




Resources Victoria Extractive Performance Report

2025-26 Q1



We acknowledge and respect Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters, their unique ability to care for Country and deep spiritual connection to it.

We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

Resources Victoria is committed to genuinely partnering with Victorian Traditional Owners and Victoria's Aboriginal community to progress their aspirations.



Work Authorities
/ Work Plans

5

new work authorities

9

Work plans / work plan
variations / Admin updates
approved

54

pipeline work plan applications

100%

of decisions made within
statutory timeframes



Estimated
Resource

~31

million tonnes approved
(work plan greenfield / variations /
admin updates)



Bonds

\$159.5

million bonds held

11

bond assessments completed



Compliance

195

compliance activities

40

compliance actions

2

incidents

17

complaints received

Extractive Summary – work authorities and work plans

What we delivered in FY25/26 Q1

- In Q1 a further 30.8 million tonnes of resources was unlocked from approved work plans and administrative updates.
- 100% (27 out of 27) of work plan decisions made within statutory time frame.
 - 14 – Approved or Endorsed work Plans
 - 5 – Returned to applicant
- 24% (13 out of 54) of work plan applications are with the regulator for assessment and 76% are with the applicant or with the applicant seeking a planning permit

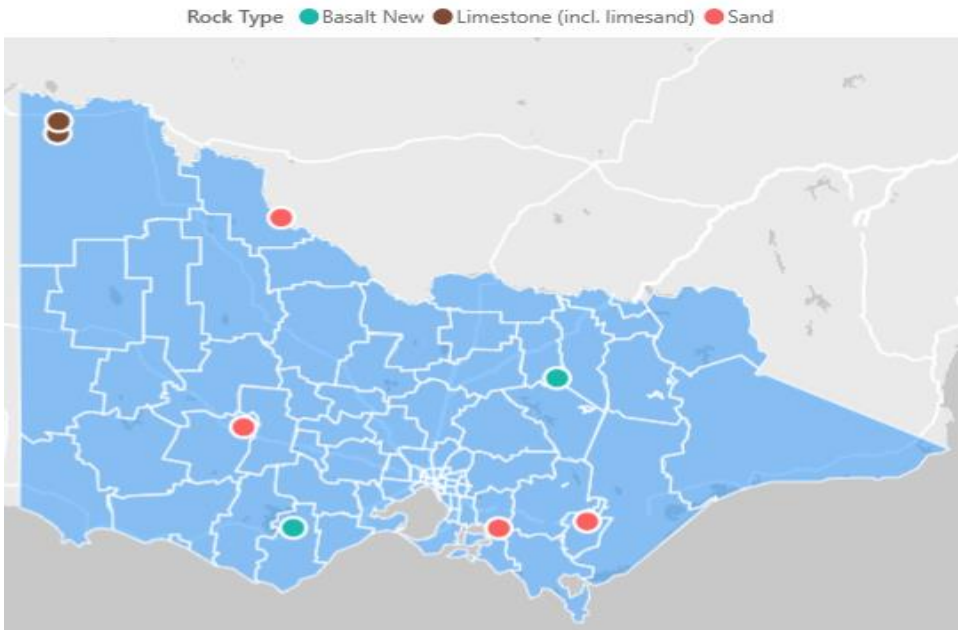
Work Plan Application Pipeline

Stage	No. Plans
Seeking Planning Permit	23
With Applicant	18
With Reg Ops for Assessment	10
With Internal Agency	3
Work Plan Applications	54

Work Plan / Work Plan Variations Approvals:

FY	Work Plans / Var Approved	Median Days with Reg Ops	Median Days with Applicant	Median Days to Seek Permit	Median Days End to End	Ave No. returns to applicant per plan
FY2025-26 Q1	8	88	87	197	378	< 2
FY2024-25	17	86	53	239	371	< 2
FY2023-24	22	138	92	221	636	<3
FY2022-23	12	130	251	274	562	<3

Location of approved work plans in Q1



Extractive summary – rehabilitation liabilities

What we delivered in FY2025/26 Q1

- Assessed ~ \$6.9 million from 11 bonds.
 - 1 initial bonds (~\$0.81m)
 - 8 further bonds (~\$6.1m)
- In Q1 further bonds were primarily a result of transfer of title and work plan variations.
- Extractive industry bond reviews required under a direction in accordance with s79A of the Act were placed on hold pending the independent bond review panel recommendations (except for work plans/variations and transfers)
- Progressive rehabilitation and more frequent self-assessment can reduce bond amounts held and ensure rehabilitation liability accurately reflects bonds held (for more information see resources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use/rehabilitation)

Bonds		
Bonds Held	FY24/25 Q1	FY25/26 Q1
Amount of bonds	\$126.8m	\$159.5m
Tenements with bonds	903	898
Bond Assessment	FY24/25 Q1	FY25/26 Q1
Sites bond assessed	20	11
Total bond assessed amount (\$m)	\$22.5m	\$6.9m

\$228K

Median Bond
Increased amount
(over 4 quarters)

17.5 years

Median years
since previous
bond increase
(over 4 quarters)

Rehabilitation bond assessments last four quarters

Bond Assessment	FY 2024-25 Q2		FY 2024-25 Q3		FY 2024-25 Q4		FY 2025-26 Q1	
	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount
Bond Increase	5	\$2,680,000	10	\$14,099,000	3	\$1,133,500	8	\$6,111,500
Initial Bond	2	\$14,000	2	\$119,000	4	\$308,000	1	\$813,000
Full Release	10	\$163,500	5	\$74,090	1	\$24,500	1	\$5,000
Partial Release	2	\$173,500	1	\$14,000				
No Change	2		1				1	-
Total Assessments	21	\$3,031,000	19	\$14,306,090	8	\$1,466,000	11	\$6,929,500

Extractive summary – compliance

What we delivered in FY2025/26 Q1

- 195 audits, inspections and meetings across 183 sites
- 17 community complaints were received for 11 sites.
- 40 Compliance actions including 32 written instruction/educations and eight S110 notices issued.
- Continued focus on rapid inspections rather than audits to progress compliance priority focus areas, and monitor compliance with remedial notices

