

# Sustainable Cities

Australia's net zero challenge by local government area

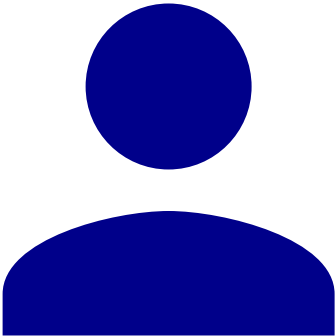
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# What is Purpose Bureau?



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**2.4 million australian business numbers**

**156 sustainability insights**

**349 data sources sustainability insights**

# How do councils perform on net zero commitments?

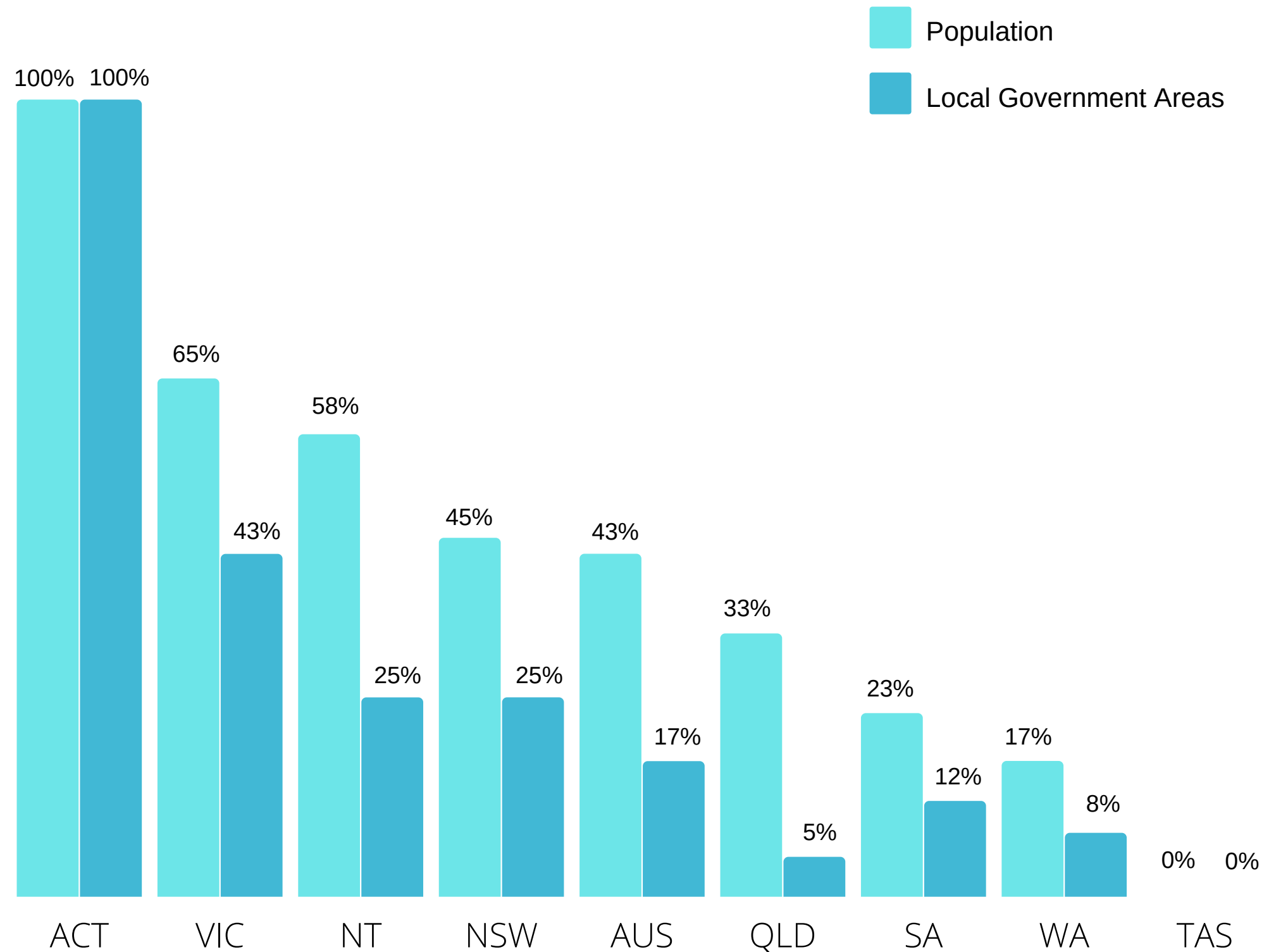
➔ Almost half of Australia's population live in LGAs that are already committed to net zero

