

# Opportunities for agricultural communities'

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## Increased income and employment

- Family income increased 15% in CSG regions (independent of FIFOs)
- Jobs Surat Basin: Approx 1400 Net new jobs for residents (not FIFOs)
- Around 600 new jobs in resources sector
- Around 800 new jobs in other sectors
- Some of these came from agriculture (i.e. reduced agricultural jobs)

## Youth returning

- Youth in-migration since 2006 (after controlling for FIFOs)
- Similar numbers for males and females
- Increased skills base

Long term: improved infrastructure (e.g. roads)

# Threats

## Loss of labour

- Affects contract fencing
- machinery maintenance etc

## Disruption to farm and town

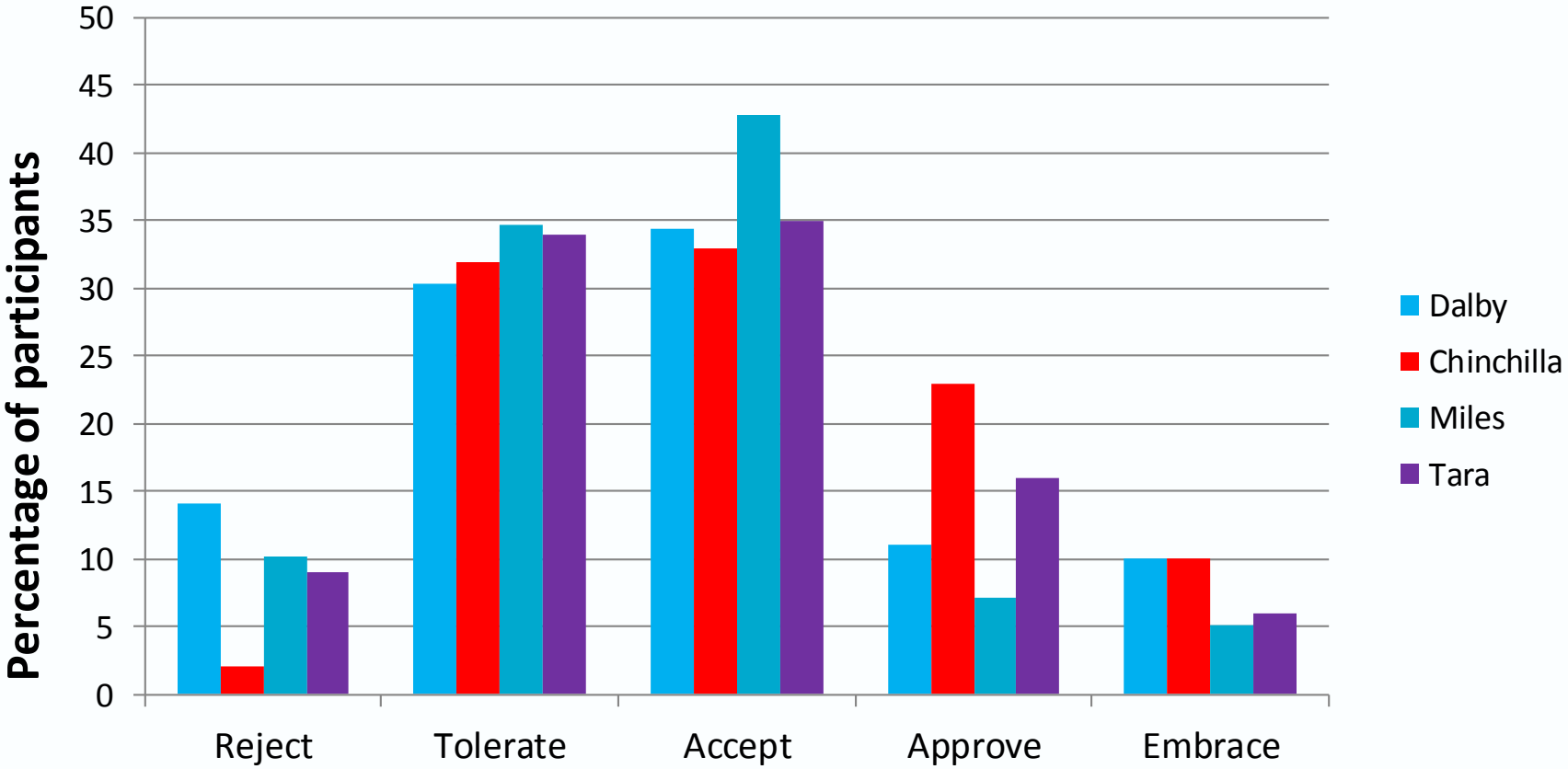
- Noise
- Dust
- Stress
- Traffic
- Changing character of town

## Property access

- Concern over gates being left open etc.

Short term: strain on existing infrastructure (e.g. roads)

# Community acceptance in Surat



# Adapting to the changes

