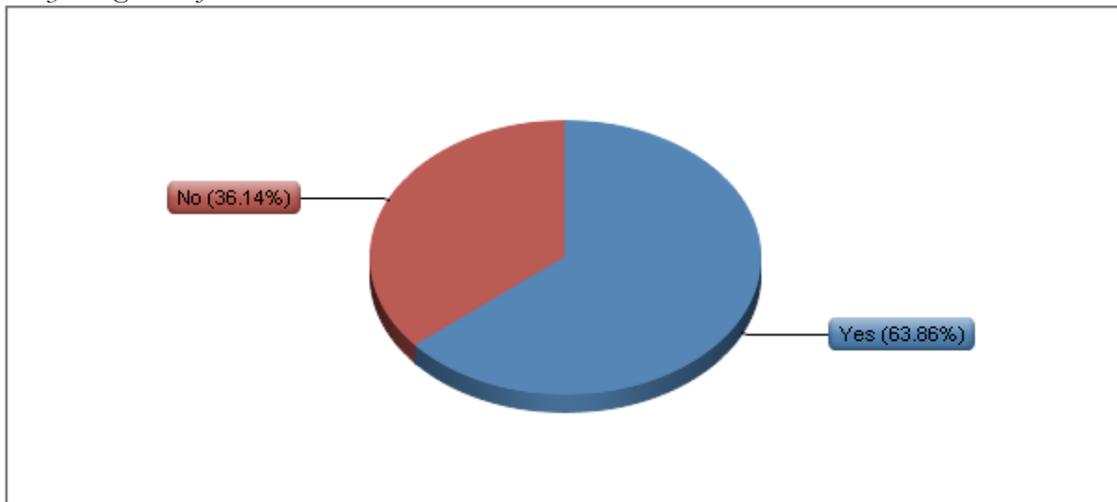


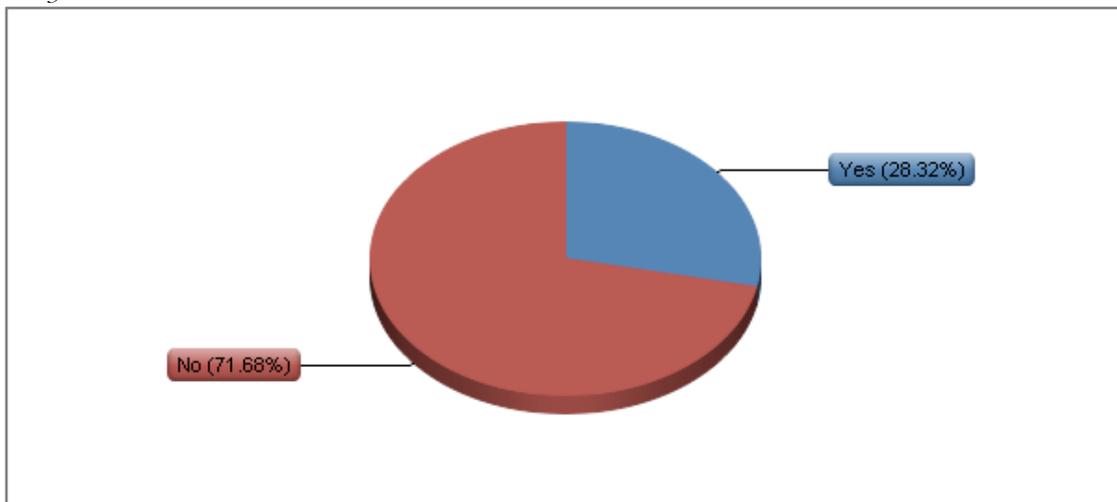
Voting Habits

64% responded that they were registered for New Zealand elections. Overall however, the survey supports Hamer's comments that Maori in Australia are "massively disenfranchised"^{iv}. 72% of respondents stated they did not vote in the 2008 New Zealand election.

Are you registered for NZ elections?

