

## Wairarapa booster module

As part of the Wellington regional governance survey (reported separately), the councils of Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa commissioned Colmar Brunton to ask some additional questions to Wairarapa residents.

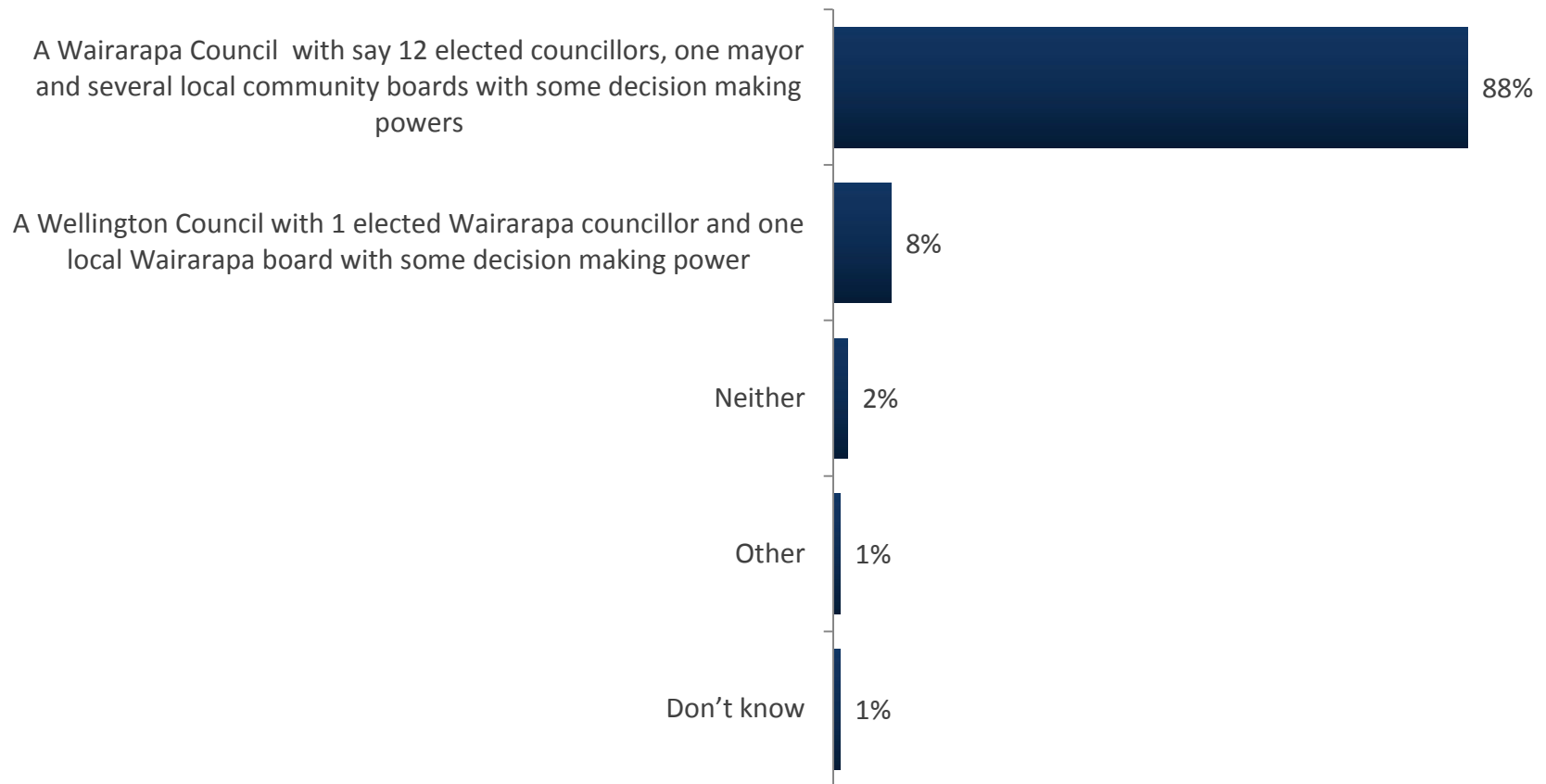
Questions focused on forms of Wairarapa representation – including views on how Wairarapa should be represented in the region, and views on different forms of representation, including councillors, a mayor, elected local community boards and Maori Advisory boards.

