

Survey Results

Surveys are part of the Evaluation and Monitoring strategy for the project. The results indicate farmer engagement and the progress of our continual improvement goals. The next survey is scheduled for mid-2024.

Survey 3 was conducted via telephone interview. The farmers that took part in Survey 2 were asked to participate in Survey 3. No new participants were invited. The percentages for each question reflect the number of participants that offered that response. More than one response for a question was allowed. Not all questions were answered by all participants.

Question 1: Have you made any changes to the way you run your farming business for environmental outcomes since we last spoke in April 2023? What changes have you made?

81% Yes 5% No 14% Somewhat

26% Using Less Water 42% Planting and Fencing Around Waterways
16% Less Fertiliser 26% Better Crop Management

Question 2: Do you feel more equipped to make decisions for your farming business? Why?

76% Yes 5% No 19% Somewhat

63% I have more information 19% I have a better understanding of regulations
5% I have learnt from others are doing 5% I've learnt from what I did previously

Question 3: How confident are you that environmental improvements in the Basin can be achieved through the activities underway or planned by the project and your catchment group? Why do you feel that way?


33% Very confident

43% It's engaging farmers 29% It's farmer-led


29% Mostly confident

33% It's engaging farmers 17% It's encouraging open discussion 17% There's more monitoring

24% Somewhat confident

 Farmers aren't taking the situation seriously It depends on ECan's N limits It's a long game
Needs better definition of 'improved' water quality I have financial viability concerns

14% Not confident

 It's just a talkfest There's too many cows I have financial viability concerns
There's too much winter grazing There's too much fertiliser being applied

Question 4: How well do you understand environmental regulations in regards to waterway/wetland restoration or enhancement?

0% I fully understand

43% I mostly understand

22% I still need advice 33% I still have a lot to learn

22% It's always changing 22% It's hard to understand

38% I somewhat understand

25% I need advice 38% There's too many regulations

38% It's always changing 50% It's hard to understand

19% I don't understand

Question 5: What do you think is our greatest opportunity to make a difference to our environmental outcomes in the Basin?

29% Nutrient Management

5% Waterways/wetlands restoration

10% Irrigation Efficiency

5% Working together to make the most of what we have

5% Reducing Stocking Rates

5% Controlling Surface Runoff

Question 6: What would be the most helpful thing AIC could do for you to assist with improving the environmental outcomes for your property/catchment?

19% Data for Decision Making

14% Assistance with Plans

19% Communicating Information

Queries or Feedback? If you have any queries or feedback about this survey, please contact Susannah Gardiner via the details adjacent.



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