195
Compliance
Activities in Q1

183
Unique sites

Key points to note

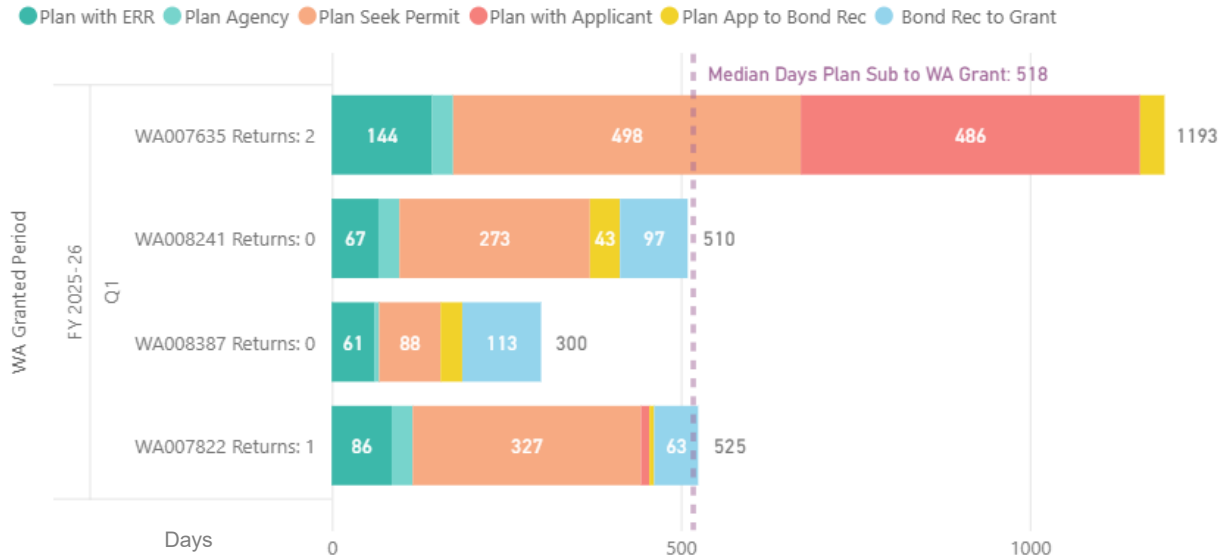
- As at the end of the FY 25/26 Q1, inspectors had attended 53% of all mining and quarry sites with the rapid inspection program.
- During the first half of FY25/26, the Compliance team will prioritise rapid inspections, focusing on swift and targeted compliance checks. In the second half of the financial year, the emphasis will shift towards audits & inspections
- Compliance teams in the North and West regions conducted rapid inspection campaigns in Mildura and West Wimmera and found authority holders generally managing risks associated with their operation
- Identified themes for the FY25/26 to date have been consolidated to excess derelict equipment, poor management of hydrocarbons, failure to complete progressive rehabilitation, absence of excavation pegs and failure to have a copy of the approved work plan on site.

Compliance activities

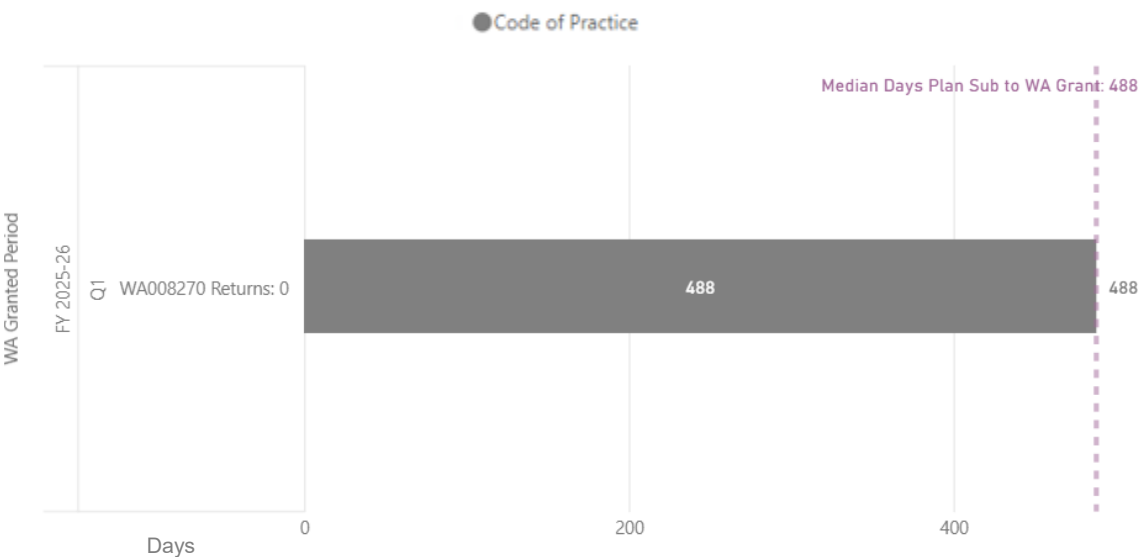


Extractive work authorities granted FY2025-26 Q1 (01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025)

Work Authority End to End Approval



Work Authority COP (<5Ha) End to End Approval

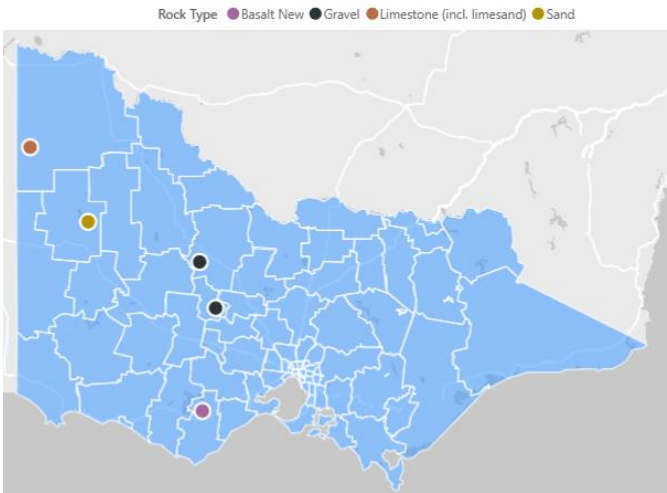


Stage	FY Q1 22/23 Median Days	FY Q1 23/24 Median Days	FY Q1 24/25 Median Days	FY Q1 25/26 Median Days
WA Granted	1	0	3	4
With Reg Ops	46	-	110	77
With Applicant	0	-	369	6
Seek Permit	896	-	528	300
Plan Appr to Bond Received	1301	-	93	33
Bond Received to Grant	46	-	24	80
End to End	2478	-	1713	518
COP WA Granted	3	0	4	1
COP Submitted to WA Grant	476	-	259	488

