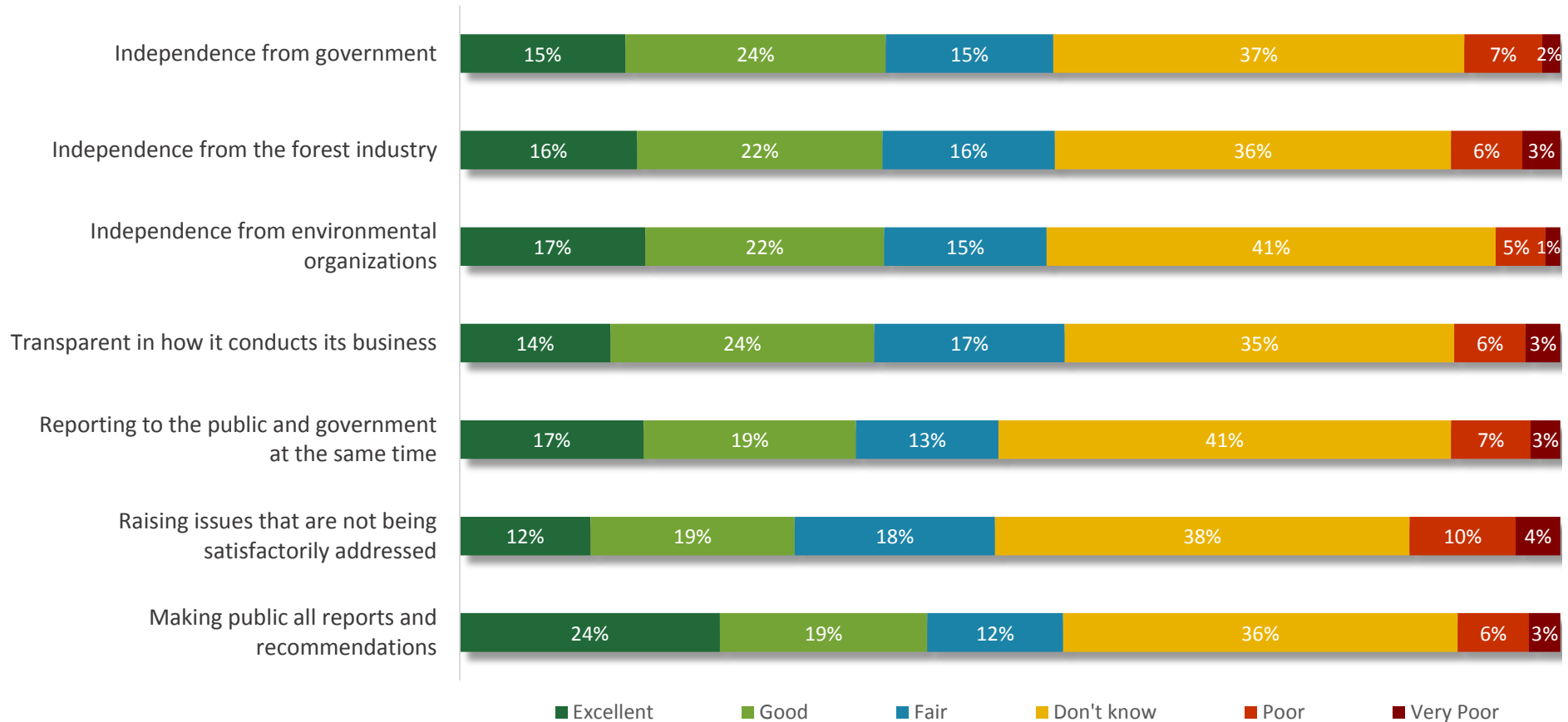
The mission of the Forest Practices Board is to “*serve the public as the independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices in BC.*” In fulfilling this mission, please indicate your level of **awareness** of the specific activities undertaken by the Board:



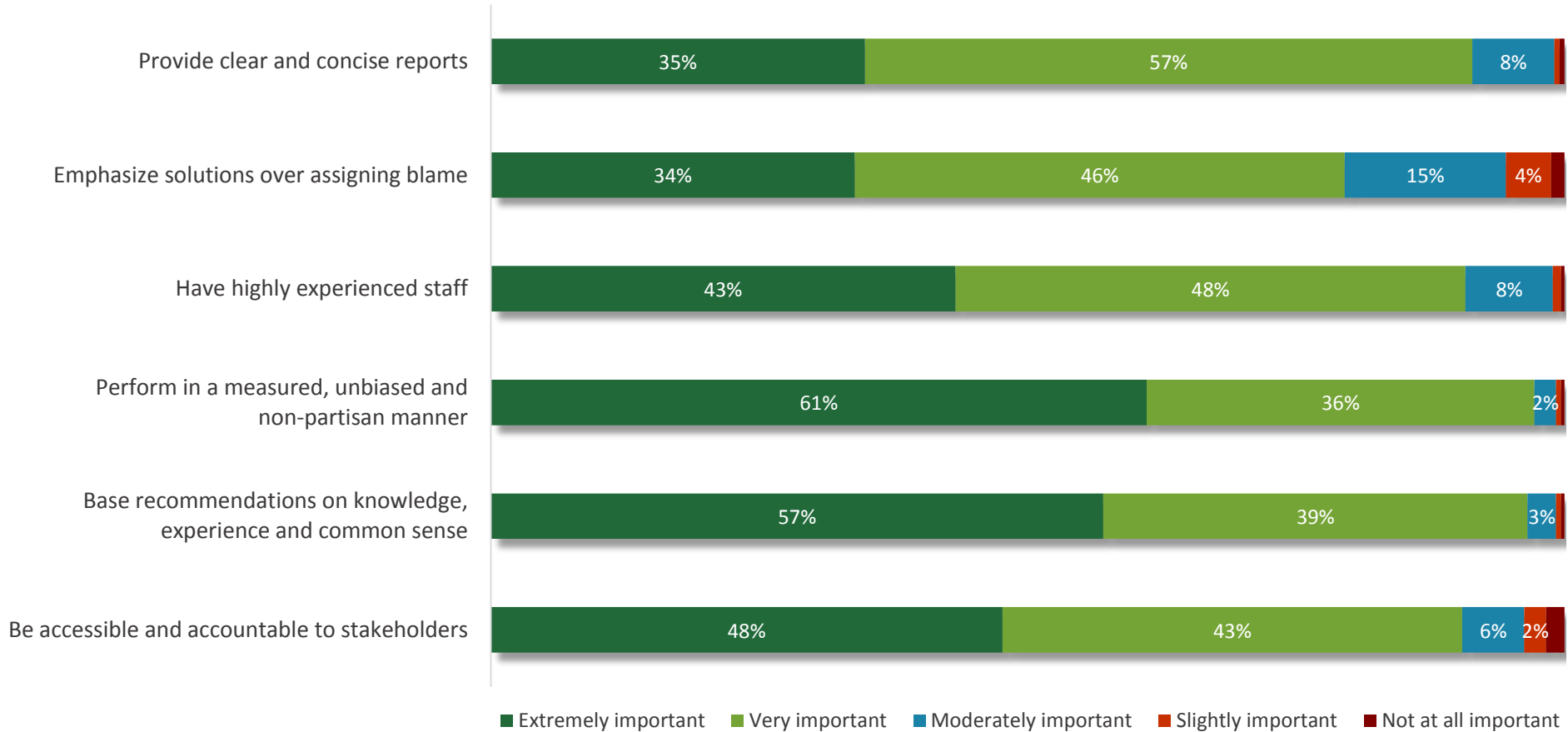
When thinking of what is required to fulfill the Board’s “public interest” mandate, please **rate the importance** of the following seven criteria:



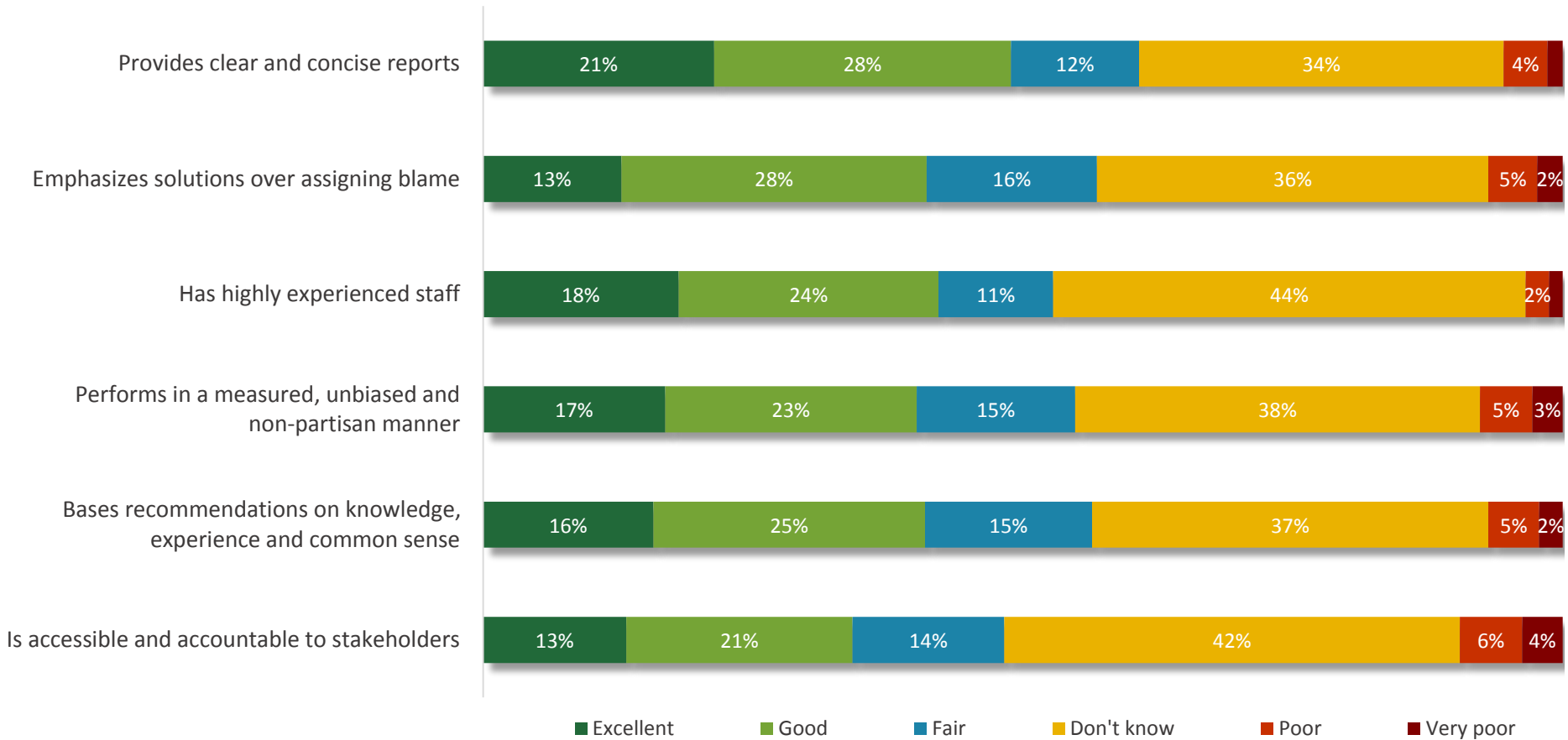
In executing its mandate, how does the Forest Practices Board **perform** against each of the same seven criteria?



