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Play Spaces in the ACT



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Tasks for today

1. Decide why play spaces are important
2. Decide your criteria for allocating \$ (today and into the future)
3. Recommend how we should engage with the community
4. Agree on categories (buckets) for spending and allocate \$1.9m to those categories

Background information

Canberra's playgrounds

We have a lot of playgrounds

A large proportion of playground may not provide quality play opportunities

They are safe but expensive to replace

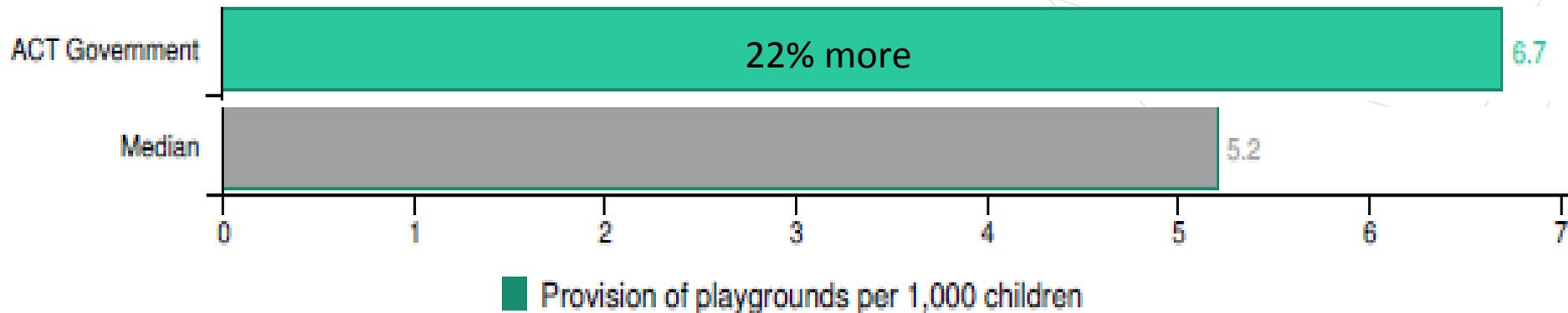
Budget is limited

Some key evidence

We have a lot of playgrounds in the ACT

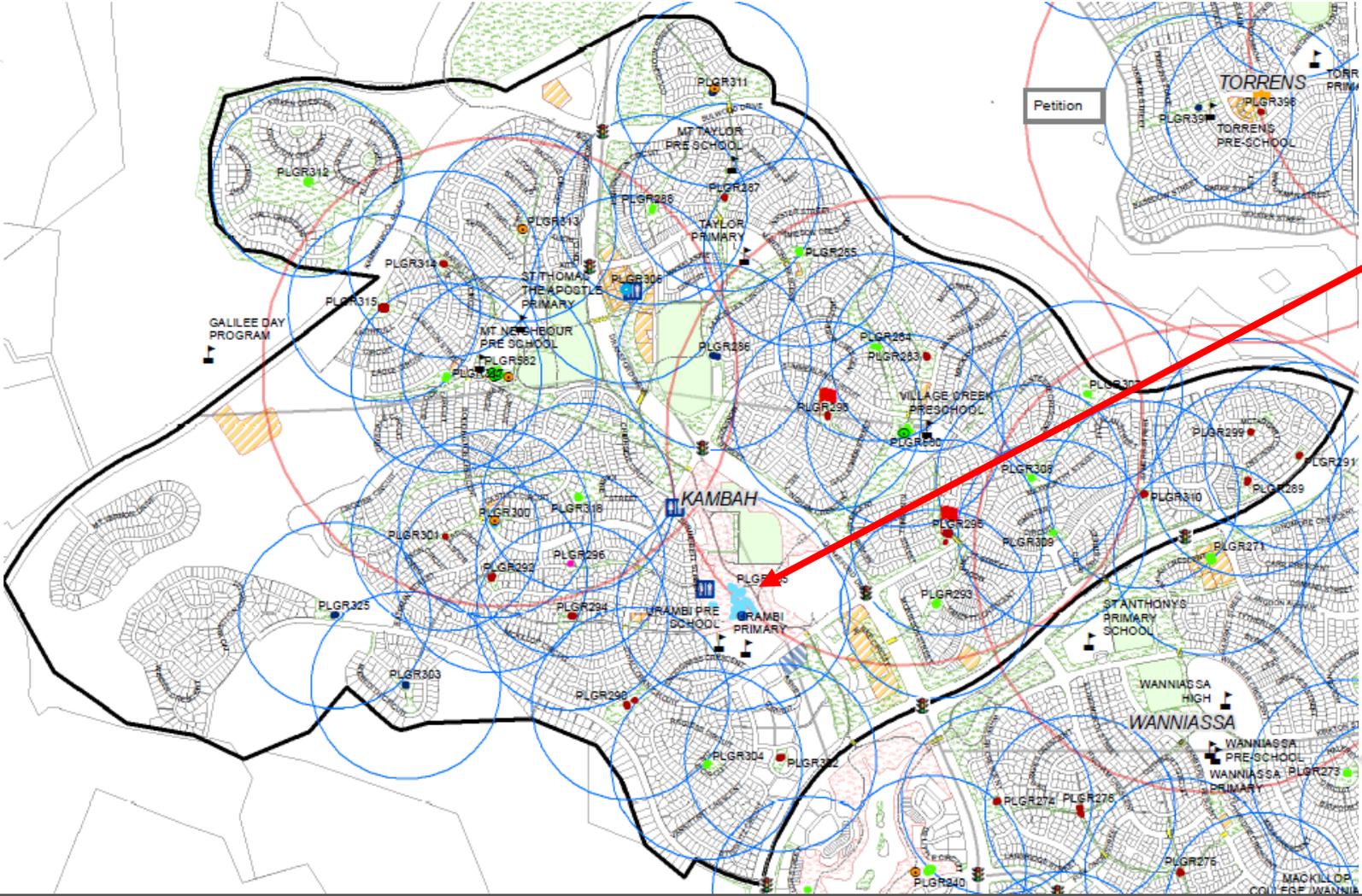
The average number of playgrounds across Australia is 10 playgrounds per 10,000 people