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Work Authorities
Granted

13.4 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

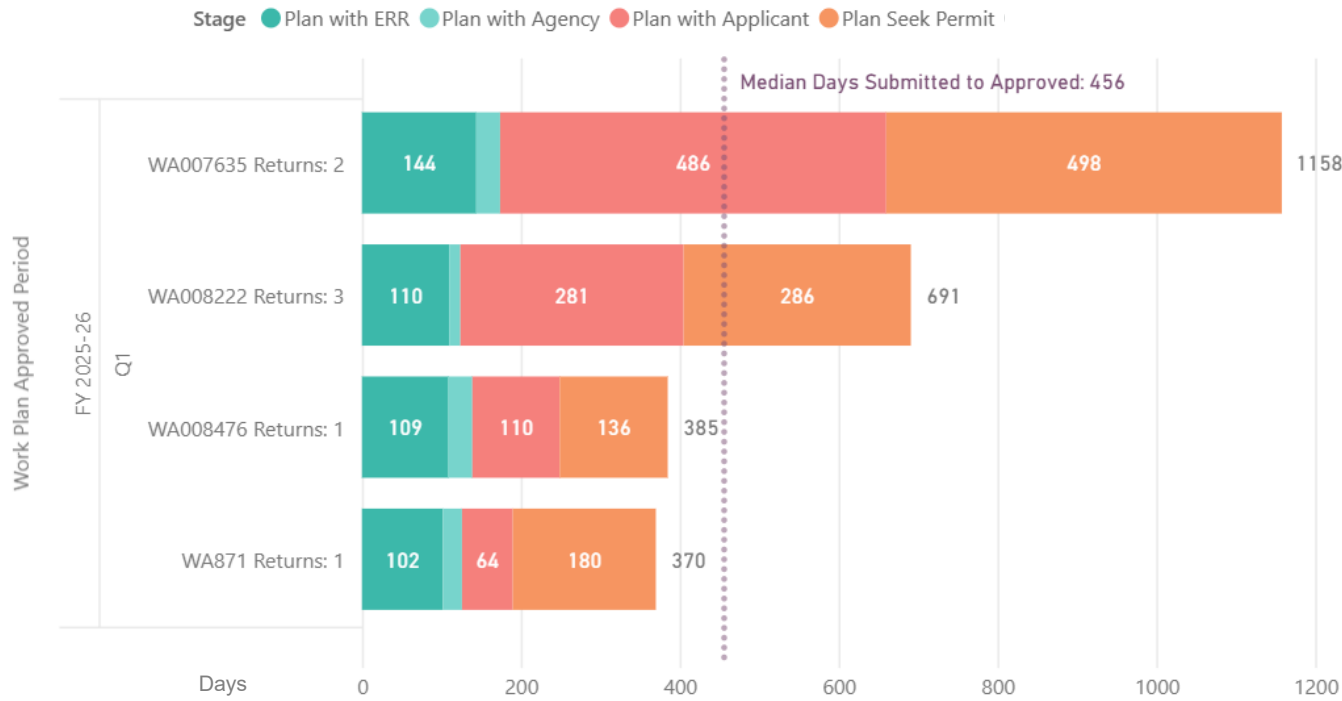
Geographic location



- In Q1 four quarries (under a work plan) were granted unlocking 13.4 million tonnes of resources.
- The median end to end time was 518 days.
- One quarry was granted under a code of practice in Q1. The median end to end time was 488 days.

Pipeline – Initial work plan approved for new quarries

Work Plan Submitted to Approval



Initial Work Plans - End to End Approvals

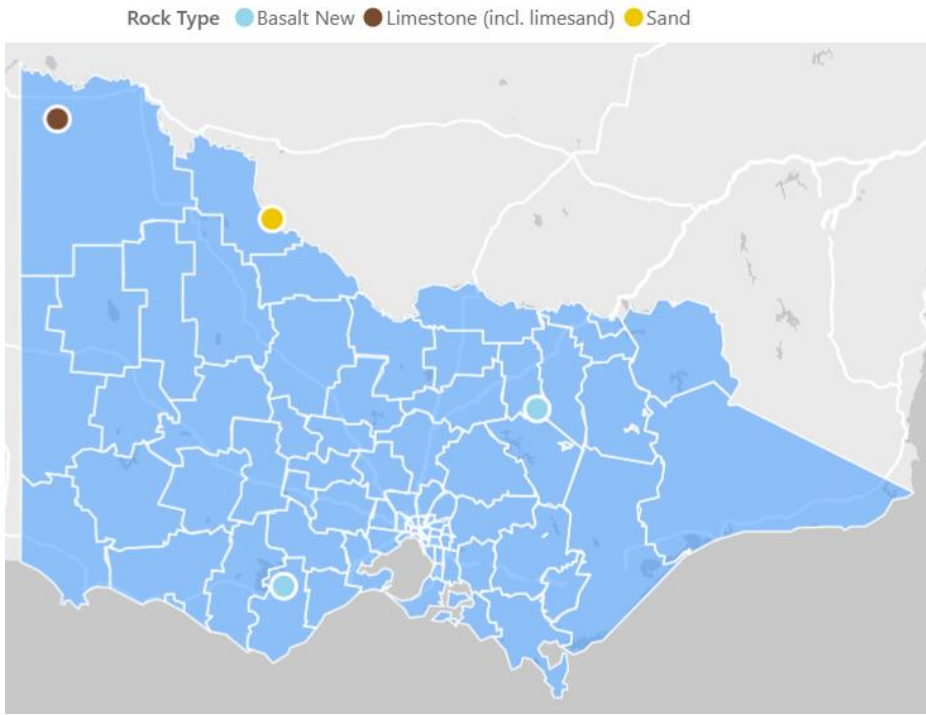
Stage	FY Q1 22/23 Median Days	FY Q1 23/24 Median Days	FY Q1 24/25 Median Days	FY Q1 25/26 Median Days
Work Plans Approved	1	3	5	4
With Reg Ops	130	179	125	110
With Internal Agency	30	30	30	27
With Applicant	68	89	62	196
Seek Permit	307	655	97	233
End to End	515	953	379	456

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Work plan approved
for new quarries