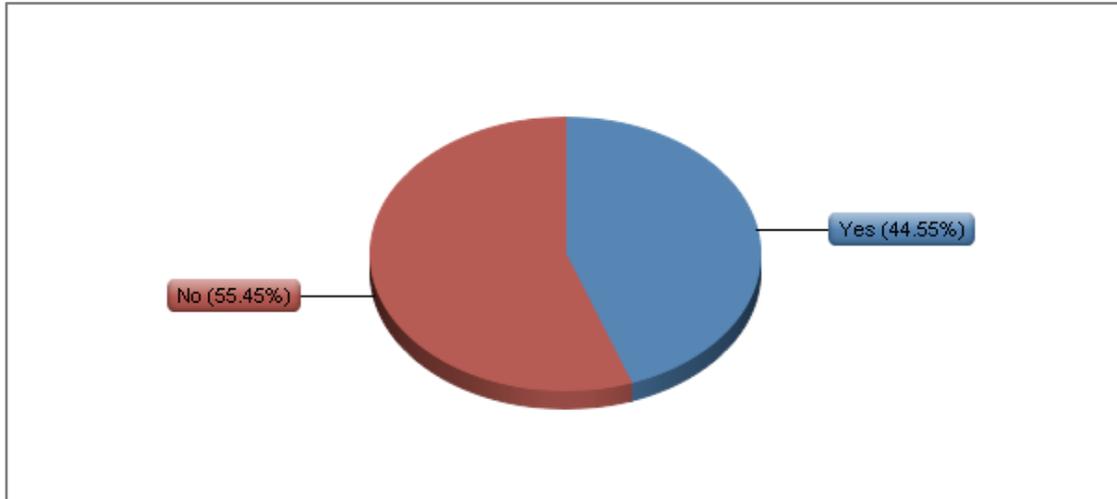


Did you vote in the last NZ election in 2008?



Whether respondents would vote in this year's election was a little more divided with 55% saying they will not vote and 45% say they will vote in this year's New Zealand election.

Will you vote in this year's election?



When asked why they wouldn't vote in this year's election the most common answer (30%) was that respondents stated they do not vote in New Zealand elections because of lack of information about the process or how they can vote from overseas, while many others (19.6%) said they believe they should not vote since they live in Australia. Typical responses included:

Don't know how to vote or where to vote

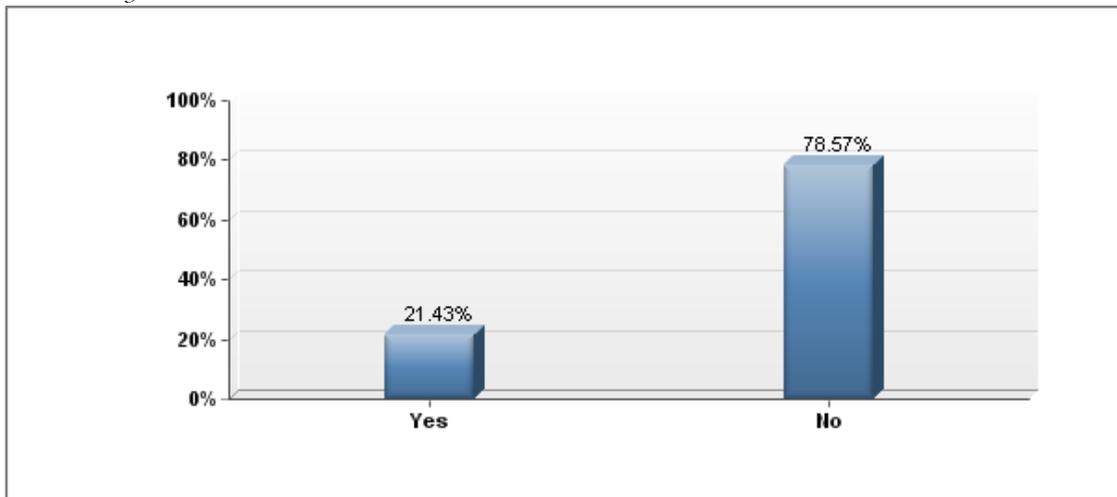
Don't feel I have the right as I now live in Australia

There is no support from any of the political parties for Maori in Australia. They come over here to campaign, expect our support yet give no help to Ngati Kangaru. Campaigning over here with no buy in for the ini here is a waste of money and insulting to us.

Referendum

79% of respondents stated that they were not aware that there is a referendum on the voting system this year.

Are you aware there is a referendum about whether to change the voting system, at the New Zealand election this year?