2017 Yardstick benchmarked provision indicator across local governments:



Example: Kambah (Established in 1974)

Quantity- provision of playgrounds per 1000 children under 15
15

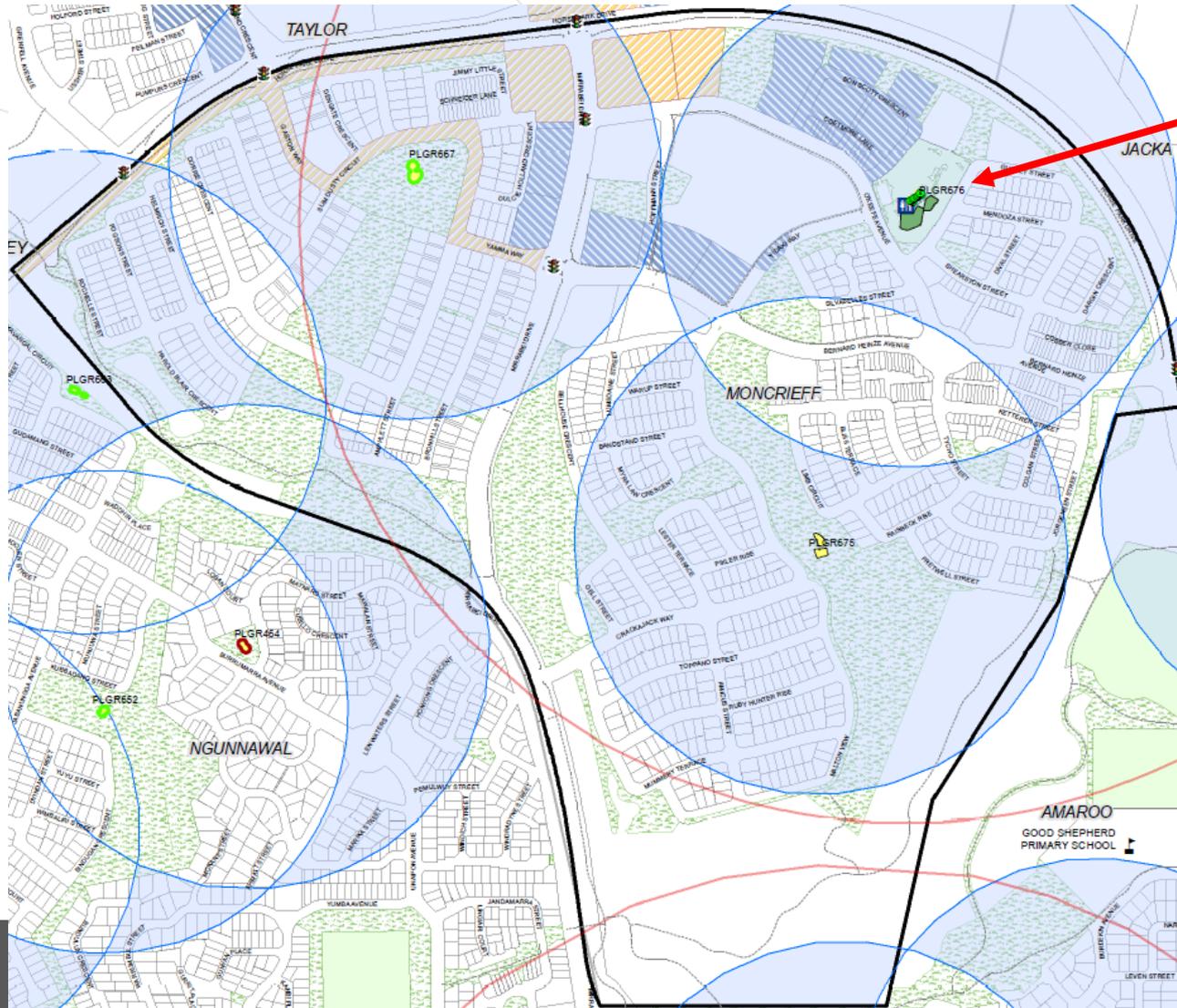


4th most popular playground in Canberra