17.5 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

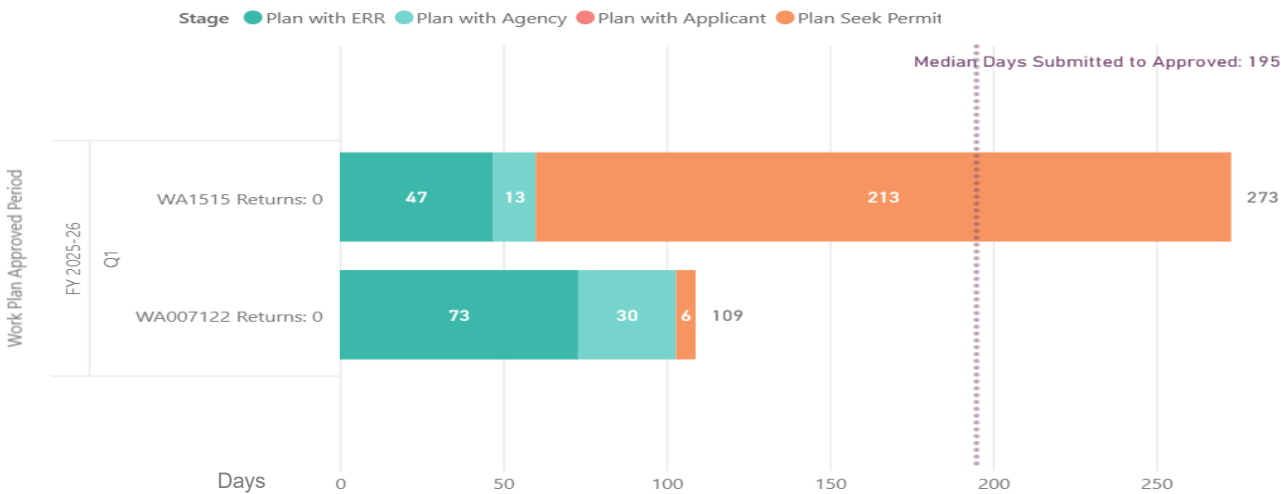
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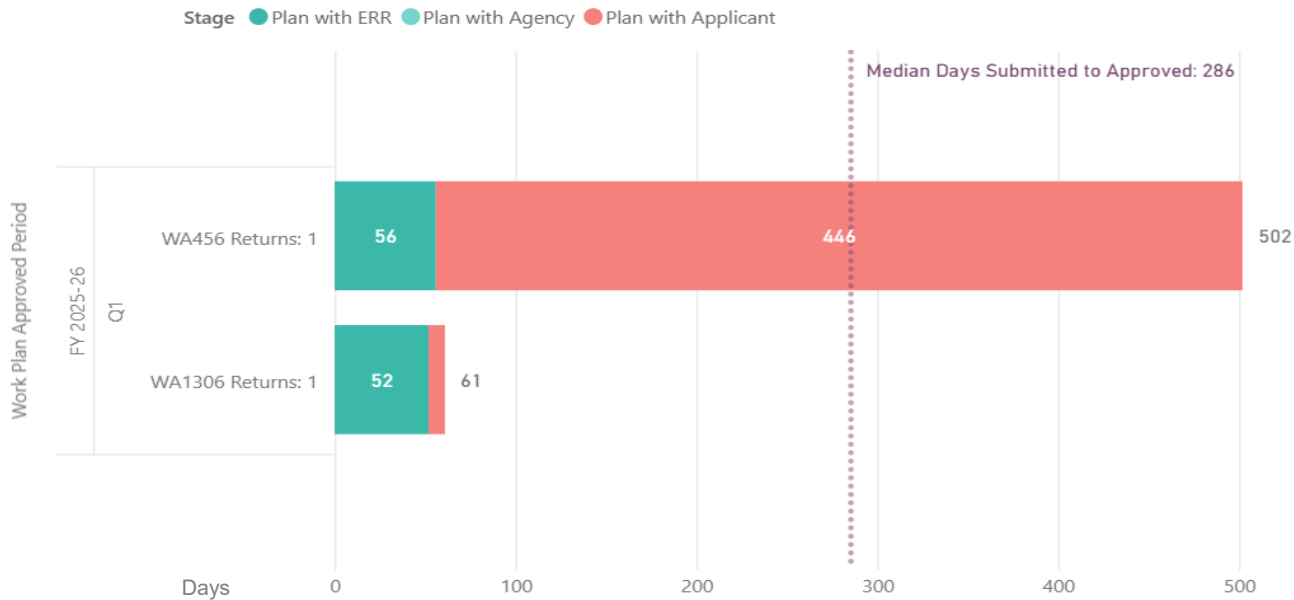
- In Q1 there were three work plans approved for new quarries, operating under a work plan . One quarries have been granted and the other two are in the application process for a work authority.
- One other work plan was approved the expansion of the quarry from a code of practice operation to a quarry operating under a work plan.

Work plan variations FY2025-26 Q1 (01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025)

Planning Permit Required - Work Plan Variation Submitted to Approval



Planning Permit Not Required - Work Plan Variation Submitted to Approval



Planning Permit Required - Work Plan Variation – End to End Approvals

Stage	FY Q1 22/23 Median Days	FY Q1 23/24 Median Days	FY Q1 24/25 Median Days	FY Q1 25/26 Median Days
Variation Approved	2	4	0	2
With Reg Ops	170	176	-	60
With Internal Agency	21	30	-	22
With Applicant	416	82	-	0
Seek Permit	254	192	-	110
End to End	861	497	-	195

Planning Permit Not Req - Work Plan Variation – End to End Approvals

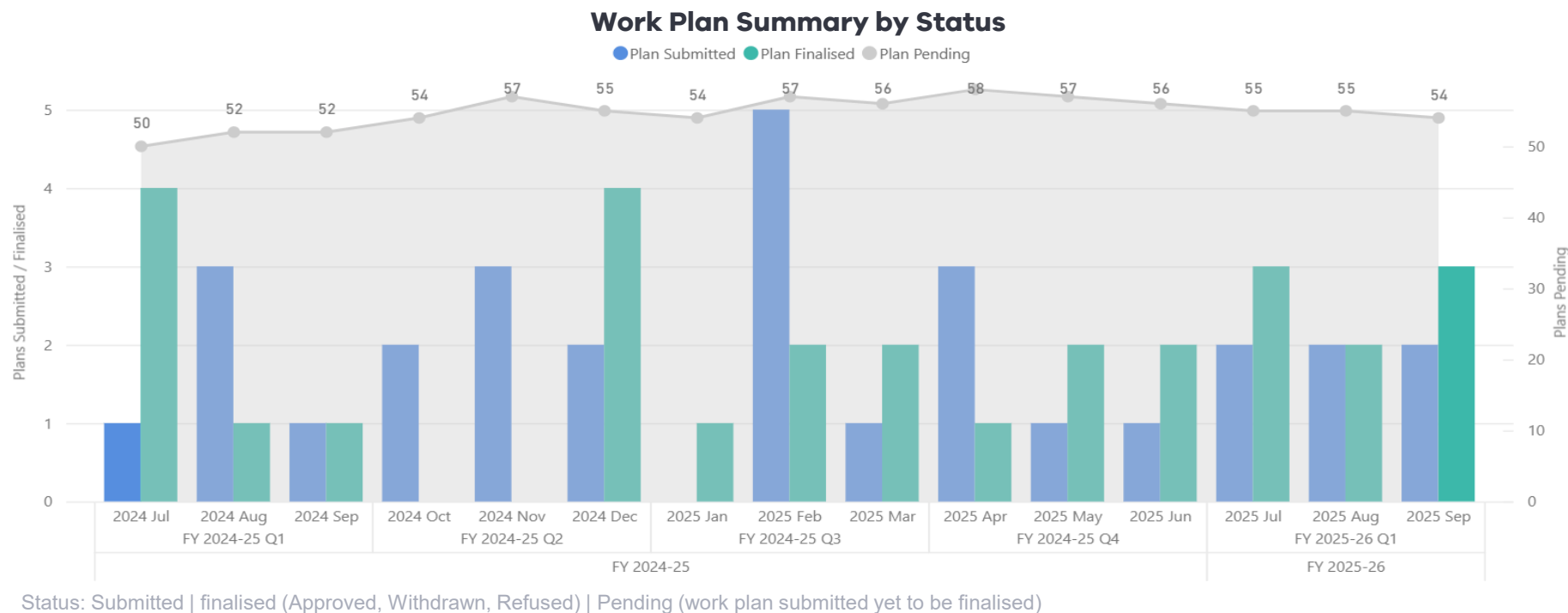
Stage	FY Q1 22/23 Median Days	FY Q1 23/24 Median Days	FY Q1 24/25 Median Days	FY Q1 25/26 Median Days
Variation Approved	1	1	0	2
With Reg Ops	137	54	-	54
With Internal Agency	30	0	-	0
With Applicant	573	62	-	228
End to End	1602	116	-	286