Given the importance of voting systems for fostering or inhibiting particular groups to become represented this lack of awareness is a concern. It is not altogether surprising however given the comments that people made about not voting which indicated some despondency about the ability to influence politics:

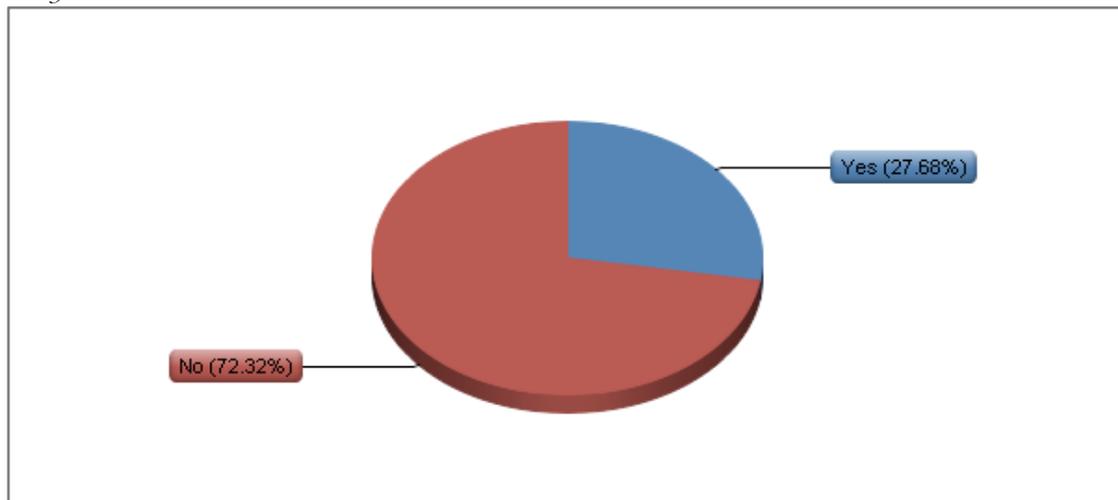
doesn't matter who you vote in theyre all the same [sic].

When asked about whether, in the 2011 referendum, they would vote to retain MMP, answers were fairly evenly split with 52% answering yes and 48% answering no. When asked if New Zealand was to choose another voting system which would they choose, 73% were undecided and a surprising 17% selected FPP. The apparent popularity of FPP is likely to have more to do with the average age of respondents, who would be familiar with FPP, rather than it being selected for its merits for representing Maori.

Levels of Representation

72% of respondents did not vote in the last Australian federal election. This may be a result of 73% not being Australian citizens, which is a requirement to vote in Australia.^v

Did you vote in the last Australia Federal election in 2010?



63% of respondents stated that they do not feel politically represented at the Australian Federal or State levels. 53% said they were not satisfied with this level of representation, while 11% stated they were happy with this and 36% were undecided. The large number of people undecided about this issue may be a reflection of the nature of the question or could be that people simple do not know how they should be feeling about representation.

Near the end of the survey I asked whether respondents were happy with the level of influence over decisions made in New Zealand and Australia that affect them. Again the question were possibly a little obscure but the interesting aspect of the results was that there were actually 26% of respondents who answered that they were happy with the level of influence over decisions made in Australia, compared to 9% happy with the level of influence over decisions made in New Zealand that affect them in Australia. That still meant on the whole that respondents were not happy (49% for Australian decisions, and

49% for New Zealand decisions) or undecided (24% of Australia decisions and 42% for New Zealand decisions).

Final Comments

24% of respondents took the opportunity to add further comments with many stating that they were interested in further information and somewhat explaining their situations in Australia.

I don't have, or see (unless I actively research) enough information to make an informed opinion on the political arena in New Zealand. When the Maori party visited in 2007-8, they were not able to assist any of us in Australia n any way, shape or form. I didn't vote in the NZ election at the time. What has changed?

I would love further updates.

How would I go about voting in the next election?

...We do not have a voice in either country, but that is what we have chosen (to move to Australia).