The ACT was administered by the federal government until 1989

Example: Moncrieff (Established in 2014)

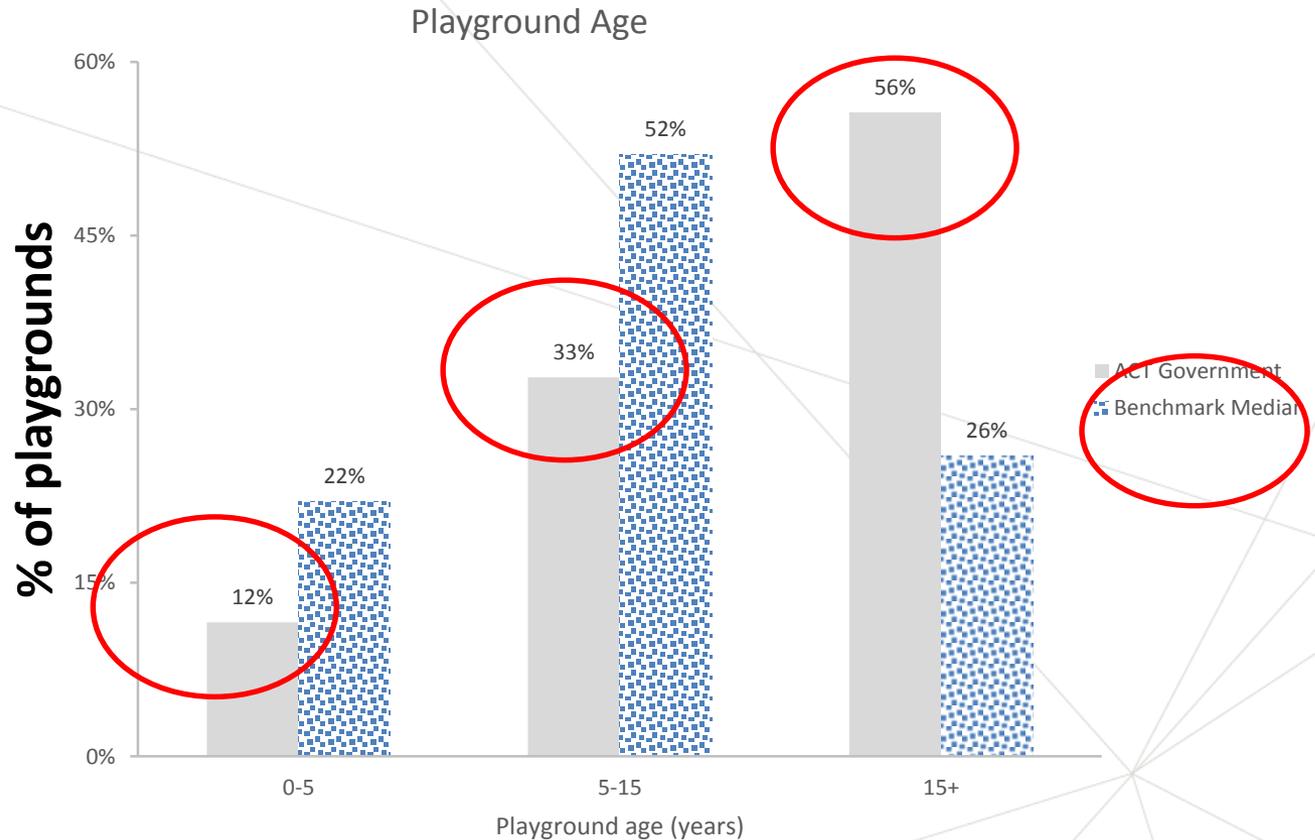
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6th most popular playground in Canberra