➔ Victoria leads the country with 65% of its population living in LGAs committed to net zero

➔ Queensland LGAs are laggards with the lowest proportion of net zero commitments in Australia

## Net zero commitments by local government area

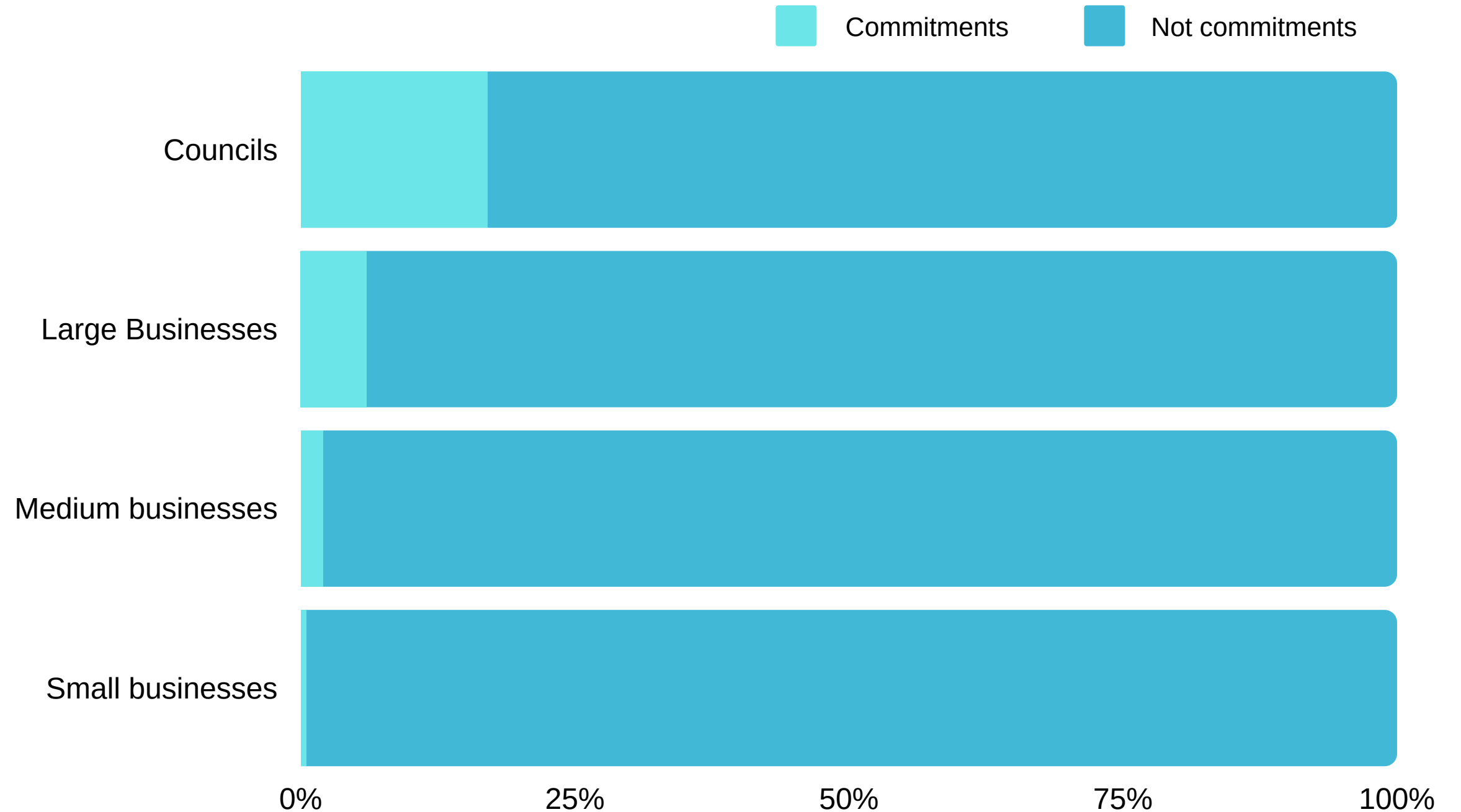
Proportion of councils, proportion of population



