

Swimming Pool Safety Reform Survey

SUMMARY REPORT
24 May 2023



Background

This report presents the findings of the swimming pools safety reform survey. Fieldwork was conducted between 3-10 April 2023, collecting n=1,023 completes.

To improve the safety of in-home swimming pools, the ACT Government is seeking to introduce regulatory reforms that will require all home swimming pools to have a barrier compliant with modern safety standards (within a specified period).

The purpose of this survey was to understand community views on the reforms, as well as to identify any barriers that might prevent pool owners from complying with the new requirements to install a pool barrier.

Methodology notes:

- All Panel members were invited to take part in the survey, however the survey invitation did include added words to encourage pool owners who had installed and/or obtained building approval for a pool/spa before 1 May 2013 to participate.
- Significance testing has been conducted on selected slides where appropriate; results that are significantly higher have been marked with an upwards arrow (↑), whereas results that are significantly lower have been marked with a downwards arrow (↓).



How many?

1,023

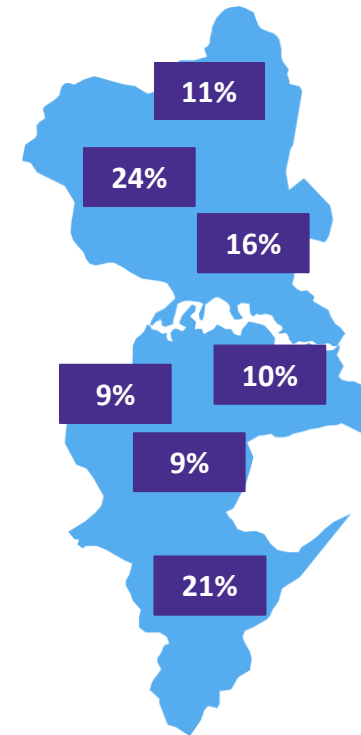
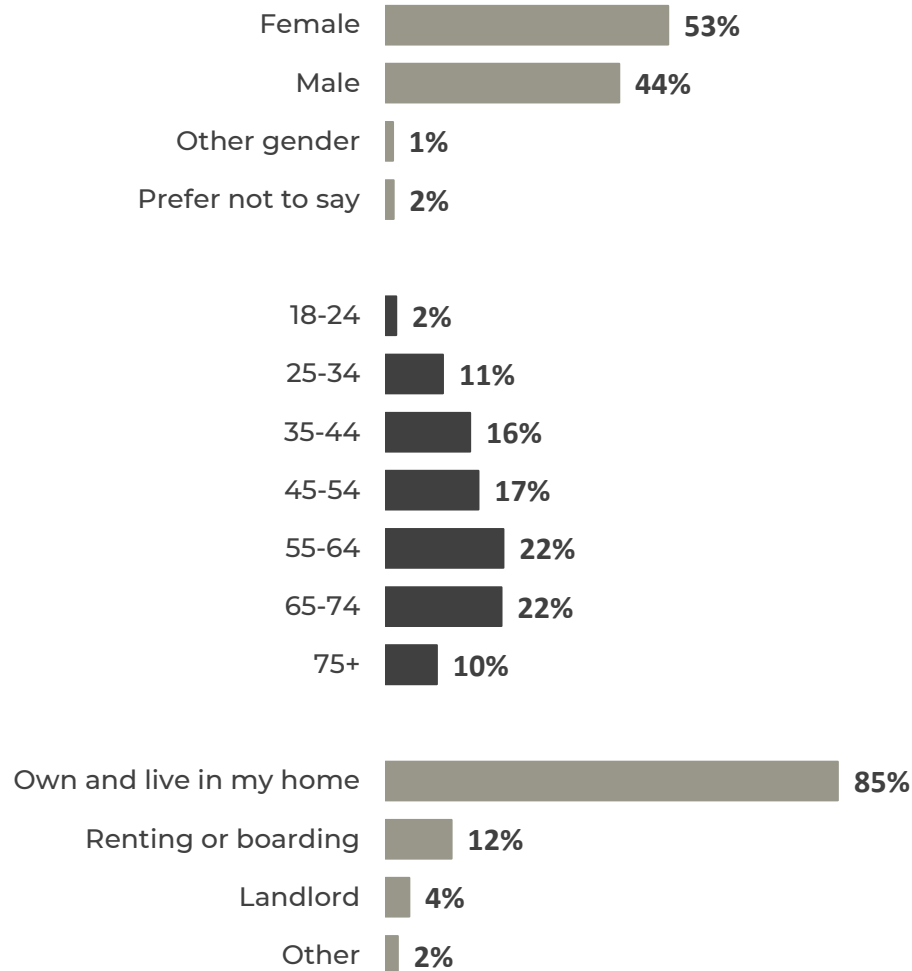
Who?

Canberrans 18+

When?