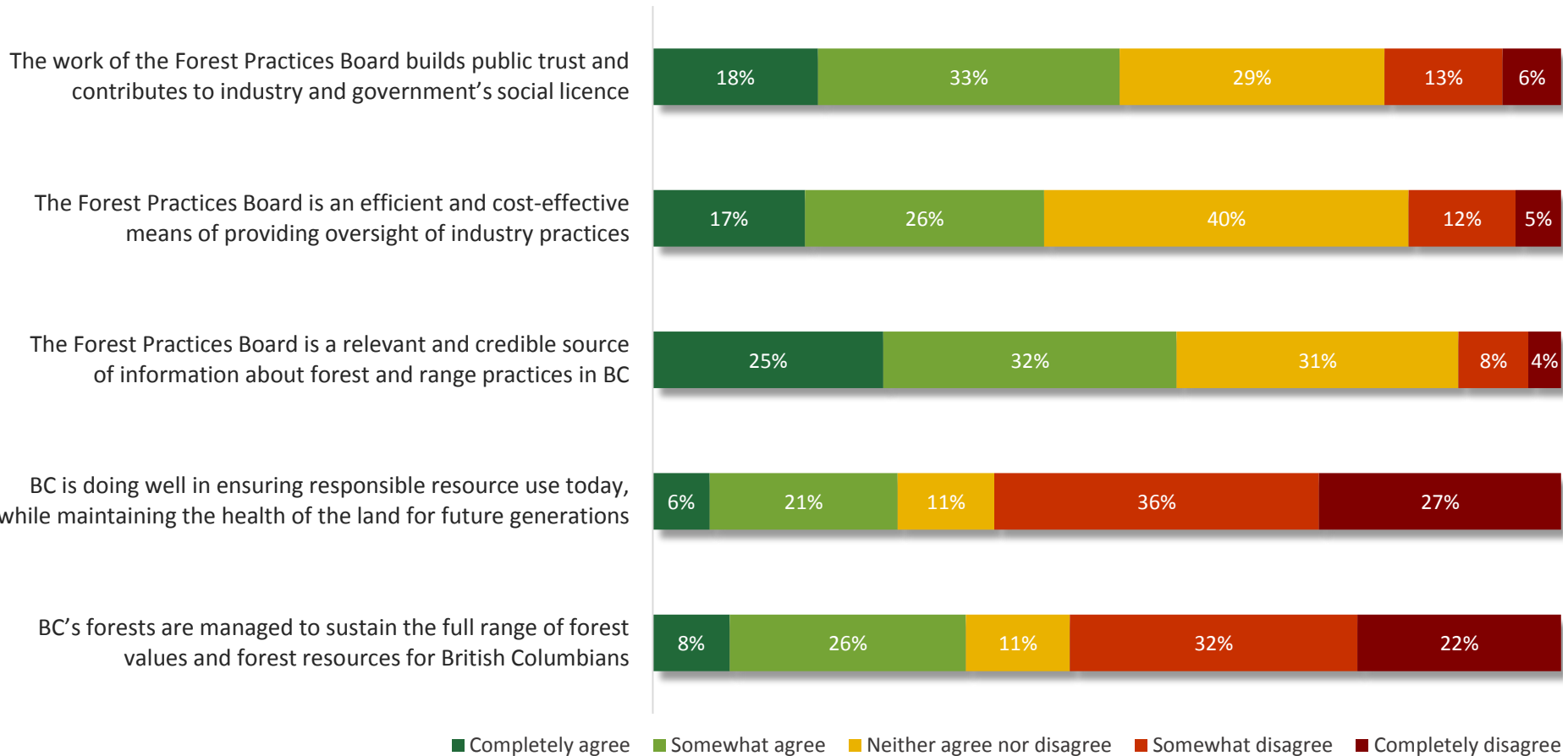
Please rate the importance of the following six Board objectives:



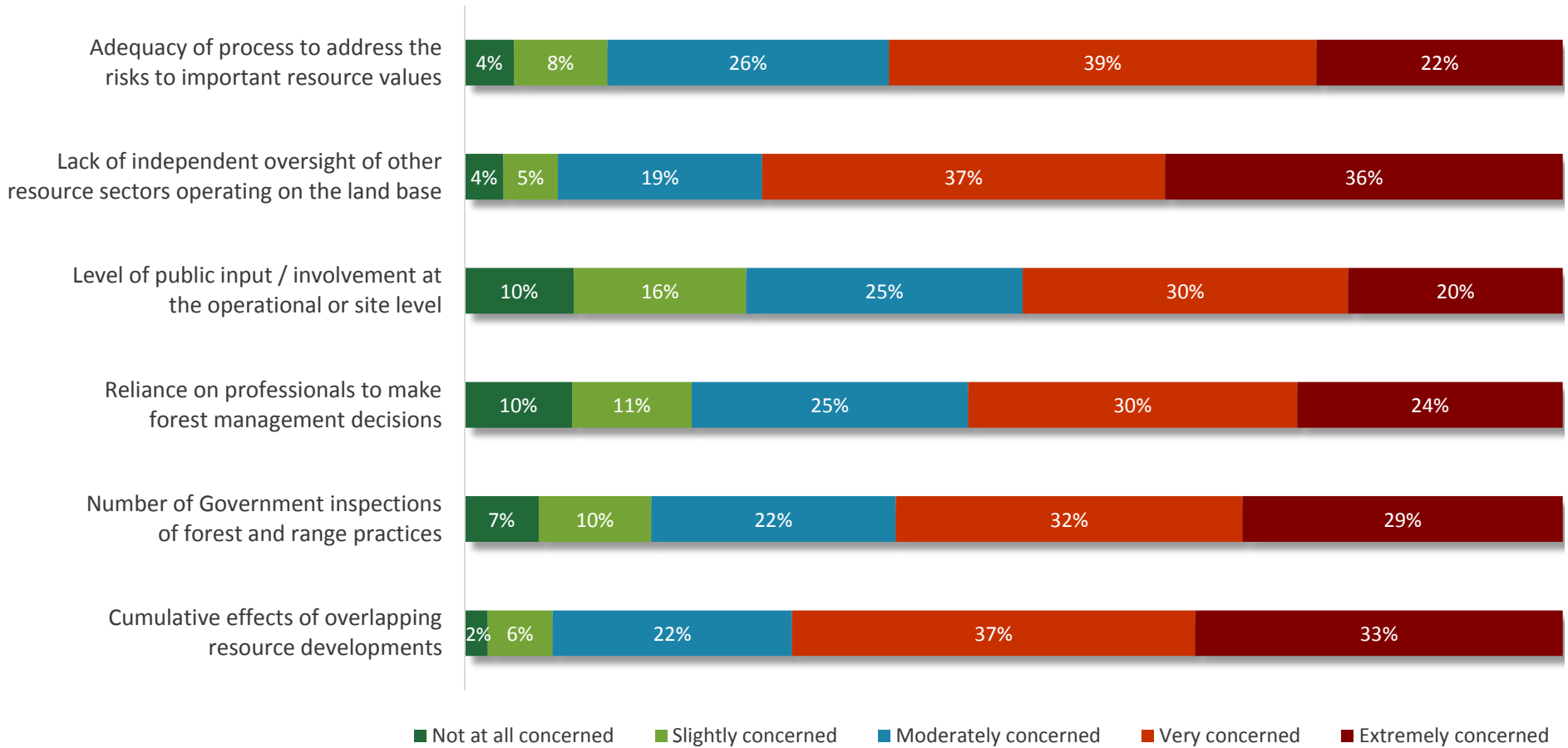
How does the Forest Practices Board **perform** against the same six objectives?



Below is a list of statements some people agree with and others disagree with.
Please **share your perspective**.



Below is a list of some topics the Forest Practices Board has addressed.
Please indicate your **level of concern** (if any) with these issues.



Are there any other forest or range issues you would like to see the Forest Practices Board investigate and report on?

Other forest and range issues respondents would like to see the Board investigate and report on	Number of times issue commented on
Cumulative Effects	44
Impacts on Recreation/ Wildlife	39
Sustainability/ Stewardship	32
Professional Reliance	19
Road Access and Safety	19
Allowable Annual Cut Levels/ Timber Supply Review	16
Debris Piles	16
Free to Grow/ Stocking Levels	12
Range Practices	9
Stumpage	9
Forest Management Practices	8
Adequacy of Inventory	6
Fire Suppression	6
Unintended/ Unconsidered Impacts	6
Public Input/ Engagement	5
Reporting out on Government Response to Board Recommendations	5
Watersheds	5
Managing to Minimums/ Lack of Incentives for Innovation	4

Please comment on areas where the Forest Practices Board can improve on its work or how it communicates and engages with stakeholders.

Areas where the Forest Practices Board can improve on its work or how it communicates and engages with stakeholders	Number of times issue commented on
Increase Public and Media Communications	61
Expand Mandate to Include All Resources and Strengthen Recommendations	44
Increase Outreach to Stakeholder Groups and Individuals	33
Other Suggested Areas of Improvement	15
Improve the Quality of Board Investigations	14
Increased Follow-Up on Recommendations Made	6



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The Forest Practices Board would like to thank everyone who participated in this survey. We value your feedback.

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