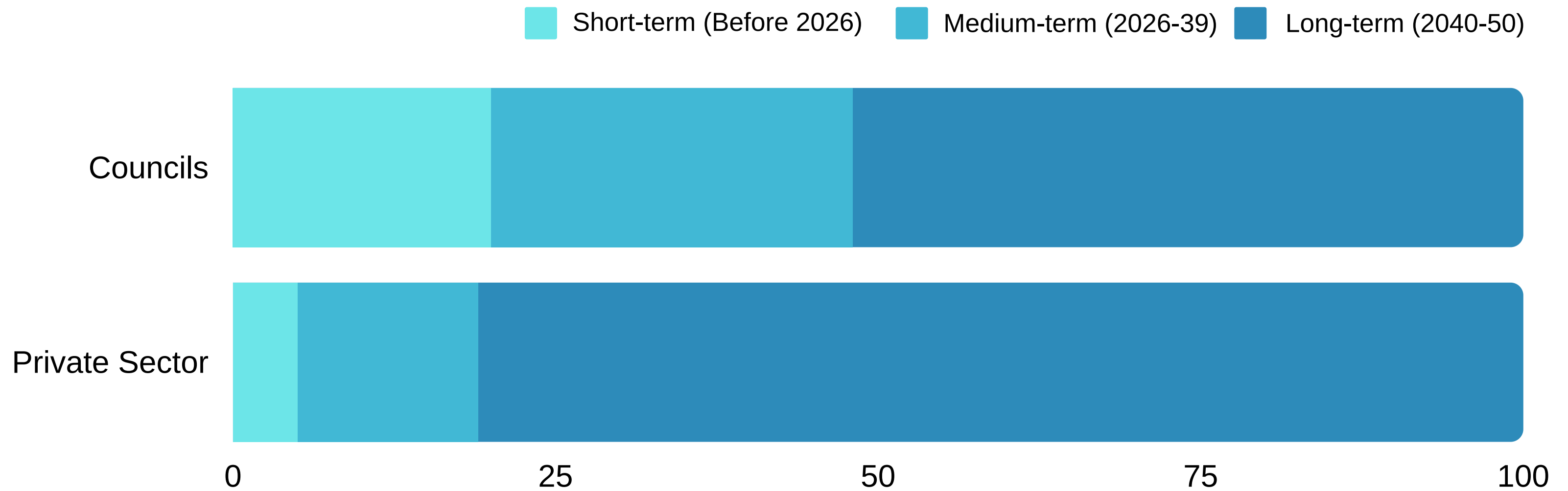
## Does this mean councils are performing well?

- ➔ Analysed 50,000 private sector firms, finding 833 net zero commitments across the top 14000 (6%)
- ➔ Analysed 531 LGAs and found that 92 had made net zero commitments (17%)
- ➔ Local councils were almost 3 times more likely to have made net zero commitments than Australia's largest firms