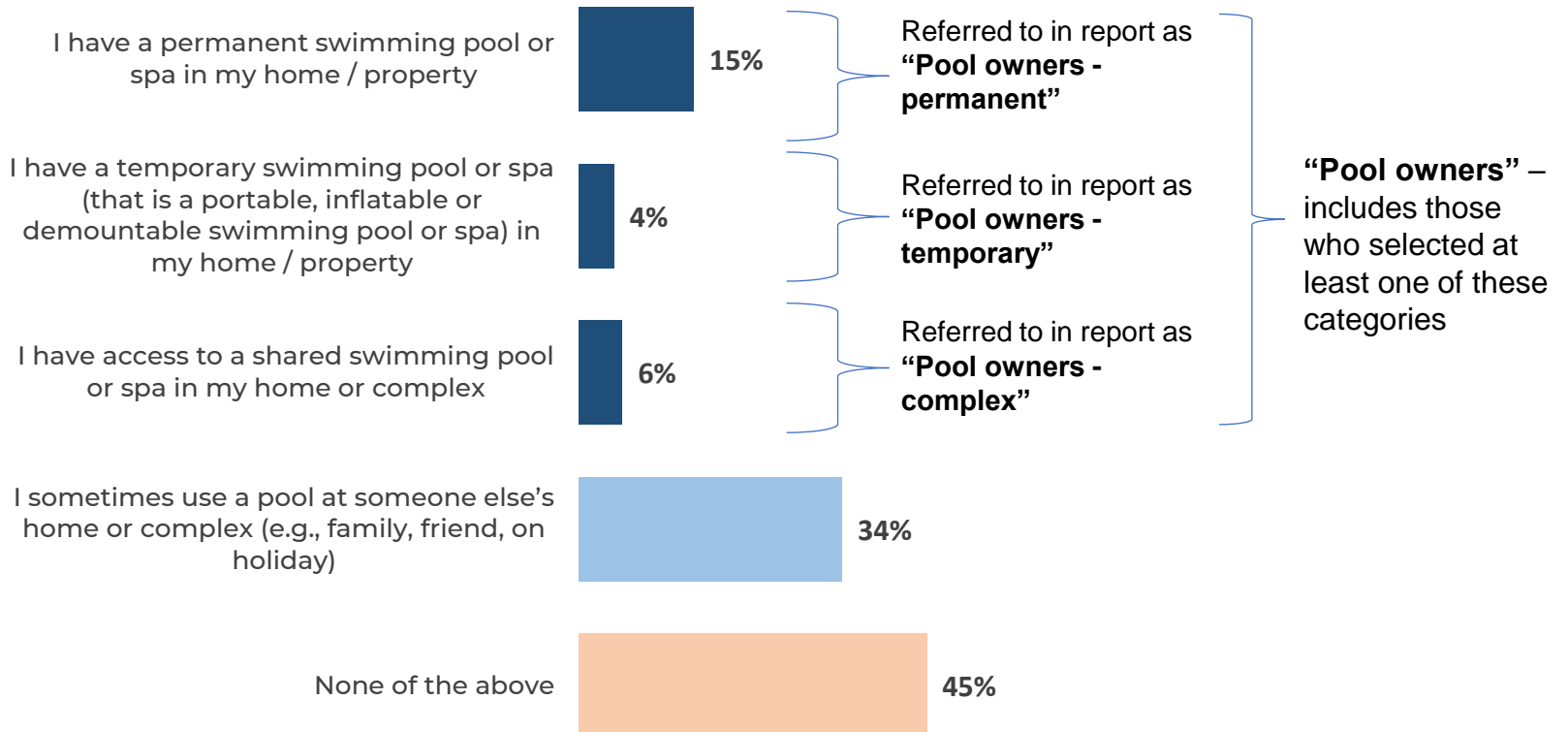
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Sample profile (unweighted, n=1,023)