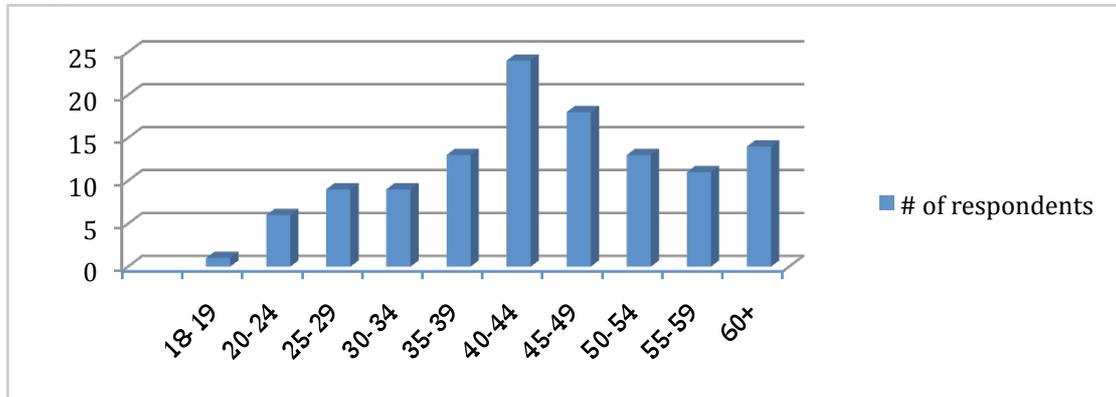
Feel slightly stateless – don't live in NZ so don't feel can vote and don't know the issues anymore. Cant become an aussie and cant vote here [sic].

Thank you for considering us kivi maori here in Australia [sic].

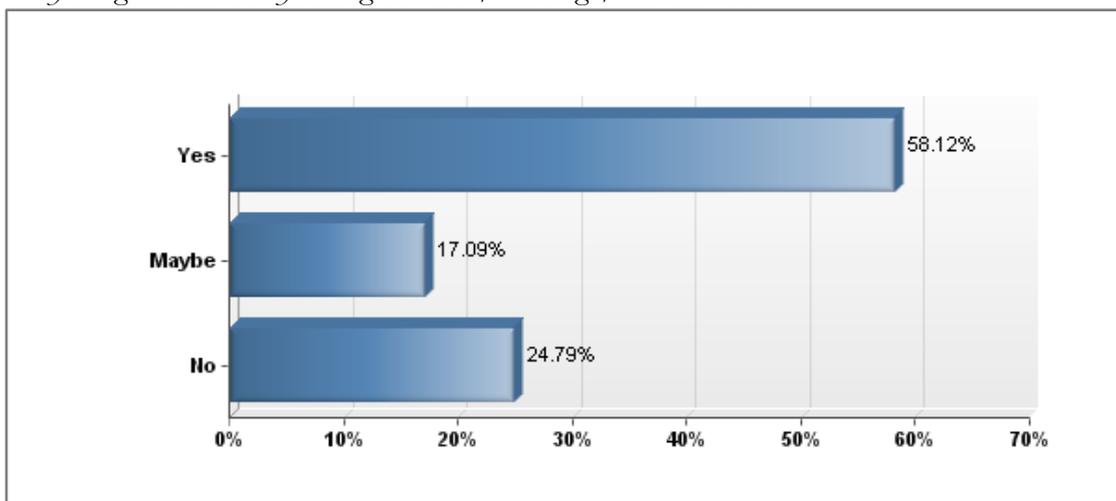
Profile of Respondents

65% of respondents were female and 93% New Zealand born. 27% answered that they are Australian citizens. Many respondents were between the ages of 40 and 49.

Age groups



Are you registered with any iwi organisations/ Runanga/ Trust Boards?