Many playgrounds are outdated

4. Quality – % of modern playgrounds



- Excellent
- Good
- Average or worse

Forecast quality

Quality – % of
modern playgrounds
(<15 years old)

Year 10 projected Modernisation Score. Target is >75% less than 15 years

Benchmark = 74%

10 year forecast = 66%

Difference = -8%

Satisfaction with the quality of play spaces in the ACT

A large majority of residents would prefer quality over quantity



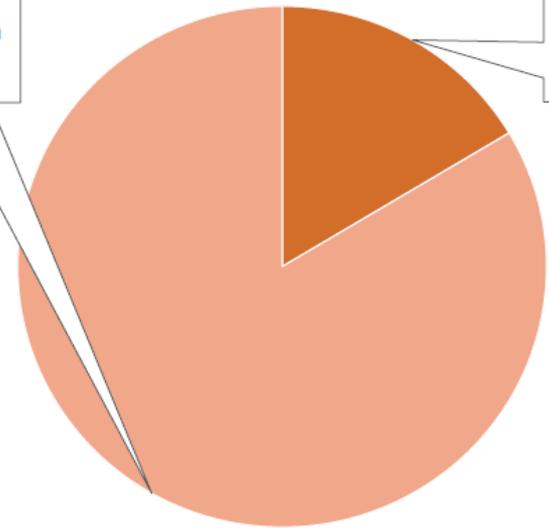
18% want **more infrastructure** but with **reduced quality** across the suburb and a lower standard of servicing

82% want **less infrastructure** across the suburb but of a **higher quality** and of higher standard of service

WOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE A NUMBER OF SMALL PLAYGROUNDS IN YOUR SUBURB OR FEWER BUT HIGHER QUALITY PLAYGROUNDS IN YOUR SUBURB?

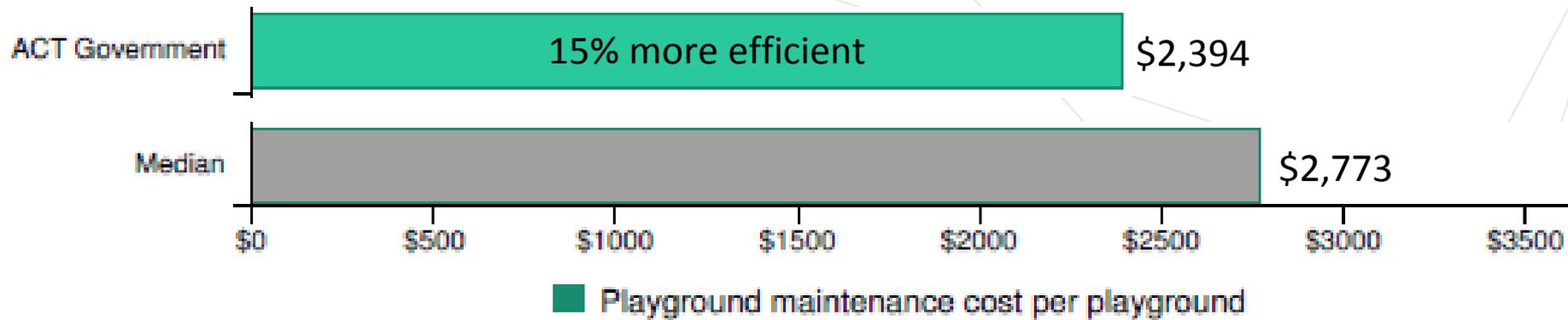
Fewer but higher quality playgrounds in my suburb
84%