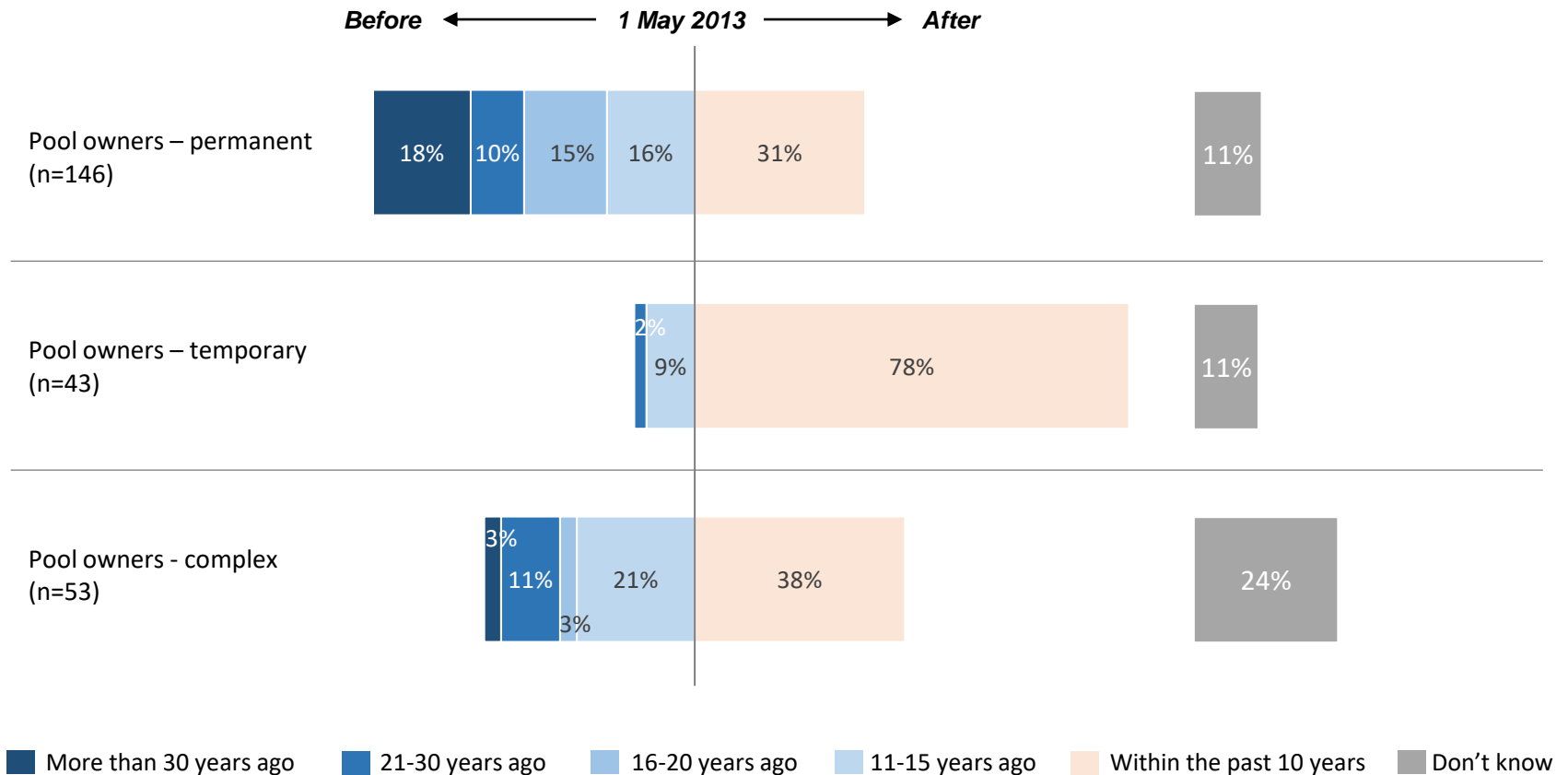
Reported pool ownership

Q3. Which of the following, if any, apply to you?
(Unweighted, n=,1023)



Time since pool/spa was installed

Q4. Approximately how long ago was the swimming pool or spa installed in your home or complex?

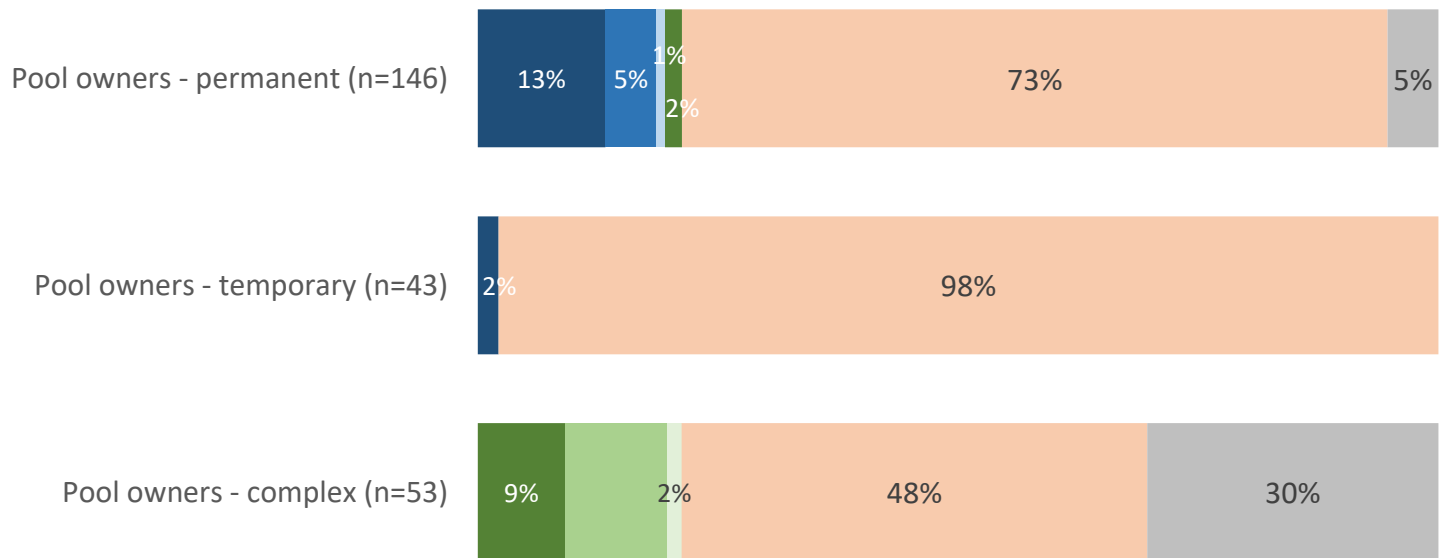


*Note: n=6 respondents who indicated owning more than one type of pool (permanent, temporary, complex) were not included in the analysis for this question. Significance testing not conducted on this slide.

