## Key Findings: EXTENT AND EFFECTS OF WORKPLACE BULLYING



## WORKPLACE BULLIES ARE PREDOMINANTLY

Female

94.5% of survey respondents indicated they had been bullied, with the 'workplace bully' being predominantly female (52.9%), as opposed to a male (47.05%)

## Don't ALWAYS act alone

23.5% of those who indicated they had been bullied stated that the bully did not act alone and that accomplices were involved (mobbing) 23.5%

## Reduced PRODUCTIVITY

**52.94%** of

bully 'targets' stated that as a result of the workplace bullying their productivity was reduced by 50-70%.

Those who 'witnessed' a workplace-bullying

incident in either a former, or current workplace, also stated their productivity levels were affected, with the majority estimating a 10-40% decrease.

An 'active' bully in 66.6% of workplaces - and more likely to be a

'BOSS

This active bully was less likely to be a co-worker (16.6%), and more likely (58.2%) to be a 'boss' such as a Manager, Senior Manager, or CEO/Executive Director. Alarmingly, 83.3% of these 'boss bullies' don't act alone – preferring to operate as a bully group, or 'mob'.



Support for STATUTORY CHANGES regarding 'HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENTS'



100% of respondents who agreed that organisations and senior personnel should be prosecuted for the effects of workplace bullies – also stated they would support the introduction of a 'new' statutory course of action under which organisations, and bullies could be held legally accountable.

Bullying is not something that can be swept under the carpet at workplaces anymore.

Data and information from the anti-bullying website, Know Bull! Australia. www.know-bull.com