a number of small playgrounds in my suburb
16%

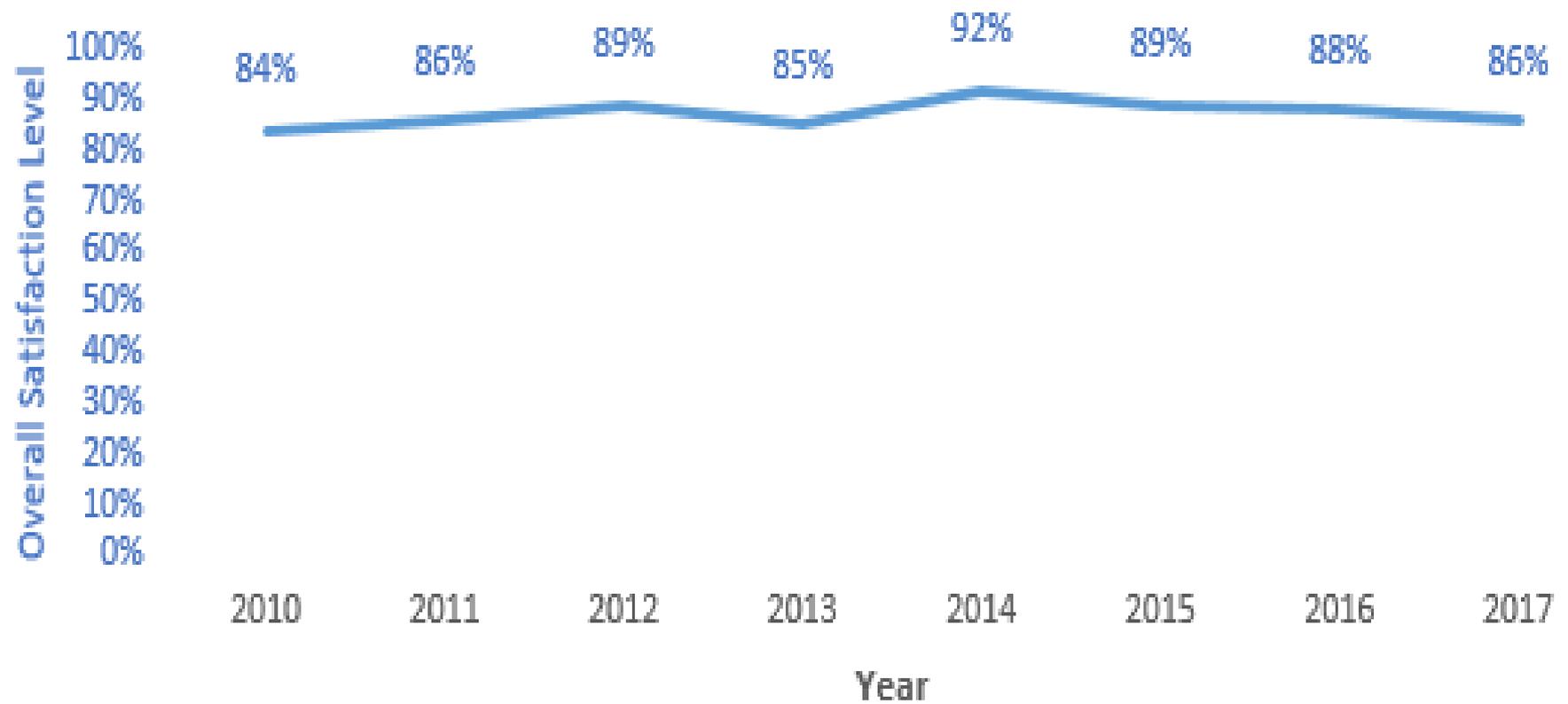


We have an efficient service program

Efficiency of inspection and maintenance program



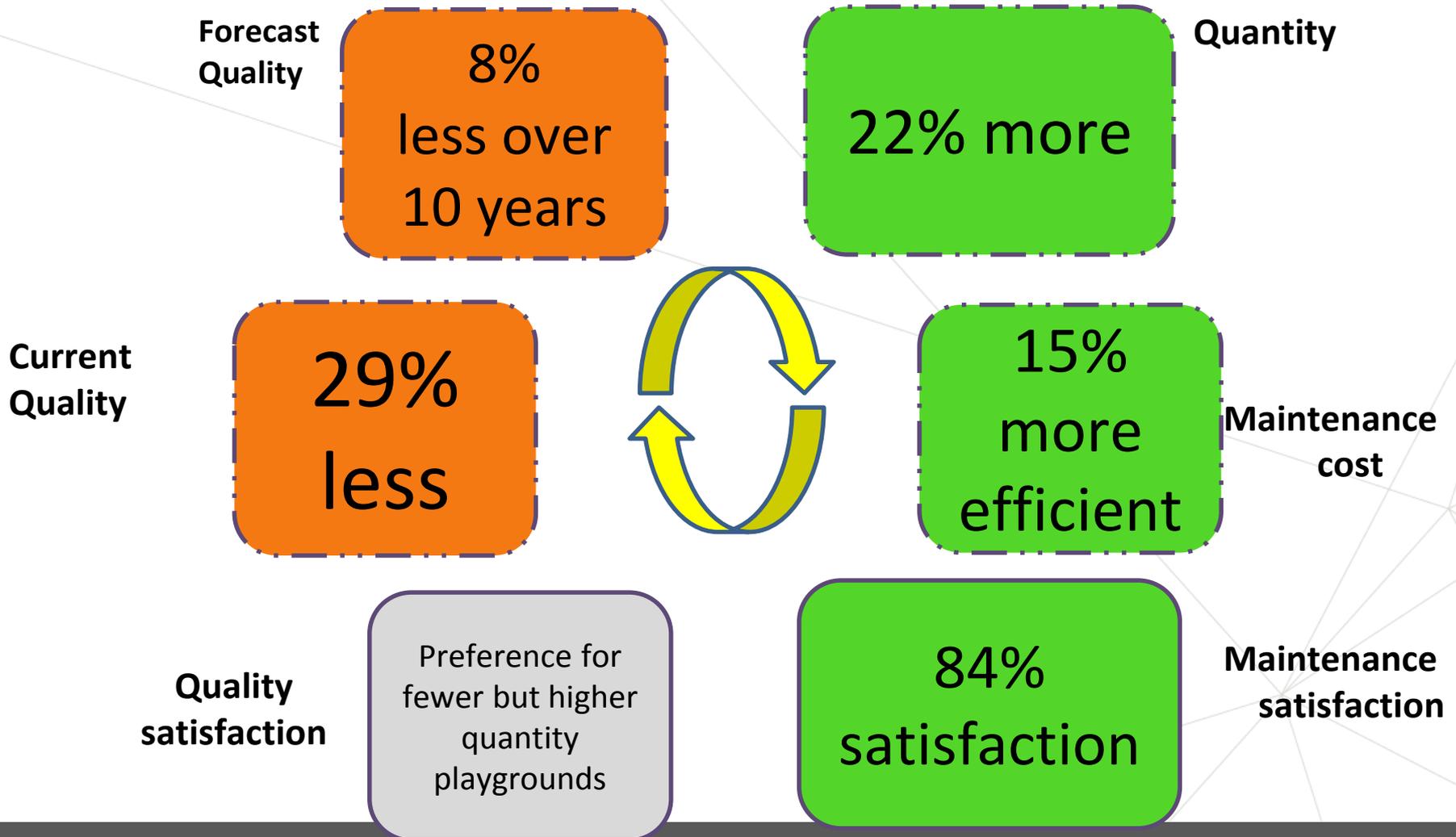
Customer satisfaction with the provision and maintenance of playgrounds



New playground costs

Smaller?	\$
Local neighbourhood playground (430)	\$115,000
Natural Play space (5)	\$120-\$175,000
Central Community playground (55)	\$210,000
District Playground (15)	\$260,000 each item
Bigger?	\$

2018 data summary



The Problem - Key Slide

Limited quality playgrounds are causing community concern.