Results

Made alterations to pool/spa

Q5. Have you or someone else ever made alterations to the pool or spa since you owned it or moved in?

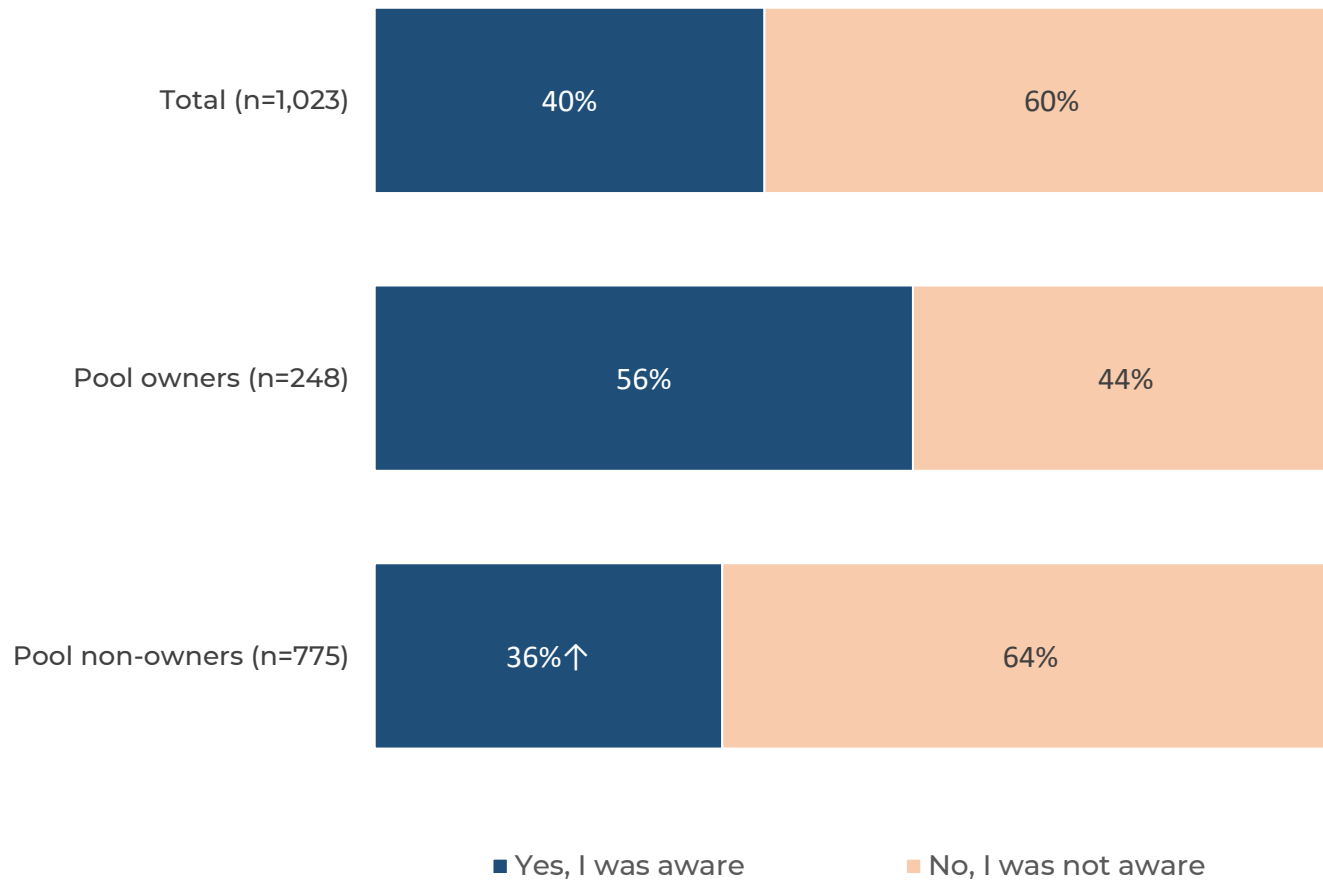


- Yes - I have made alterations - including to barrier
- Yes - I have made alterations - not including barrier
- Yes - I have made alterations - NA
- Yes - someone made alterations - including barrier
- Yes - someone made alterations - not including barrier
- Yes - someone made alterations - NA
- No, I have not made alterations
- Don't know