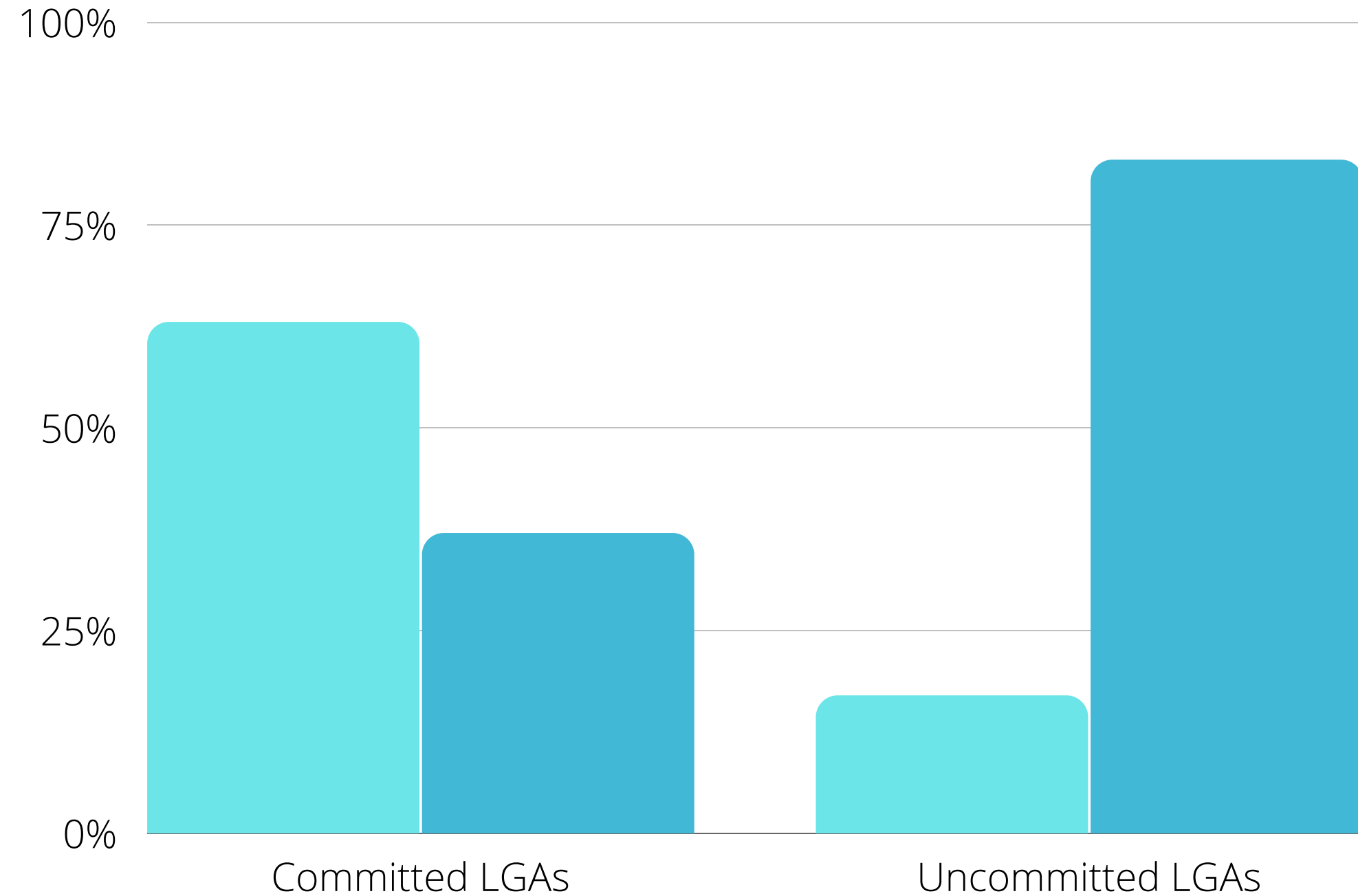
### Net zero commitments as a % of total cohort



# Councils are **more ambitious** than the private sector



## Proportion of LGAs without Net Zero Commitments from each region



## How do regional LGAs perform against metropolitan LGAs?

The majority of LGAs without commitments were regional (83%), where there is a higher proportion of blue collar workers.

When we looked at large businesses, we found almost 75% of commitments were from white collar industries. Almost no commitments were found in agriculture.

