



FIGURE 9. MANAGEMENT PREFERENCE RESPONSES.

TABLE 4. ATTITUDES TO MANAGEMENT SUMMARY SCALES (REFER APPENDIX 2).

SCALE	DESCRIPTION
Rationing/use-limits	Hut/camp booking systems, limited permits
Manipulate use conditions	Cheap options, small groups, facility reduction, high peak costs, one-way track
Information management	Encourage use elsewhere, promote low-impact behaviour
Increase accommodation	More hut/camp capacity, guided options, camping freedom, new tracks, guided options
Boat limits	Limit water taxi, control boat access

### 6.1.2 Significant findings

Differences in these management scales according to age-group (over and under 40 years), gender (male/female), nationality (New Zealand and overseas), and crowding perception (uncrowded/crowded) were analysed (refer Section 4.1 for method). The significant effects and interactions associated with the analysis using these independent variables are summarised in Table 5. These results indicate significant differences in attitudes towards management options which occur according to interactions between nationality, age-group, and crowded perception. Additional exploratory analyses found no differences in attitudes to management options between hut-users and camp-users.

#### *Nationality effect*

New Zealand and overseas visitors had significantly different attitudes towards some of the management options to cope with increased use-levels. New Zealand visitors were relatively more opposed to manipulating use conditions, rationing/use-limits and limiting boat use, while overseas visitors were relatively more opposed to increasing accommodation.

Exploration of the ‘manipulate use’ scale indicated that New Zealand visitors were particularly more opposed to encouraging smaller group sizes, reducing facilities to discourage use, and making peak times more expensive. Exploration of the ‘rationing/use-limits’ scale indicated that New Zealand visitors were particularly more opposed to booking systems for campsites and, to a much lesser extent, requiring permits for the trip. There was no apparent distinction for the option of having booking systems for huts. Exploration of the ‘limit boats’ scale indicated that New Zealand visitors were particularly more opposed to limiting the use of water taxis. There was no apparent distinction for the option of limiting motorboat access. Exploration of the ‘increase accommodation’ scale indicated that overseas visitors were more opposed to all accommodation development options, and were most particularly opposed to providing more campsites and facilities. Overall, New Zealand visitors appear more opposed to imposing use-limits and controls, and more in favour of developing accommodation capacity.

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