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Awareness of reforms

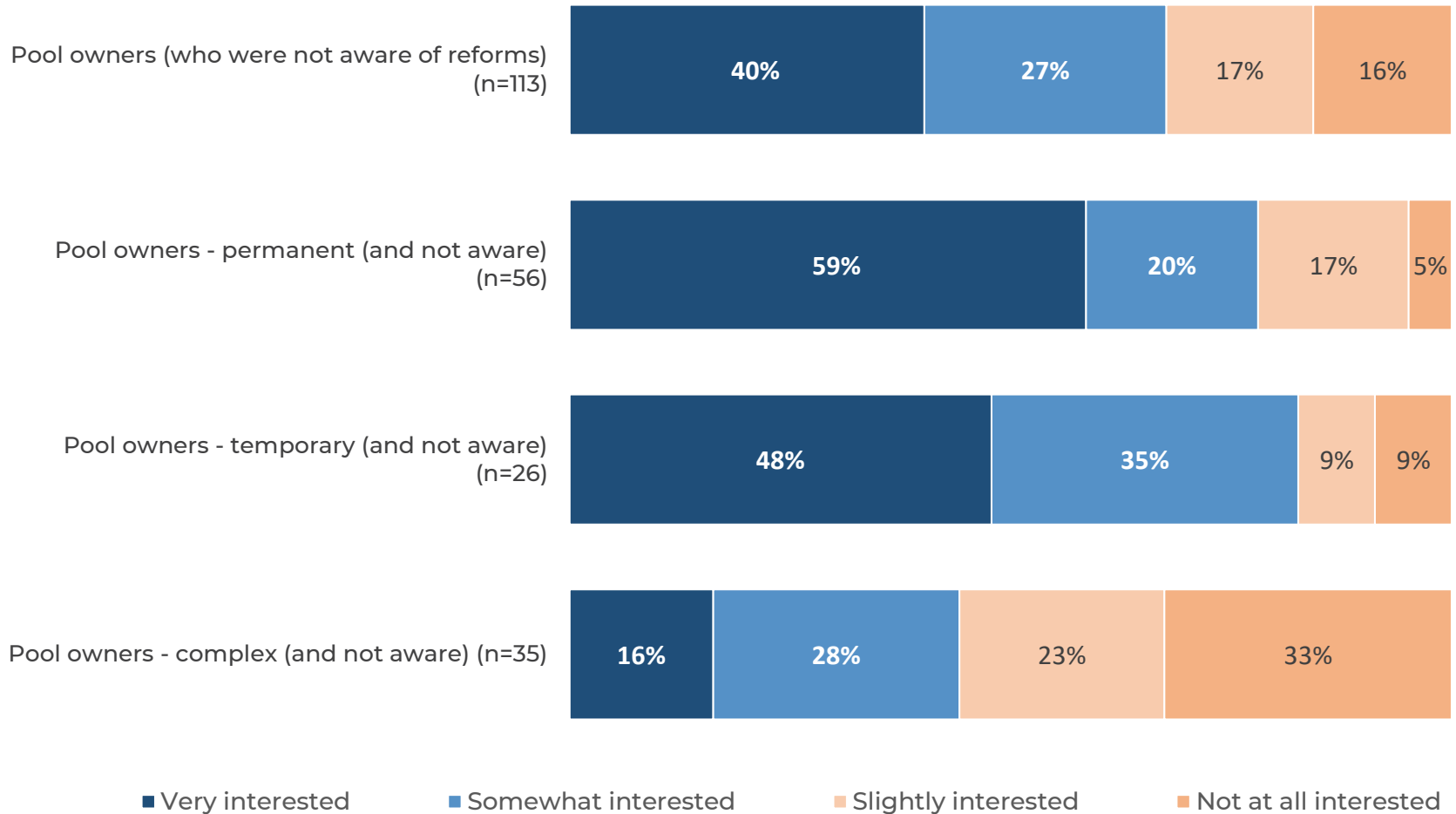
Q6. Before today, were you aware that the ACT Government is bringing in reforms that will require all home swimming pools and spas to have a pool barrier (e.g., pool and/or boundary fencing) which meets best practice safety standards regardless of when the pool or spa was constructed?



Interest in reforms

Q7. How interested are you in these proposed Regulatory Reforms?