The main causes are:

- High cost to build playgrounds to the current design standard
- The total number of playgrounds
- Budget is limited

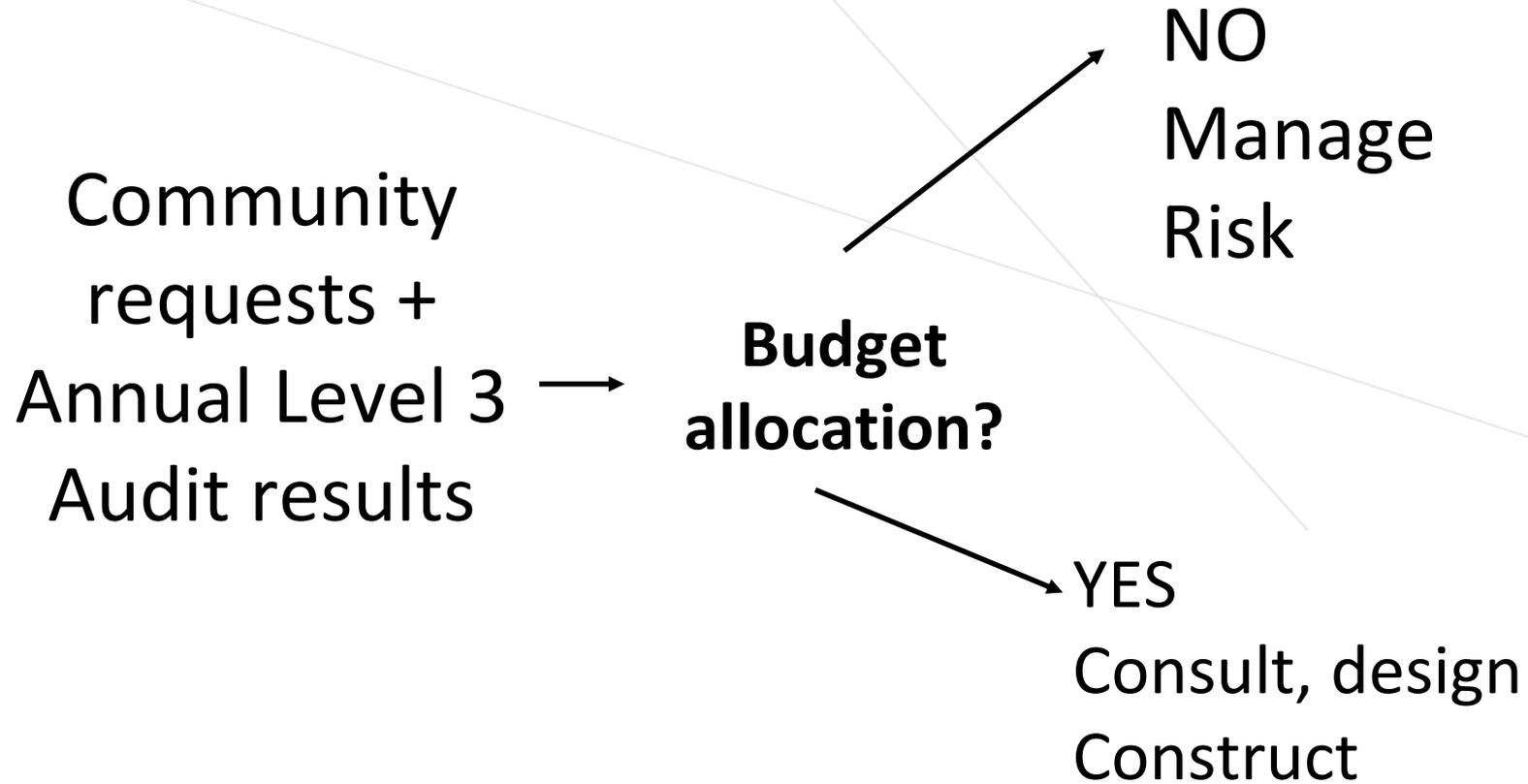
Evidence- community input

Letters to the Minister
Chief Minister Talkback
Community consultation
Access Canberra requests
Petitions
Surveys and reports



Canberra Destination Playgrounds Study 2018

How does TCCS prioritise?



