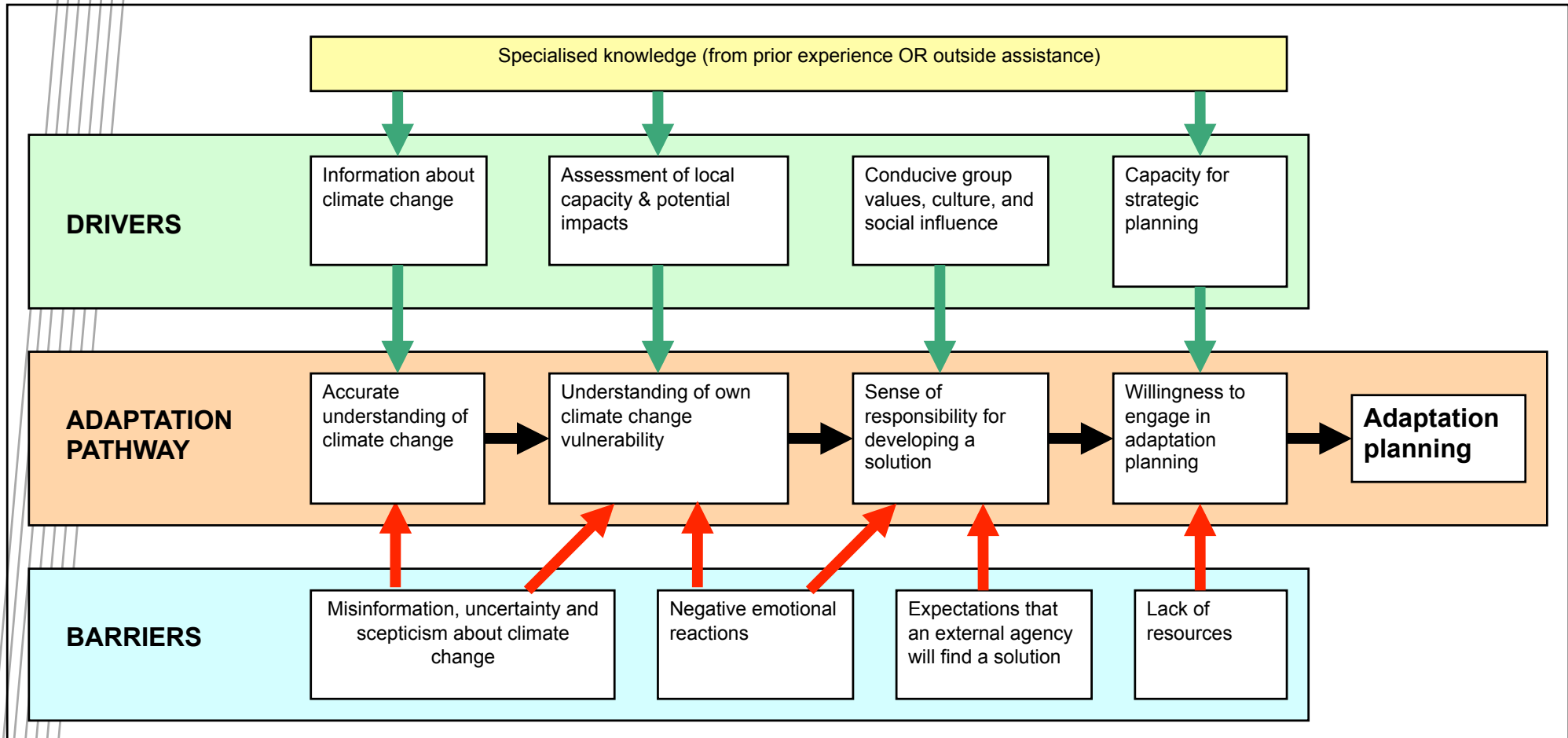


## Benchmarking the level of adaptation planning in Australian organisations

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# A Pathway Model of Adaptation Planning



# Method/Sample

- Telephone survey conducted in late 2008/ early 2009
- Respondents from 242 relevant organisations (randomly selected)
- Further interviews with state and federal government agencies
- Follow-up interviews with some organisations

Group	Sub-group	Sample
Local government	Local government related bodies	6
	Urban Councils	20
	Rural Councils	25
Industry groups	Natural Resource Management	20
	Parks Management	9
	Construction	10
	Health	10
	Tourism	10
	Agribusiness	10
	Forestry	13
	Fisheries/Aquaculture	9
	Insurance/Finance/Banking	10
	Mining	10
	Emergency Management	10
Infrastructure	Ports	10
	Transport	10
	Water	10
	Energy	10
	Property	10
Associations and Non-Government Organisations	Built Environment	6
	Natural Environment/Land Use	5
	Indigenous groups	5
	Other associations/groups	5
TOTAL		242

# Priority areas in responding to climate change

- Mitigation issues were raised by 61% of the sample:
  - general mitigation,
  - reduced consumption,
  - waste and recycling,
  - public engagement,
  - energy efficiency and
  - planning for the Federal Government's CPRS.
- Adaptation issues were raised by 55% of the sample:
  - water quality and supply,
  - resource and land management,
  - general adaptation, and
  - planning for extreme weather events.

# Adaptation planning activities

- Adaptation activities were described by 39% of the sample.
- The most common activities were water supply / water management planning, natural resource management planning, and general adaptation planning

# Drivers of adaptation planning

- knowledge of climate change in general,
- presence of formal vulnerability assessment,
- prior experience with longer-term strategic planning,
- contact with external organisations to provide information and assistance.

# Barriers to adaptation planning

- waiting for someone else to take responsibility
- organisational culture that does not support change,
- lack of resources (information, money, expertise, time),
- scepticism about climate change in general.

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