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Work plan
variations approved

13.3 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

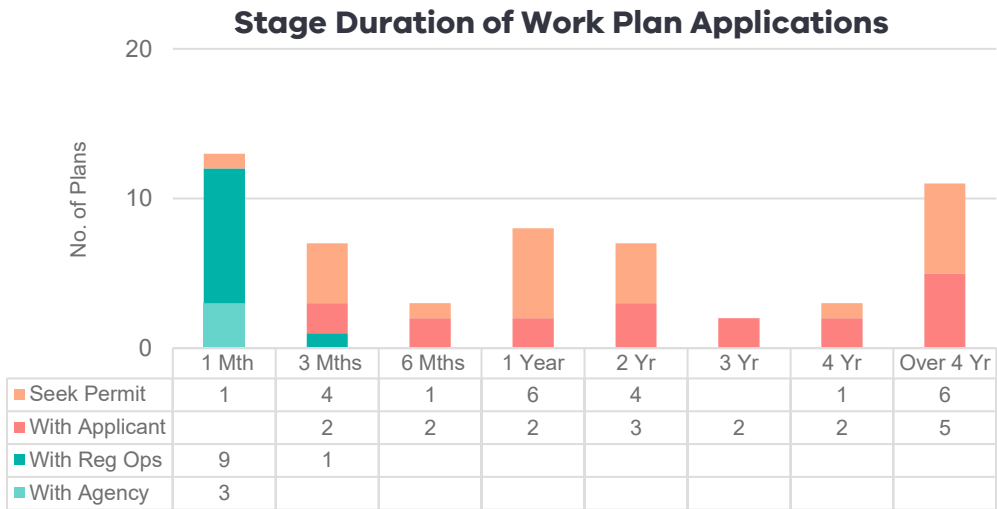
- In Q1 FY25/26 13.3 million tons of resources was unlocked from four approved work plan variations.

Extractive Work Plan Applications In the pipeline (30 Sep 2025)



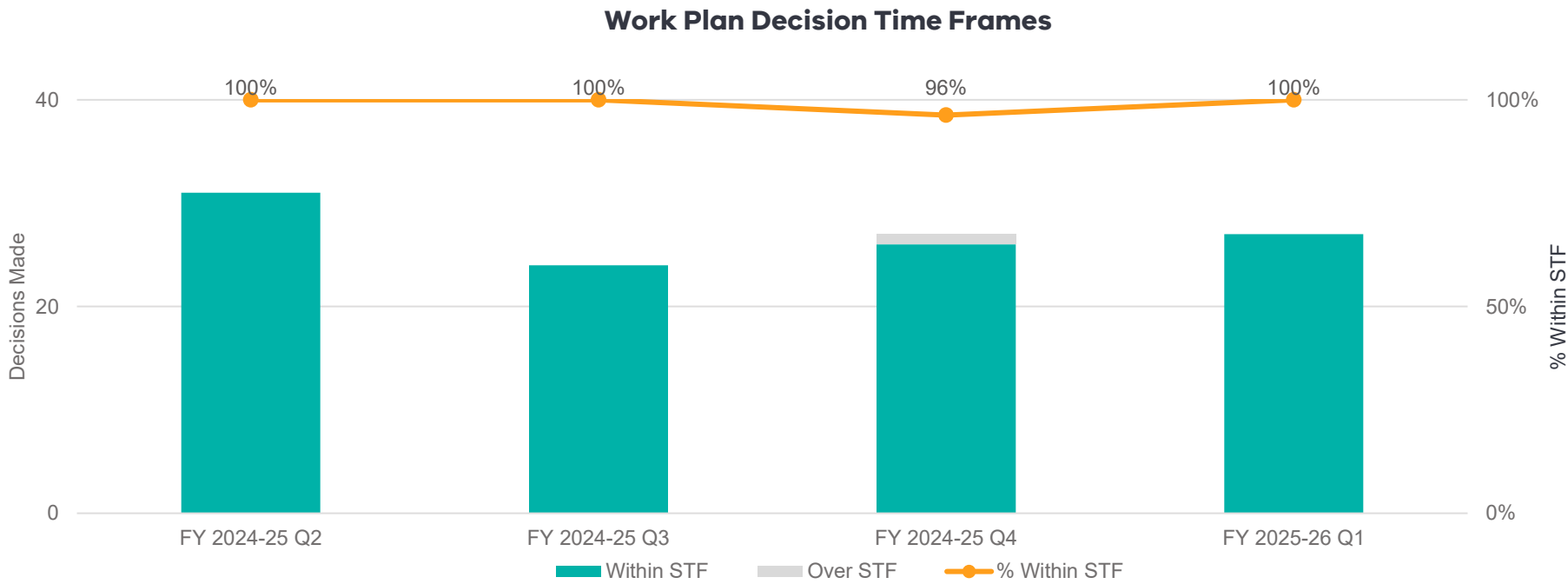
Work Plan Application Pipeline

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- At 30 Sept 2025 there were 54 work plans in the pipeline
- 24%(13) of the work plan applications are with the regulator for assessment.
- RV periodically contacts applicants that have projects that appear to have stalled to confirm if they are still pursuing the applications and if so, what is holding it up and whether the department can provide any assistance to progress.