These questions were asked to 400 residents in Masterton, 400 residents in Carterton, and 400 residents in South Wairarapa. As with the main survey, data has been weighted to adjust for the spread of the population across council areas (as well as weighting to ensure the sample is representative by age, gender, ethnicity, and household size).

The results are presented in a series of charts. The format is that each question is presented at a 'Wairarapa wide level' followed by breakdowns by individual council area. Only statistically significant differences by council area are commented on in the text.

When the two Wairarapa representation options were read out, almost nine in ten preferred a Wairarapa Council with 12 councillors, one mayor and local community boards. Less than one in ten preferred a Wellington Council with 1 elected Wairarapa councillor and a Wairarapa board. The next slide shows the results broken down by council area.

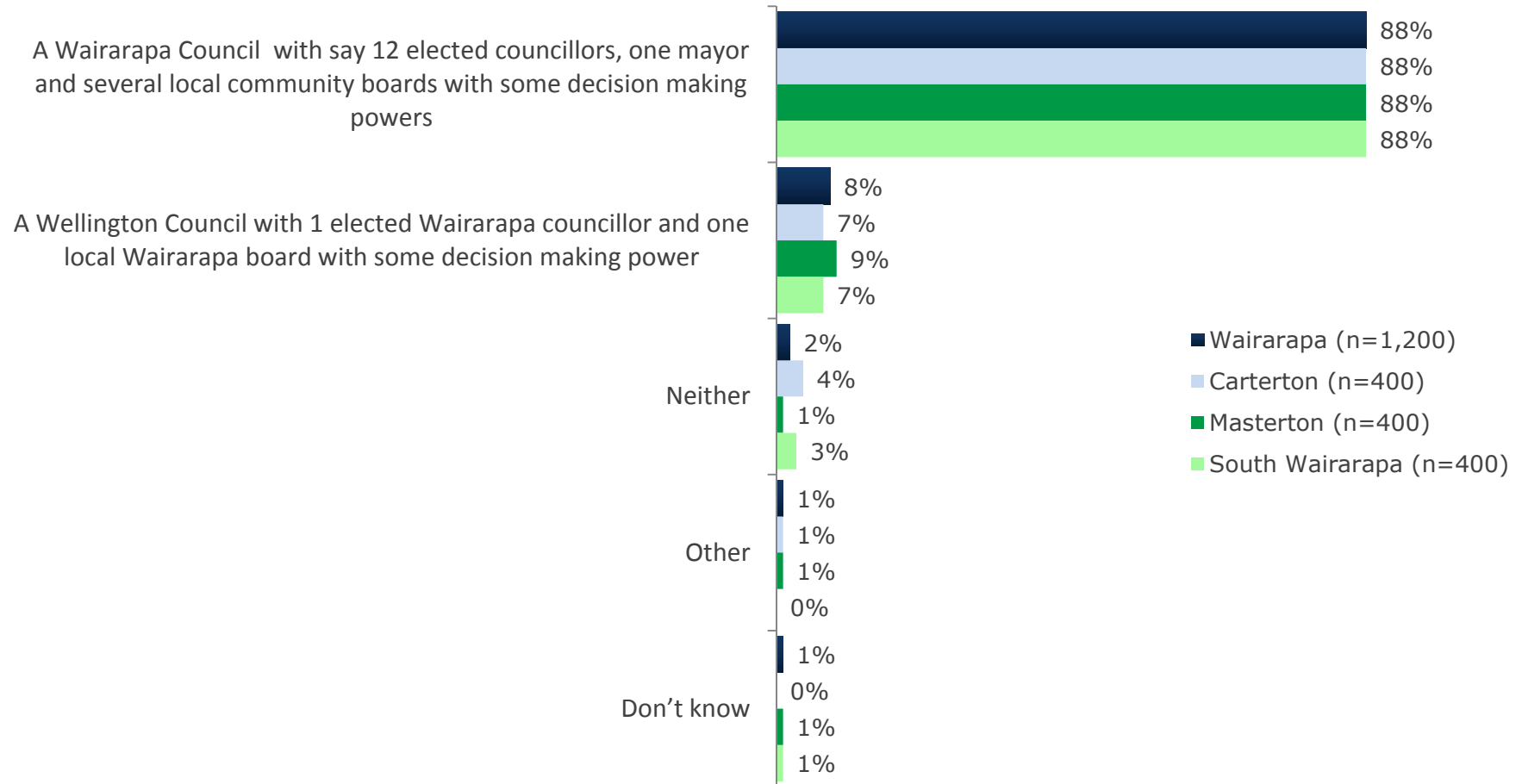
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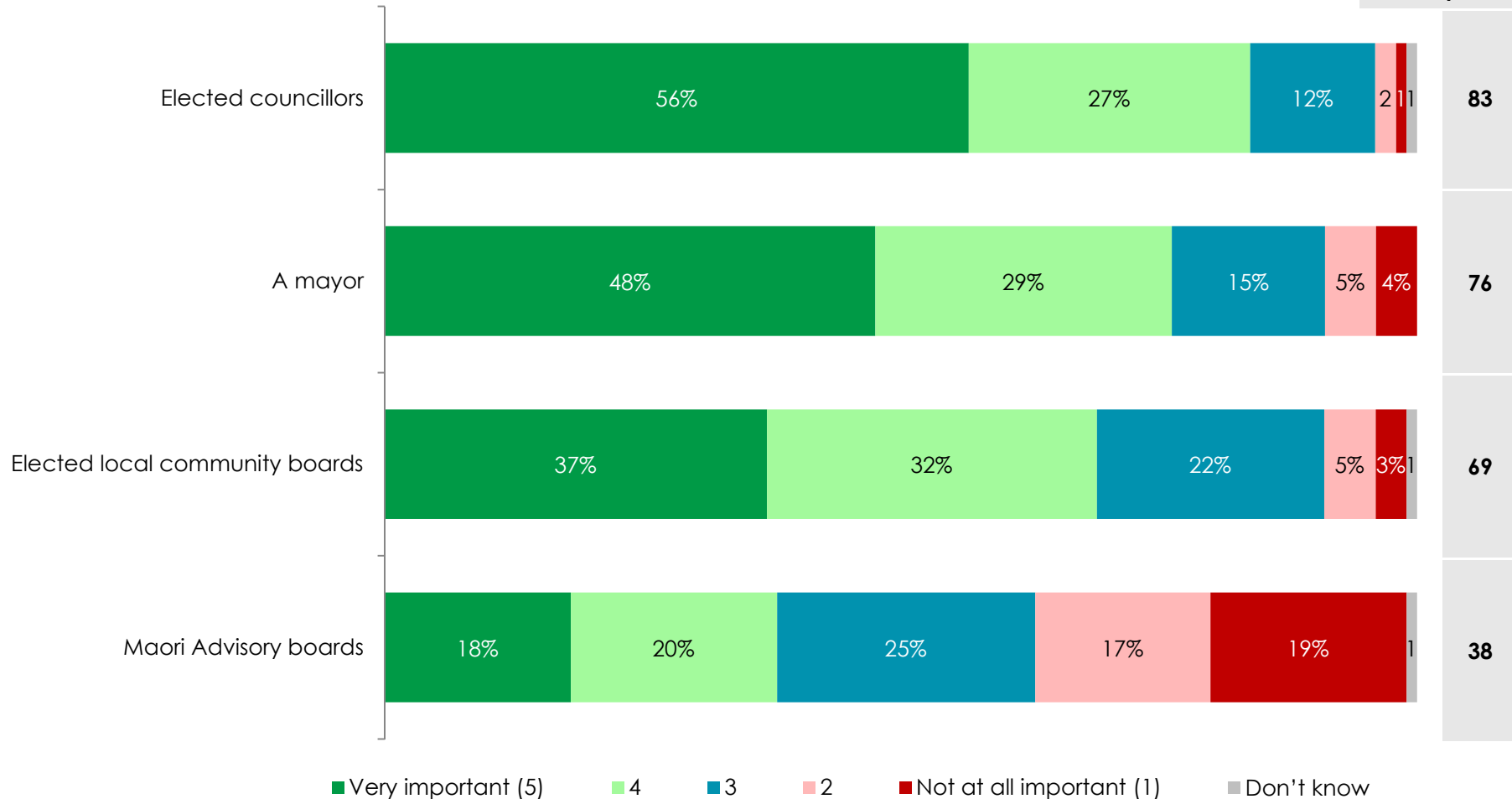
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## The next question focused on the importance of different forms of representation.