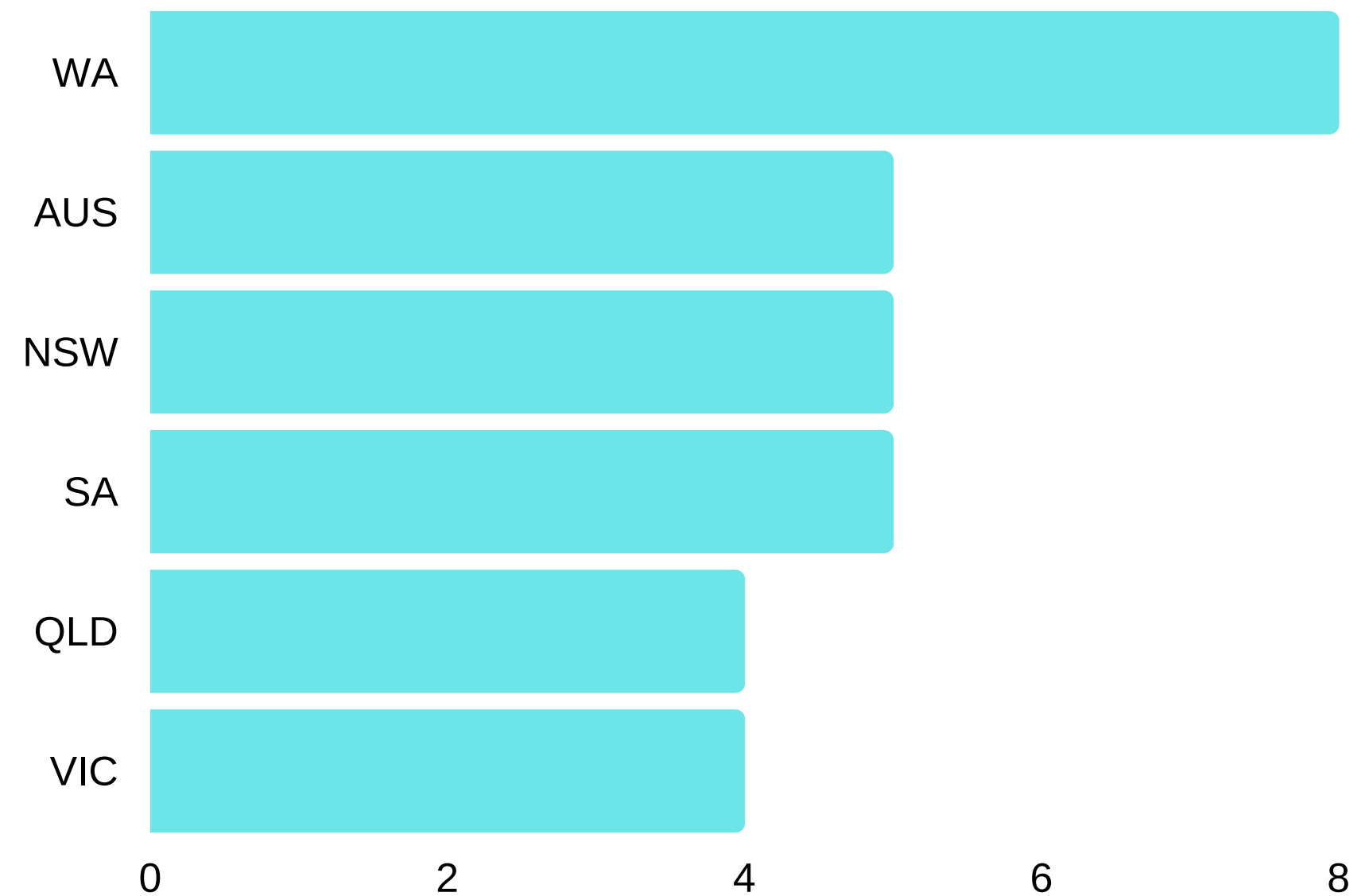
## Are people in regional LGAs more dependent on polluting facilities\*?

There are 3957 polluting facilities across Australia, and 62% are in regional LGAs.

For every 1 person per pollutant facility in a metropolitan LGA, there are 5 more in regional Australia.

\*polluting facilities include physical sites that directly release material emissions into the atmosphere, and also those with high industrial-scale energy consumption.

### Number of people per pollutant facility in Regional LGAs for every 1 person in Metropolitan LGAs





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