Work Plan Decisions Made Within Statutory Time Frame (STF)



Work Plan Decision Time Frames				
Decisions Time frame	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1
Within STF	31	24	26	27
Over STF	0	0	1	0
Total	31	24	27	27
% Within STF	100%	100%	96.3%	100%

FY Q1 25/26 Decision Outcomes			
Outcomes	Within STF	Over STF	Total
Approved by Delegate	8		8
Endorse Wok Plan	6		6
Return to Applicant	5		5
Agency Referral Outcome	4		4
Agency Referral	4		4
Total Outcomes	27	0	27

- In Q1 100% of decisions were made within statutory time frame (27 out of 27)
- 14 decisions were relating to the approval or endorsement of the plan and five were returned to the applicant.

Work Plan Administrative Updates by Notification

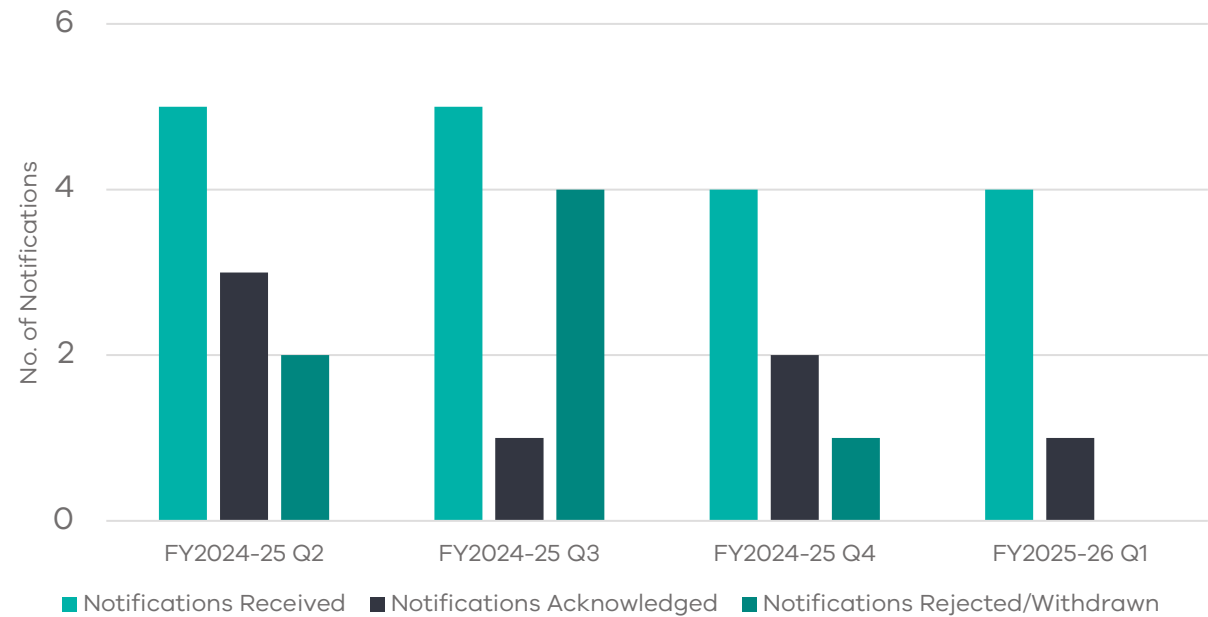
Extractive Industries	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1
Notifications Received	5	5	4	4
Notifications Acknowledged	3	1	2	1
Notifications Rejected / Withdrawn	2	4	1	0

1 Administrative Updates Acknowledged in Q1

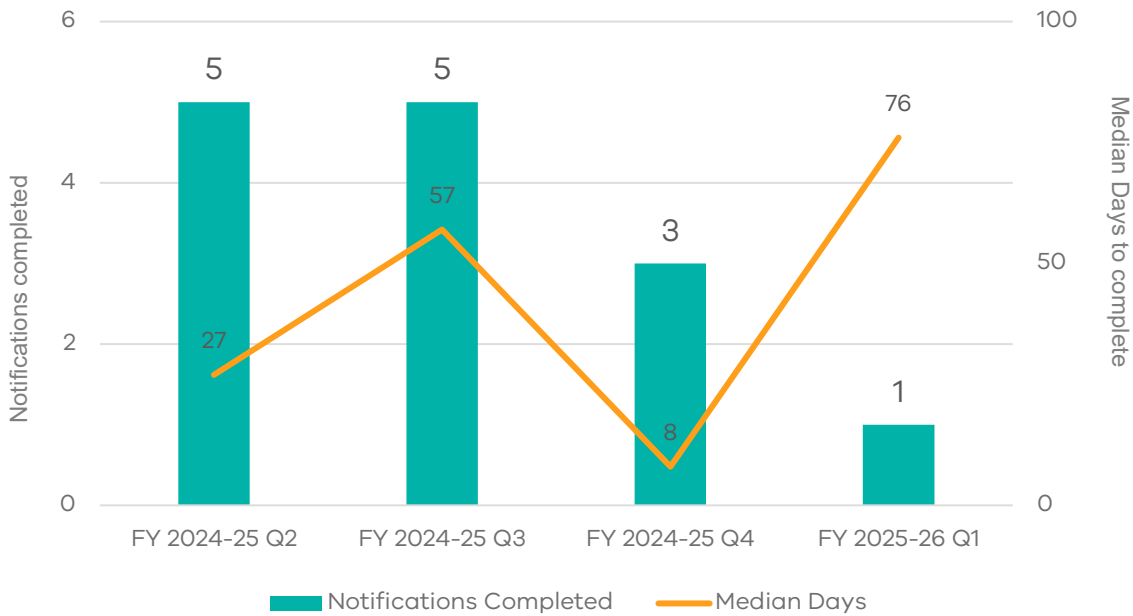
40,000 Tonnes Resources Estimate

- In Q1 there were four administrative updates submitted and one acknowledged unlocking 40,000 tonnes of recourses.

