

# Resources Victoria Compliance Priorities 2025-26

Protecting community, infrastructure and the environment

## Tailings storage

### Preventing the spread of harmful material into the environment

- Tailings storage facilities and slimes dams built to approved requirements
- Monitoring, maintenance, reporting and management is in accordance with relevant guidelines

## Over extraction

### Avoiding extraction of materials beyond approved limits

- Extraction is within the approved area - extent and depth profile
- Focus on compliance with final approved batter angle to control rehabilitation liability
- Not deferring corrective action until the end of quarry/mine life

## Rehabilitation

### Ensuring liability for abandoned quarries and mines does not fall to the Victorian community

- Authority holders can demonstrate effective progressive rehabilitation
- Quarries and mines have sufficient rehabilitation bonds
- Mining licence holders are financially capable as well as fit and proper against well-defined criteria

## Community impacts

### Addressing local community concerns about loss of amenity

- Authority holders comply with conditions and are effectively managing potential impacts on community, including dust, vibration and noise
- Authority holders actively engage with their community to address concerns raised
- Corrective action is taken where non-compliance is identified

## Latrobe Valley coal mines

### Managing complex rehabilitation of declared mines

- Rehabilitation plans developed in line with guidance and standards
- Bonds reviewed and progressive rehabilitation undertaken
- Effective risk management to ensure mine stability and safety, and compliance with complex requirements

**In 2025-26  
industry  
can expect**

- Increased inspector presence on site completing the risk inspection program at every mine and quarry state-wide
- Audit program based on the compliance priorities and follow up inspections prioritised according to risk
- Increased use of enforcement tools including infringements for non-compliance and notices to require remedial actions where risks are not appropriately managed
- Compliance action as part of the "Use it or lose it" campaign for exploration licensees not completing their agreed work programs
- Field campaigns to increase awareness of the responsibilities of recreational prospectors working under a miners right