Limitations

- × **Does not allow for wider ‘play space’ service gaps such as different age cohorts, accessibility, play diversity**
- × **Does not consider limitations with supporting facilities such as seating, pathways, shade**
- × **Does not consider equity across Canberra**
- × **Does not target suburbs in most need of better recreational, health and social outcomes**

Forum tasks for today

1. Describe why play spaces are important
2. Develop community criteria for play spaces
3. Decide how TCCS should engage with the community on play space decision making
4. Allocate up to \$1.9 million on play spaces

Forum Task 2: Develop community criteria

You have already made progress on this

Apply these to decision making later
today

Forum Task 2: Develop community criteria

- Your criteria will reflect the views of the wider community
- We have heard community views through
 - Better Suburbs Survey 2017
 - The Canberra Destinations Play Study (City Renewal Authority) 2018
 - The Better Suburbs Forum discussions
- Later today you will hear about
 - Four community petition groups
 - Submissions to the Play Spaces Forum

Forum Task 2: Develop community criteria

PLAY Study – over 1000 respondents

- People want fewer but better playgrounds
- Inequity between old and new suburbs
- More age diversity
- More shade, more fences
- More risky play
- More nature play

Better Suburbs Survey

- Parks and amenities is a top 5 feature

Better Suburbs Forum so far

- More nature play
- More offerings for wider age ranges
- Less local play spaces and increased quality in larger play spaces
- More play spaces co-located with shops, ovals and other facilities
- More fenced play spaces
- Play spaces that cater to the ageing population
- Community and business partnerships

The logo features the word "PLAY" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Above the letters "A" and "Y", there are small, stylized icons of a person jumping and a person climbing, respectively. The background is a light grey.

Canberra Destination Playgrounds Study

Canberra Destination Playgrounds Study 2018

Forum Task 3: How TCCS should engage with the community

- Tell us how we should work with the community to make future decisions about play spaces

Hold that thought!

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

- Allocate \$1.9m to play spaces
- Use your criteria to make your decision
- TCCS has suggested four buckets. Are they appropriate?
- Allocate \$ to the buckets
- Work after the forum – some of you may agree to be part of panels to finalise decisions such as the locations of spending for each bucket.

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

TCCS suggested buckets

1. New nature play spaces
2. Whole of suburb play reviews
3. Amenity upgrades
4. Refresh existing play spaces

I will explain the rationale behind these buckets, then it will be up to you as a group to decide

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 1: New nature play spaces

Cost: \$175,000 per play space

TCCS suggestion: 4 @ \$700,000

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 1: New nature play spaces

Strong community support

High value play

Lower construction cost

Complements existing types of play spaces

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 1: New nature play spaces

There is a wall display of all the district play spaces in the room today



Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 2: Whole of suburb play reviews

Cost: \$75,000 per suburb

TCCS suggestion: 5 @ \$375,000

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 2: Whole of suburb play reviews

Forum panel would select suburbs based on the agreed criteria

TCCS would engage the local community based on your suggestions on how we should engage

Seek budget funding based on engagement outcomes

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 2: Whole of suburb play reviews

How would this bucket address community concerns and best practice?

There is a wall display in the room with some example Suburbs

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 3: Amenity upgrades for play spaces

TCCS suggestion: \$325,000

Some estimated costs

- Shade Sails \$12,000 - \$26,000 depending on size
- Picnic Tables \$1,600 - \$2,000
- Park Benches \$1,600 - \$4,500
- Shelter 4m x 4m \$12,000
- Drinking Fountains/bubblers \$18,000
- BBQ Double hot plate \$15,000
- Toilets \$180,000 - \$220,000
- Landscaping Shrub beds \$88 m2
- Paths \$180m2
- Bike Track Learn to ride \$260,000 +
- Bike Rack Metal Loop \$900
- Fitness Stations 6 items \$30,000 - \$55,000
- 3 in 1 courts \$140,000 (Basketball, Soccer, netball same as CRIPS)
- Basketball court \$50,000- \$75,000
- Badminton/volleyball (CRIP) \$6,000

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 3: Amenity upgrades for play spaces

e.g. Shade sails, paths, landscaping, furniture

Informed by public submissions

Decision making led by a panel from the Forum

Improve experience for children and adults

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 4: Refresh existing play spaces

Cost: \$30,000 per play space (approximately)

TCCS suggestion: 16 @ \$500,000

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 4: Refresh existing play spaces

- Extend life by 5+ years
- Improve function and aesthetics
- Prevents greater costs in the medium term



Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 4: Refresh existing play spaces



Wellington Street, Ngunnawal before and after

Forum Task 4: Participatory budgeting

Bucket 4: Refresh existing play spaces



Were Street, Calwell before and after