Administrative Updates by Notification



Notifications Completed and Median Days



Work Authority Bonds

\$159.5 million

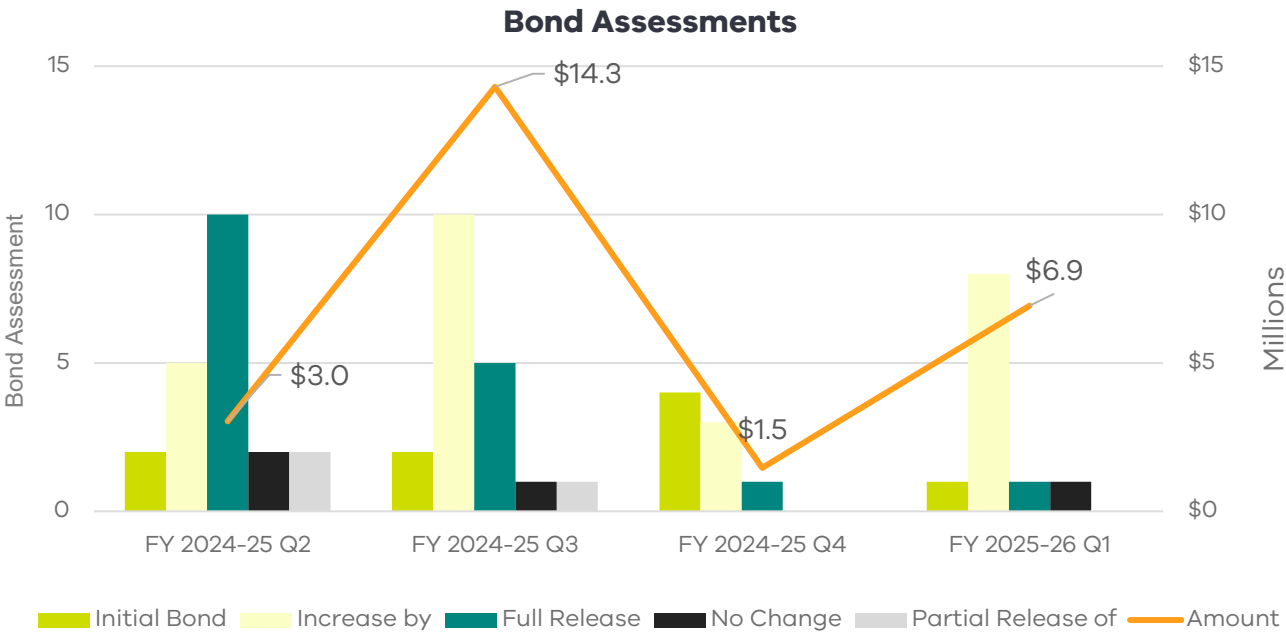
Value of bonds
(at 30 Sept 2025)

898

Tenements with
bonds

- In Q1, 11 bond assessments were conducted totalling a value of ~\$6.9M.
- Eight had a bond increase, most of the increases were due to the transfer of ownership and work plan variation.
- One bond was released across the state following successful completion of rehabilitation commitments.
- One initial bond for a new site set.

Link to website bond information and public bonds dashboard: [Rehabilitation bonds interactive dashboard - Resources Victoria](#)



Bond Assessments

Bond Assessment	FY 2024-25 Q2		FY 2024-25 Q3		FY 2024-25 Q4		FY 2025-26 Q1	
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No Change	2		1				1	-
Total Assessments	21	\$3,031,000	19	\$14,306,090	8	\$1,466,000	11	\$6,929,500

* Bonds may not have been received yet

Work Authority Bond Increase

Bond Increase fig 1



Bond Increase fig 2



Fig1 have been separated from fig2 due to the difference in bond amount scales

* Work Authorities have been deidentified.

\$228K

Median Increased amount
(over 4 quarters)

17.5 years

Median years since previous bond increase
(over 4 quarters)

Bond Increase	FY 2024-25 Q2		FY 2024-25 Q3		FY 2024-25 Q4		FY 2025-26 Q1	
Reasons	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount
MRSDA Section 79A	4	\$2,646,000	7	\$13,729,500	1	\$1,075,000		
Transfer	1	\$34,000	2	\$37,500	1	\$10,500	7	\$6,088,000
Work Plan Variation					1	\$48000	1	\$23,500
Scheduled / Annual Review			1	\$332,000				
Total Increases	5	\$2,680,000	10	\$14,099,000	3	\$113,350	8	\$6,111,500

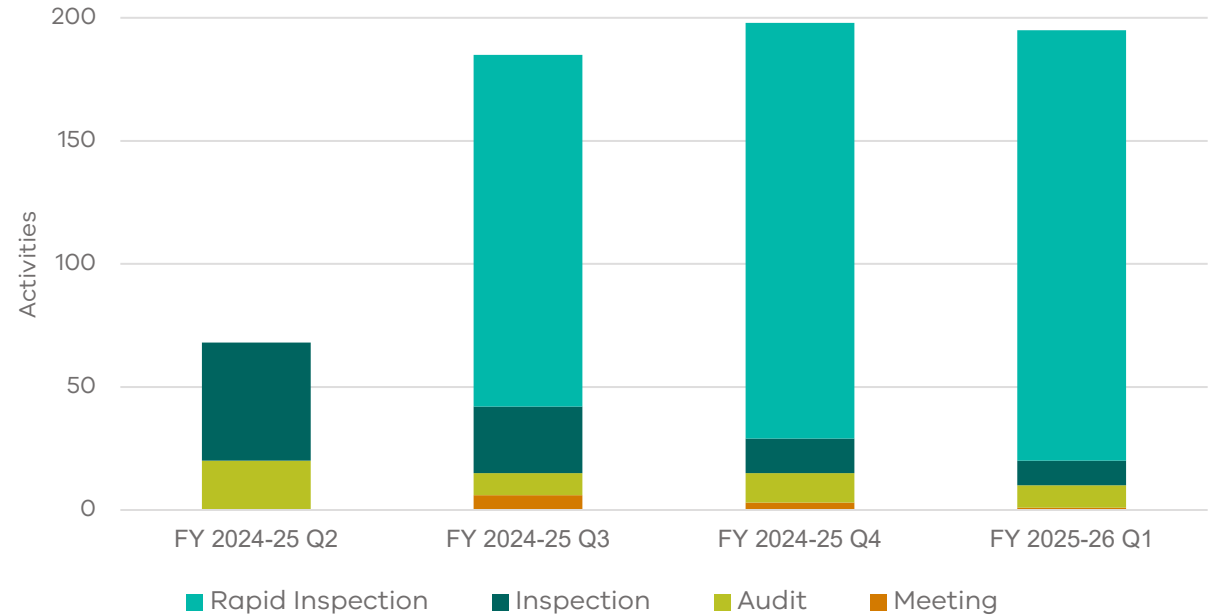
- In Q1 there were 8 bond increases assessed totalling \$6.1M.
- The median amount increased over the last four quarters was \$228K and the median years since the last increase was 17.5 years

Compliance Activities FY 2025-26 Q1

Compliance Activities

Compliance Activity	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1
Rapid Inspection*		143	169	175
Inspection	48	27	14	10
Audit	20	9	12	9
Meeting		6	3	1
Total	68	185	198	195