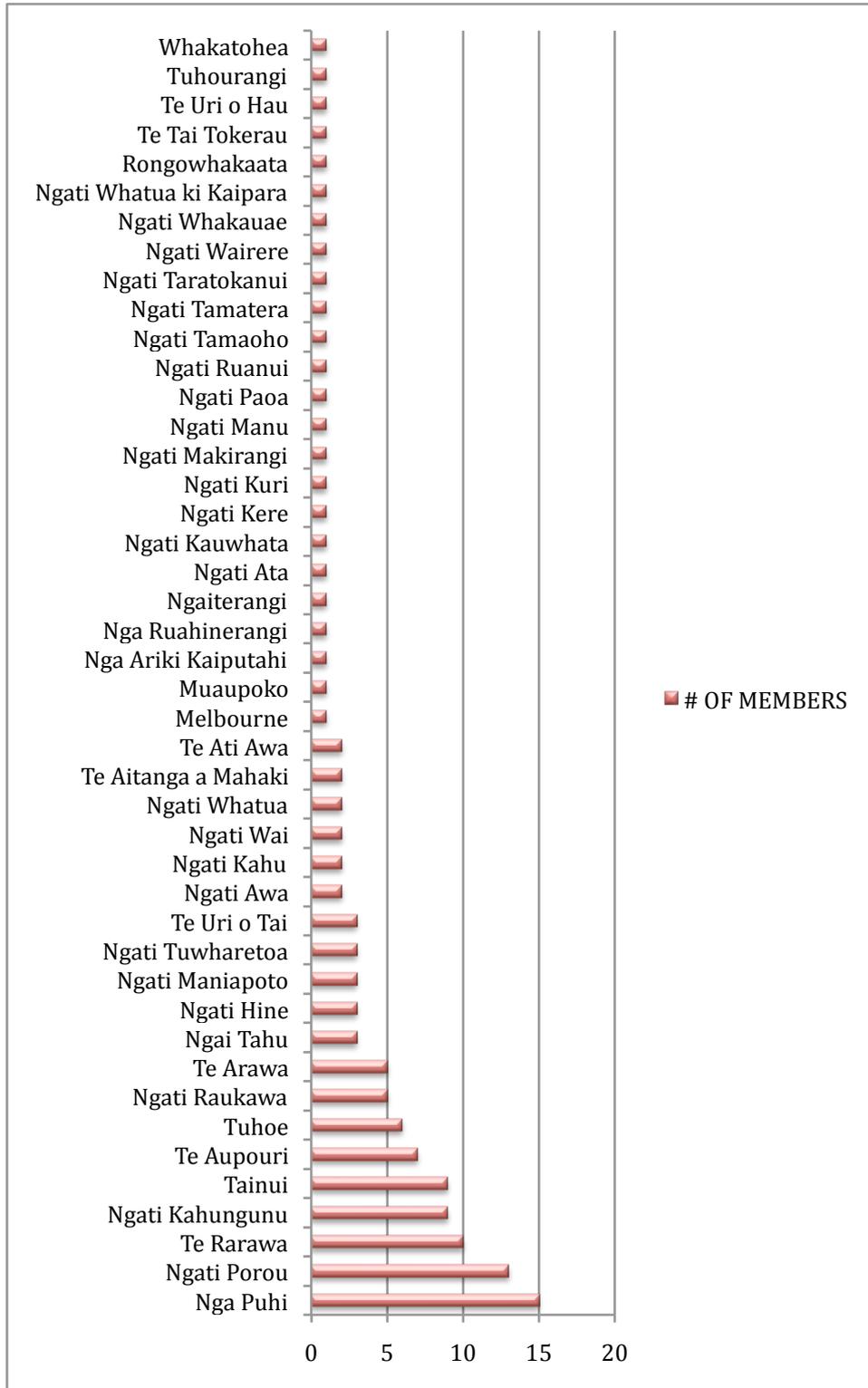


58% of respondents stated that they are registered with an iwi organisation with 17% saying maybe and 25% answering no. This is an increase from 28.6% answering in the 2007 Hamer survey that they are registered with iwi organisations.^{vi} These results may suggest that respondents on this survey are more connected with iwi organisations or perhaps iwi organisations are doing a better job at ensuring registrations have been increased and maintained.

Many respondents came from either Nga Puhī or Ngāti Porou iwi, with increased arrivals in Australia in the years 2002 and 2008.