83% agreed that elected councillors are important for a well functioning local democracy. The majority also agreed that a mayor and elected community boards are important. The next slides show the results broken down by council area.

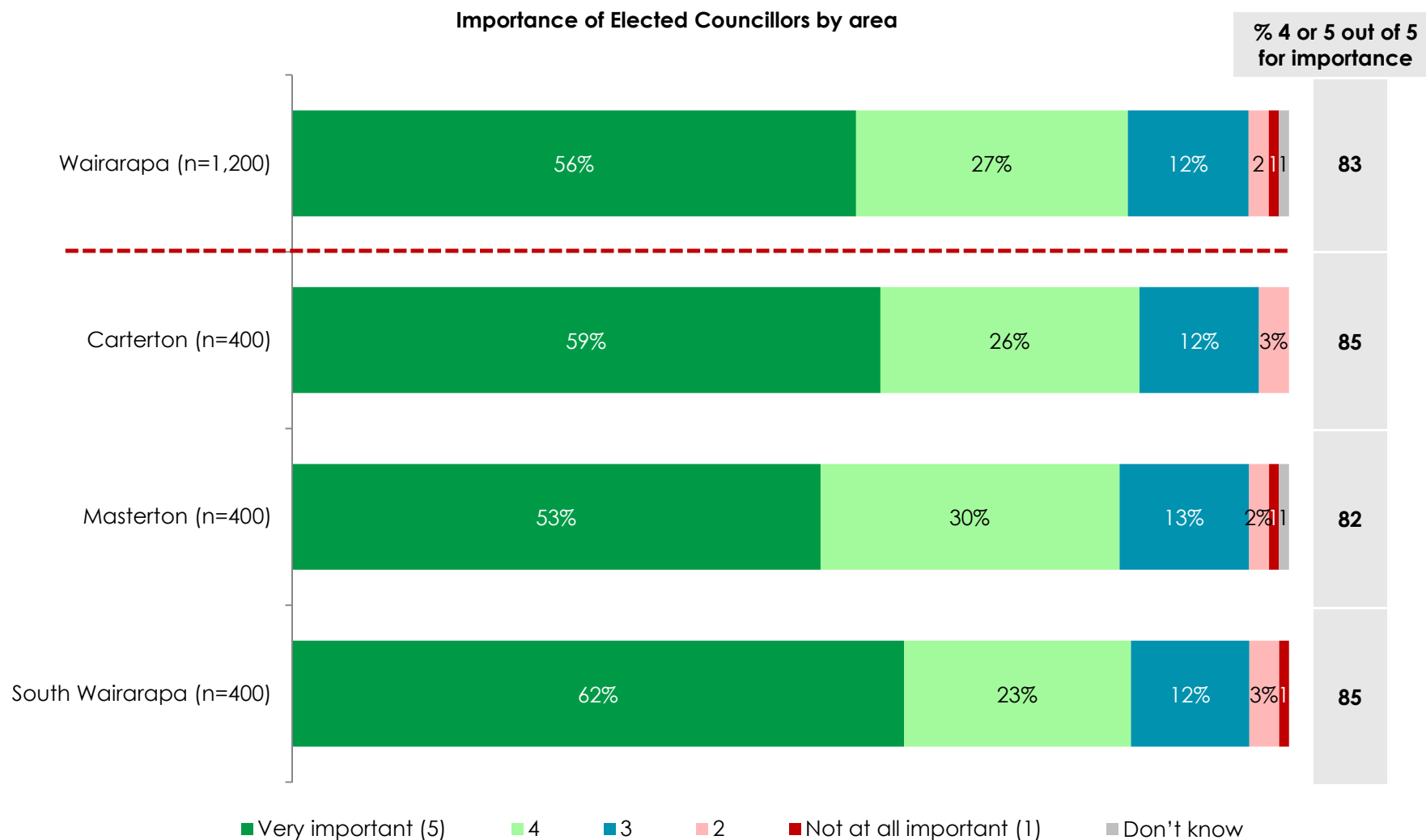
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(Using a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 is 'very important' and 1 is 'not at all important')**