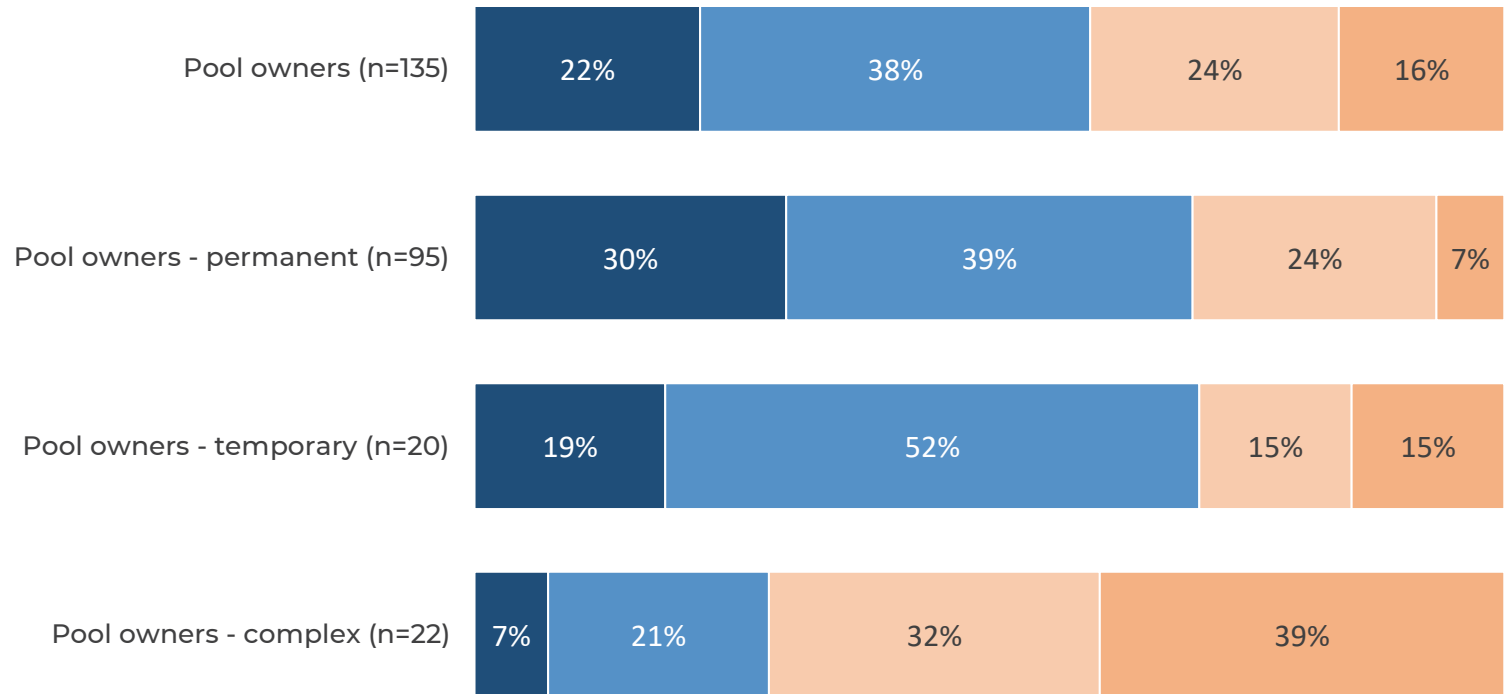
(Asked to pool non-owners, and pool owners who were not aware of reforms at Q6)



Past consideration of new reforms

Q8. Before today, had you given any thought to how these Regulatory Reforms will impact you as a pool/spa owner?

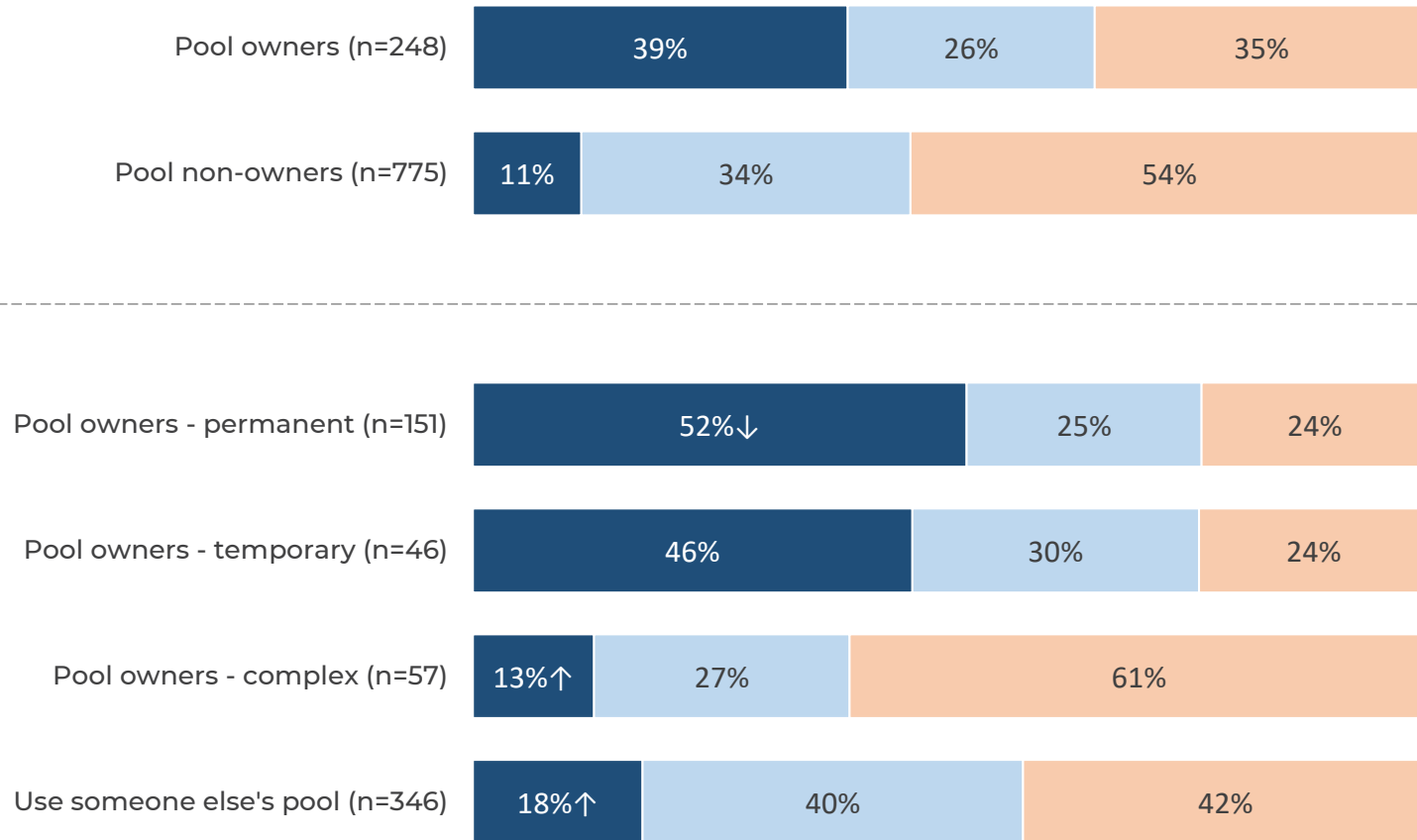
(Asked only to pool owners who indicated being aware of reforms at Q6)