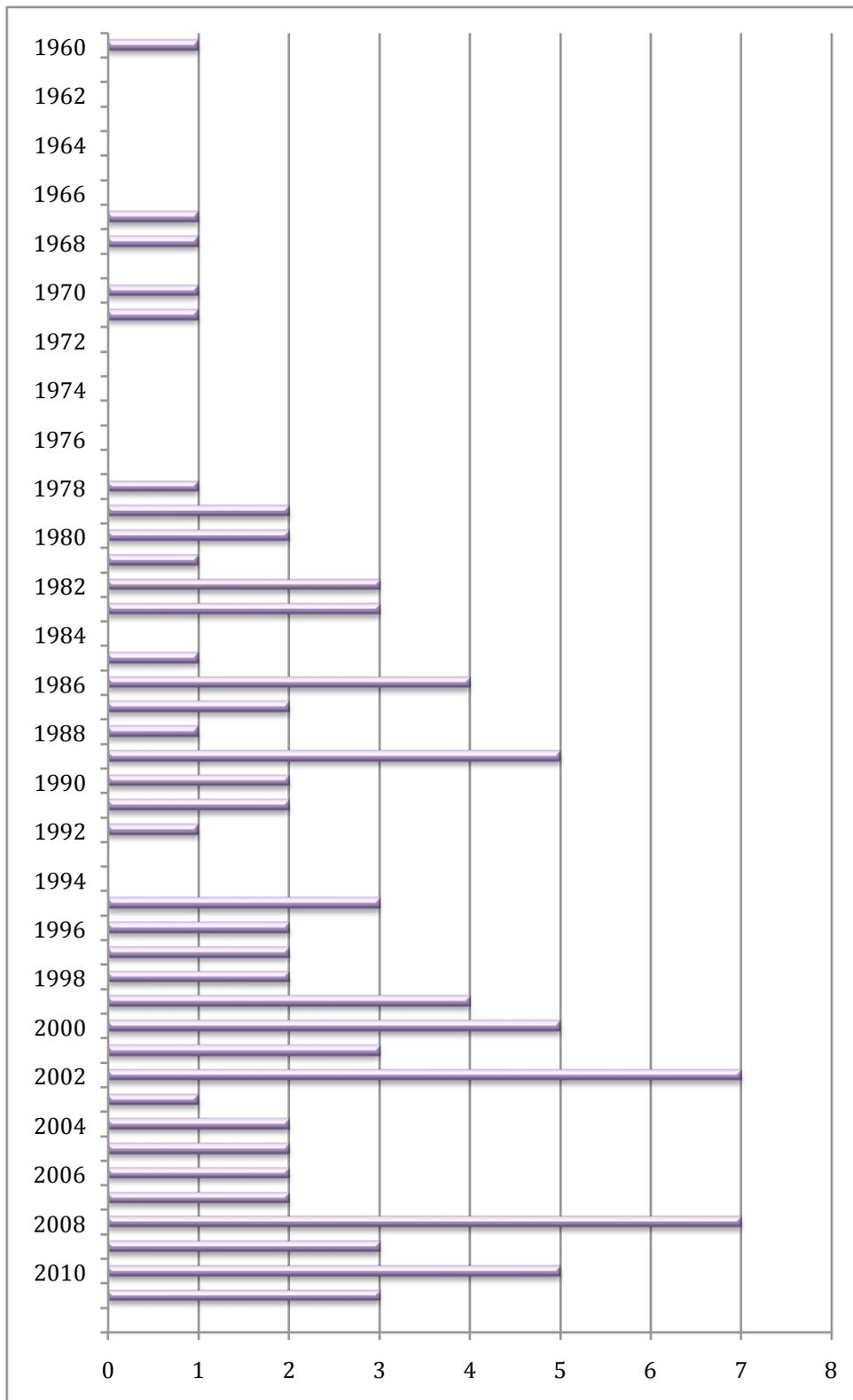
Iwi Affiliations of Respondents

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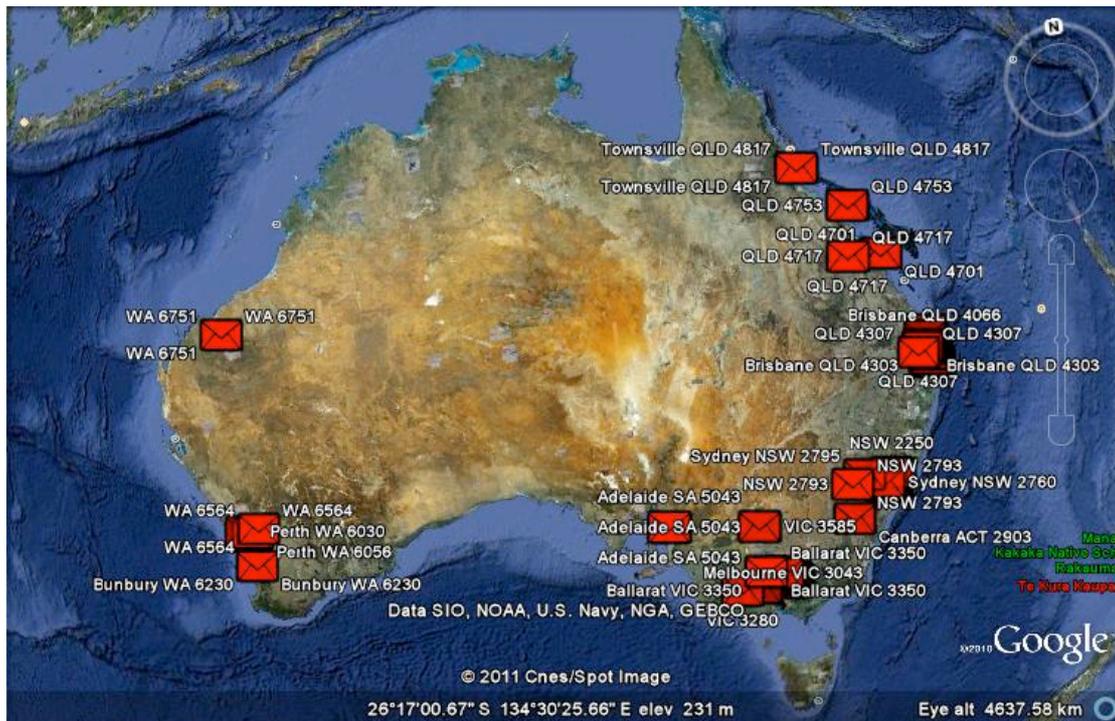
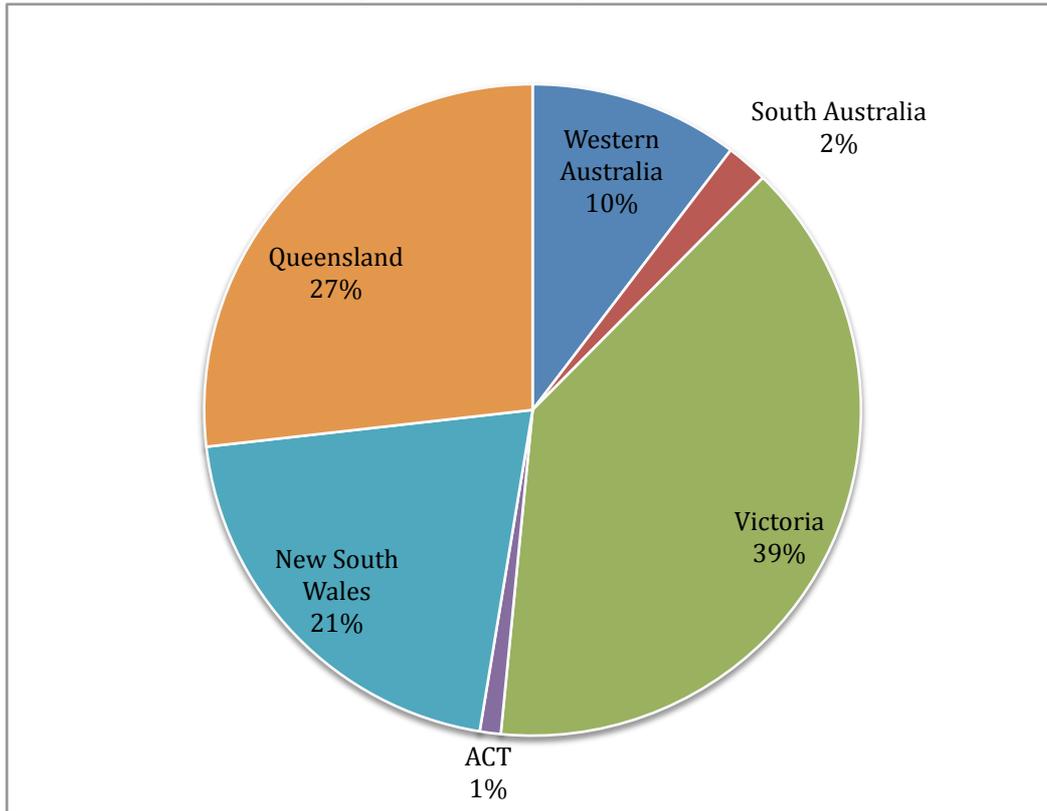


Year of Arrival in Australia

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Locations of Respondents (by State/Territory):



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- ⁱ P. Hamer, "Maori in Australia: Voting Rights and Behaviour" *Policy Quarterly*, Vol.4, Issue. 3, 2008, p. 28.
- ⁱⁱ As P. Hamer points out some New Zealanders can vote without being Australian citizens, i.e. someone that is a "British subject" who was enrolled to vote in Australia prior to 26 January 1984, which includes any New Zealanders so enrolled", and who continues to be enrolled. Ibid, p. 27.
- ⁱⁱⁱ P. Hamer, *Maori in Australia: Nga Maori I Te Ao Moemoea*, Wellington: Te Puni Kokiri, 2007.
- ^{iv} Hamer, 2008, p. 28.
- ^v Except for those described in ii.
- ^{vi} Hamer, 2007, p. 36.