**% 4 or 5 out of 5 for importance**



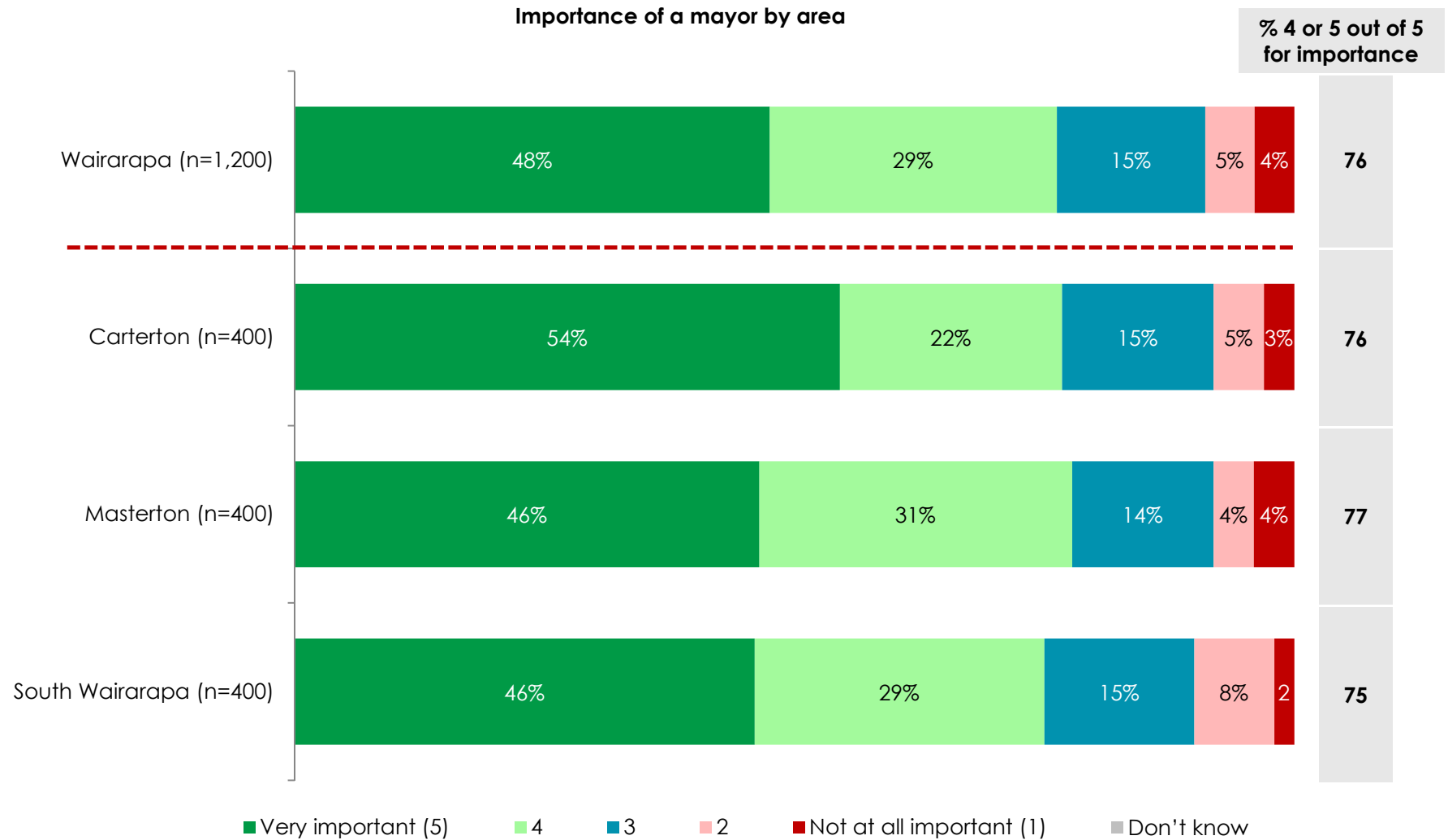
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Views on the importance of councillors were reasonably similar across council areas, although the proportion saying councillors are 'very important' was higher in South Wairarapa.