■ Given it lots of thought ■ Given it some thought ■ Given it little thought ■ Given it no thought

Intentions to seek out further information

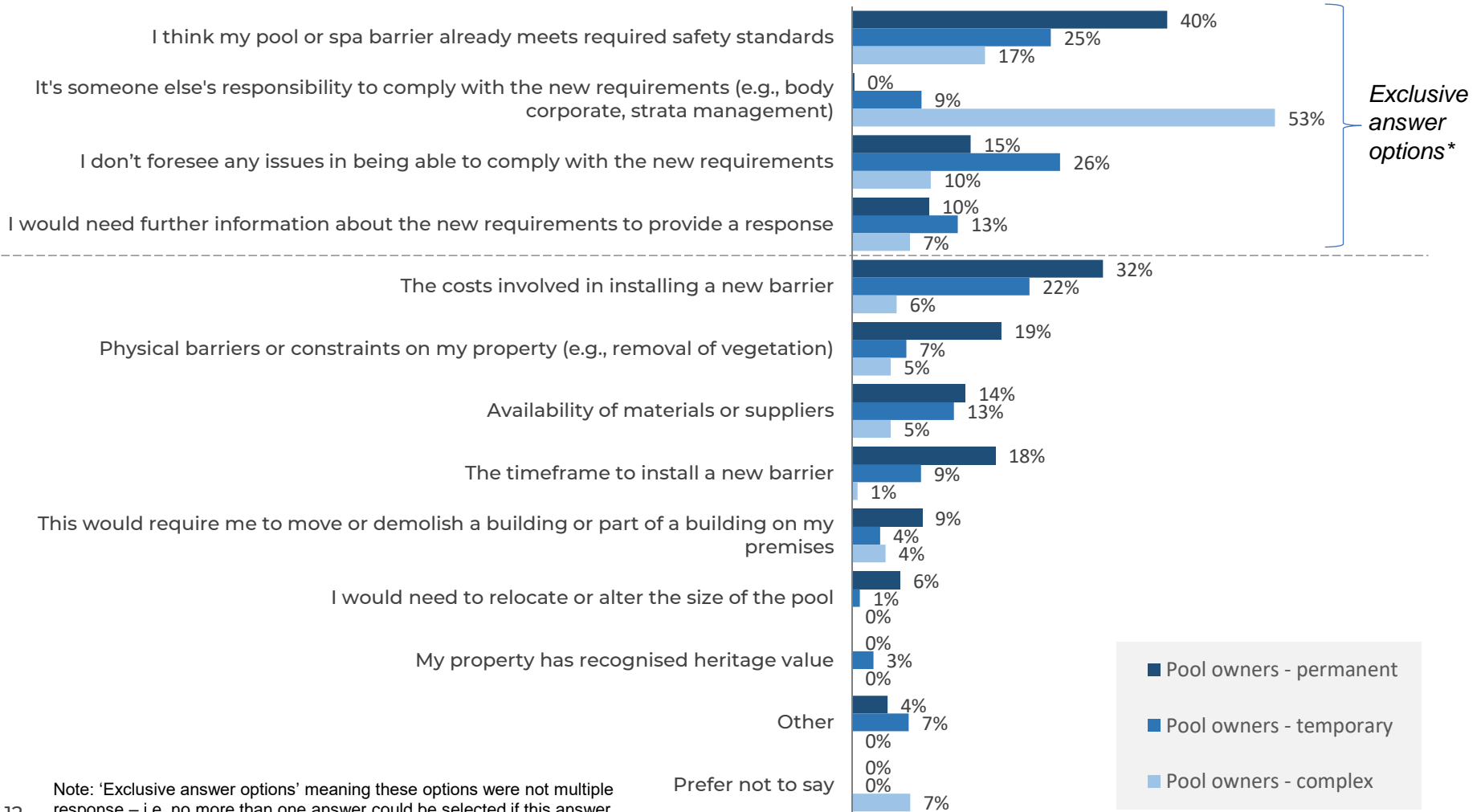
Q8A. And do you intend to seek out further information to better understand these Regulatory Reforms?



■ Yes ■ Maybe ■ No

Barriers to compliance

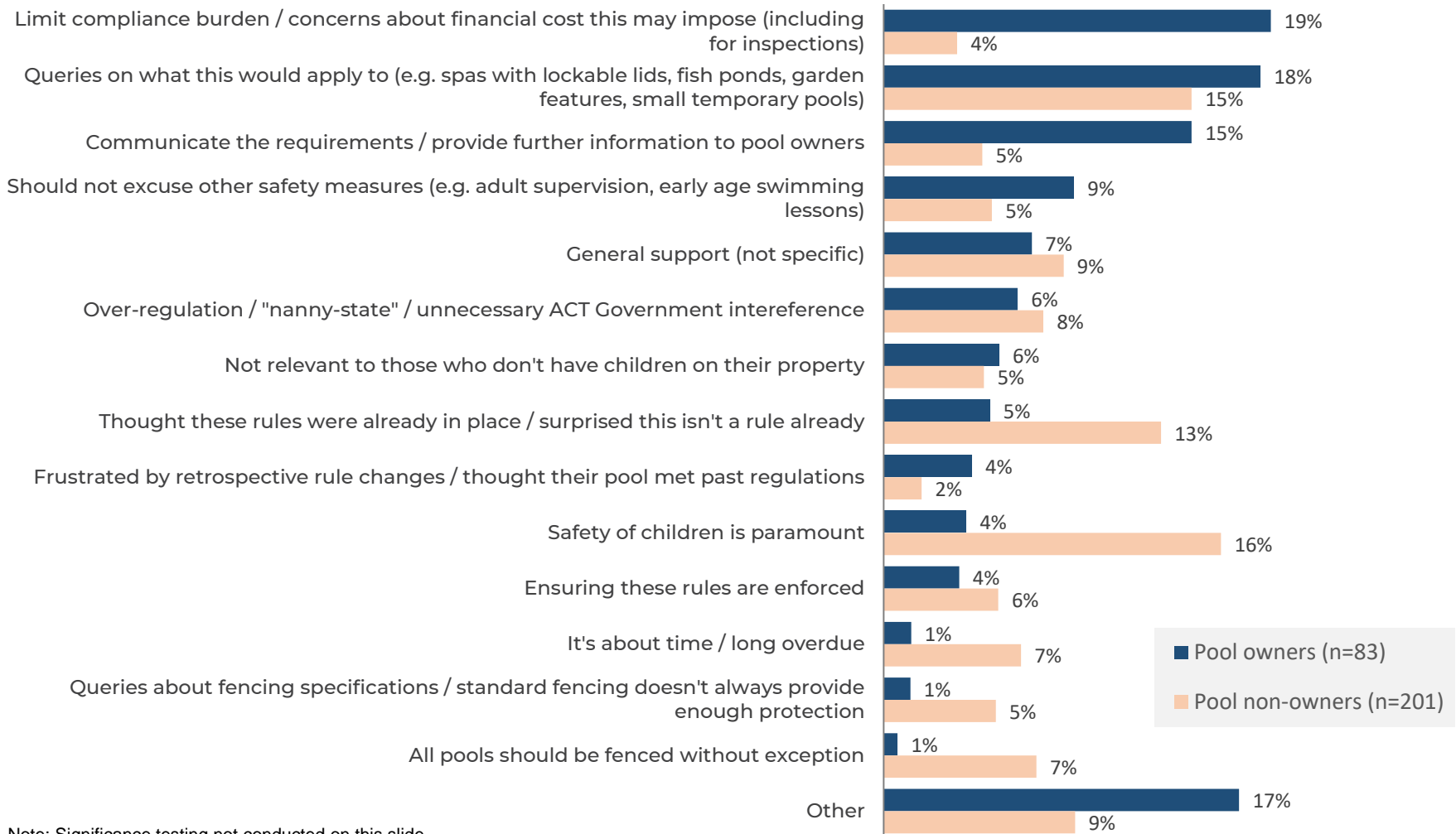
Q9. What, if anything, might make it difficult for you being able to comply with the new requirements to install / upgrade a pool barrier?



Note: 'Exclusive answer options' meaning these options were not multiple response – i.e. no more than one answer could be selected if this answer was selected. Significance testing not conducted on this slide.

Further feedback

QY1. Is there anything else you would like to tell us in relation to this topic or any other feedback you would like to provide? (Open-ended response)



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