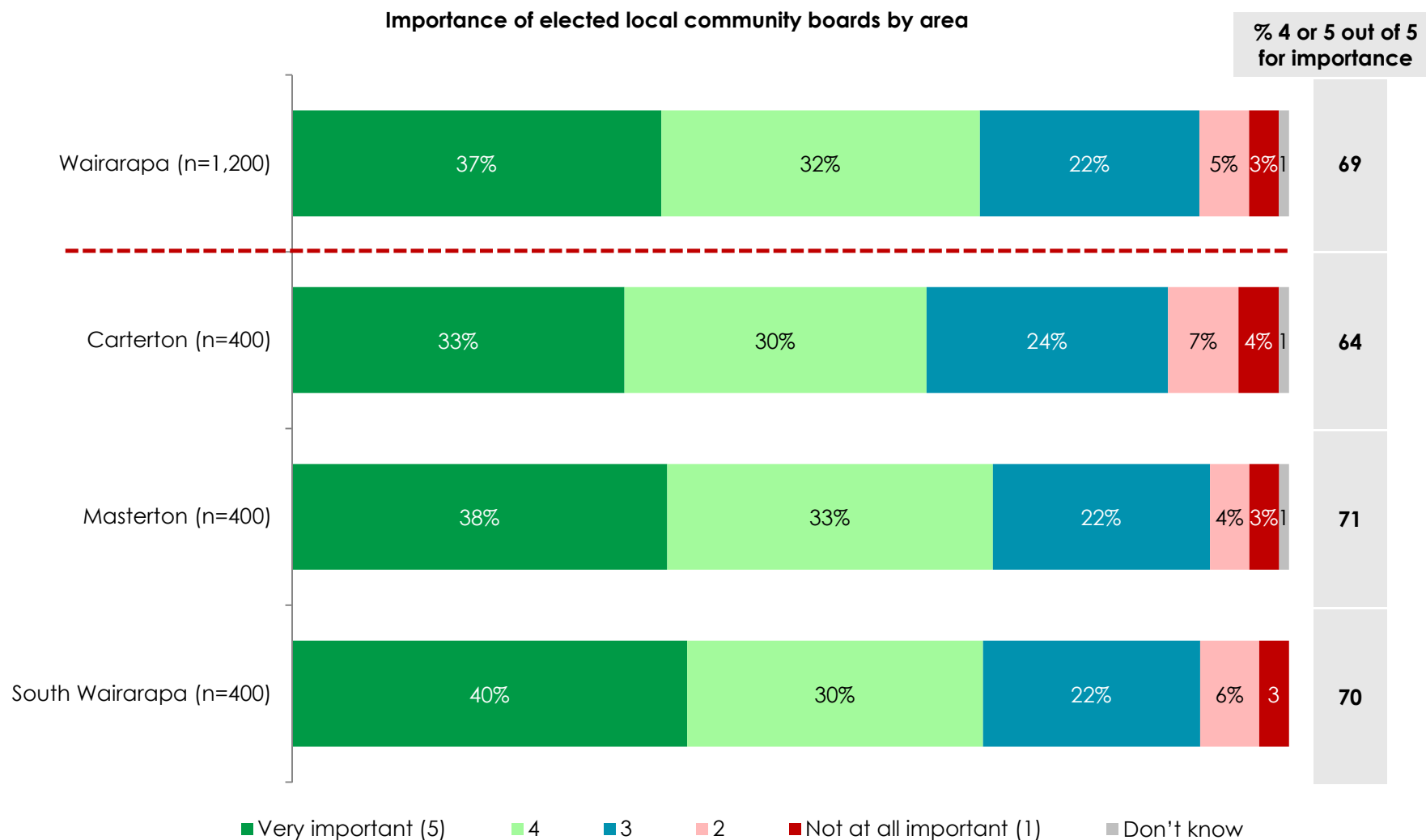
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Views on the importance of a mayor were reasonably similar across council areas, although the proportion saying a mayor is 'very important' was higher in Carterton.



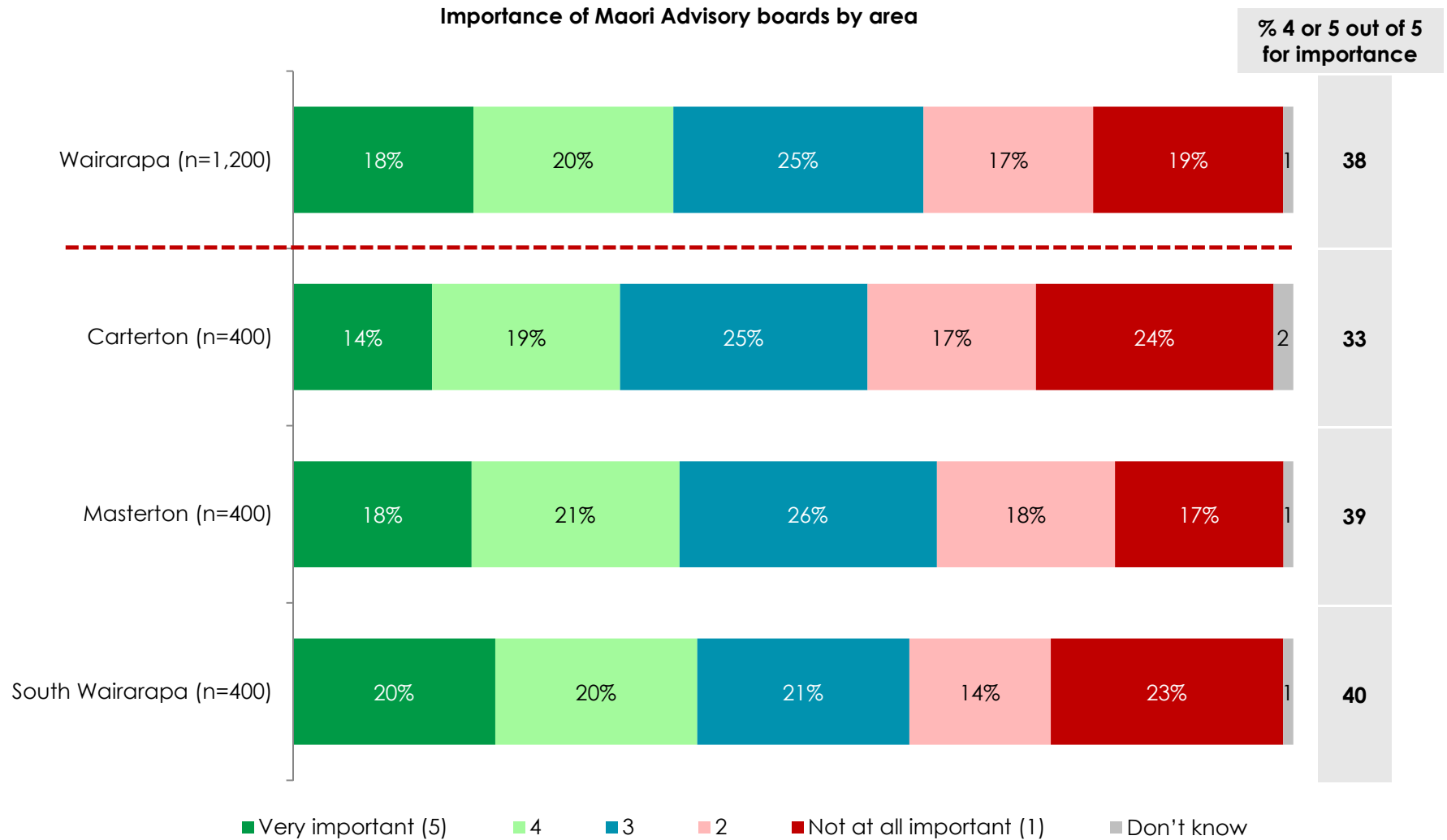
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Views on the importance of elected local community boards were reasonably similar across council areas, although the proportion saying boards are 'important' (either 4 or 5 out of 5 for importance) was lower in Carterton.



Q2: How important are the following forms of representation for a well functioning local democracy?  
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Views on the importance of Maori Advisory boards were similar across council areas.



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