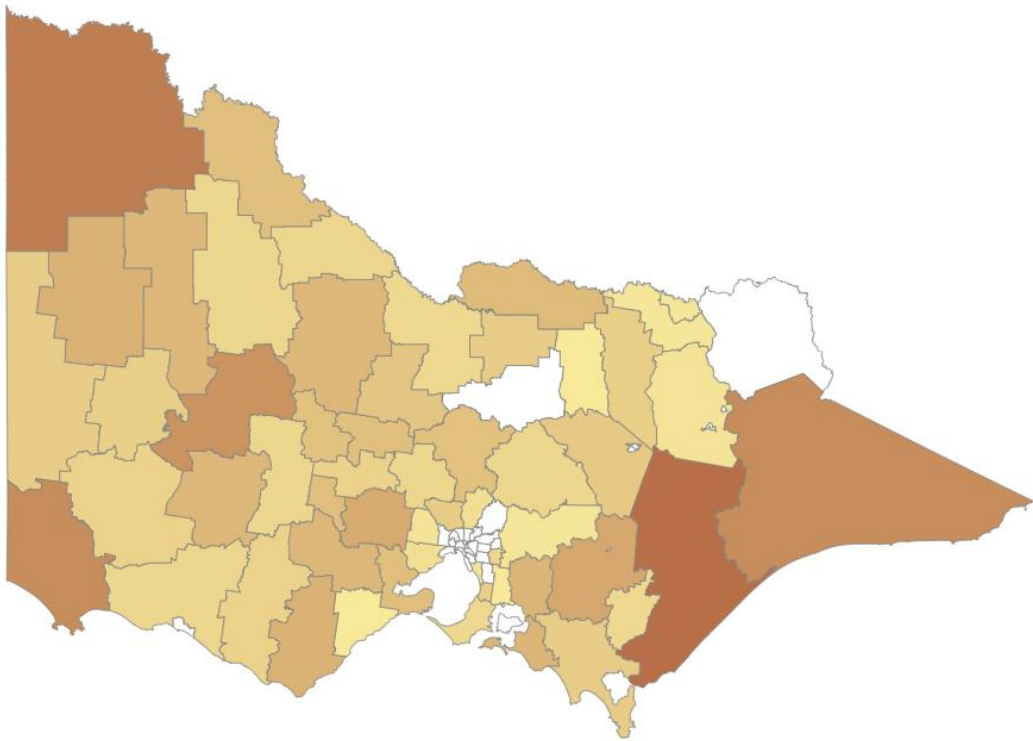
*Rapid Inspection program commenced in Jan 2025



195
Compliance Activities in Q1

183
Unique sites

LGA Heatmap - Compliance Activities last four quarters



- In Q1, 195 compliance activities were conducted on 183 sites.
- Out of 195 activities, 175 rapid inspections were conducted in FY 2025-26

Compliance Actions FY 2025-26 Q1

Education

Compliance Actions	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1
Written Instruction/Education	18	36	53	32
Official Warning Letter			2	
Actions	18	36	55	32

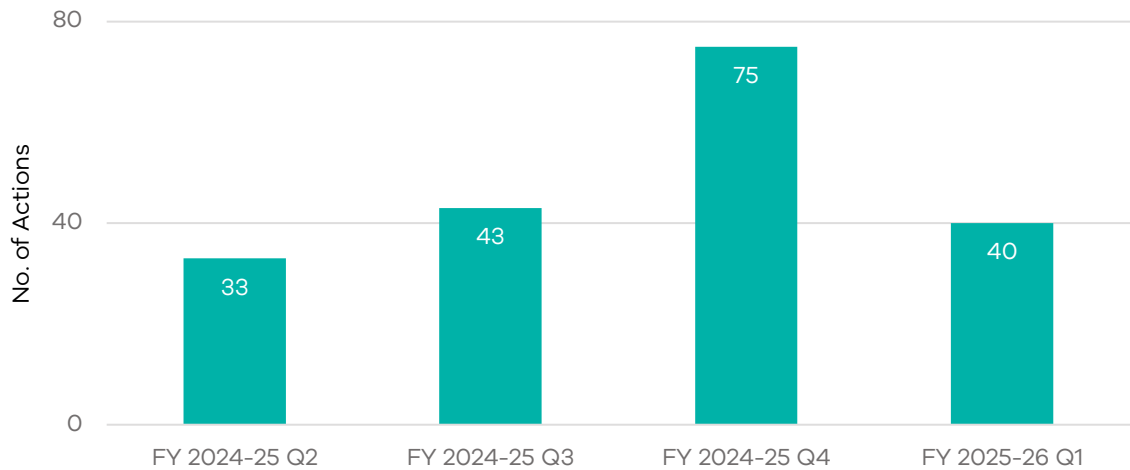
S110 / S110A Notices

Reasons for notice	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1
Work Without Licence or Consents	6	1	2	1
Waste and Redundant Plan	2	2	3	
Rehabilitation of Site			4	2
Authorised Activity Compliance	2			1
Tailings and Slime Management	1	1	3	1
Tenement Boundaries			1	
Hazardous Materials Management		2	1	
Buffer Zones			3	
Slope Stability	1	1		1
Noxious Weeds, Plants and Pests			2	
Water Dams	3			
Documentation and Records				1
Environmental Incident Notification				1
Total notices issued	15	7	18	8

Enforcement

Compliance Actions	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1
Infringement Notice				
Direction			1	
Actions	0	0	1	0

Quarterly Summary – Compliance Actions



In Q1 There were 40 compliance enforcement actions issued out, 32 were educational activities in relation to tenement boundaries issue, environmental safety risks, accumulation of waste and derelict plant material.

Compliance Incidents FY 2025-26 Q1

Incidents	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1
Slope Stability	1		1	2
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration	1			
Other (Not Specified Above)	2			
Fire Precautions & Risk Control	1	1		
Groundwater Impacts		1		
Rehabilitation of Site				
Complaints Management		1		
Environmental Incident Notification		1		
Public Safety & Site Security	1			
Buffer Zones				
Total Incidents	6	4	1	2
Unique sites	5	4	1	2

- In Q1 there were 2 incidents reported from 2 unique sites

Community Complaints FY 2025-26 Q1

Complaints	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1
Dust Emissions	4	5	1	
Noise Emissions		2	3	1
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration	1	3	3	5
Work without License or Consents	2	1	1	
Other	1	1	1	2
Working Hours	2		1	4
Native Vegetation & Fauna	1	1		2
Impacts Outside Tenement Site				2
Waste & Redundant Plant				
Waterway Quality & Aquatic Habitat		1		
Rehabilitation of Site			1	
Water Dams				
Buffer Zones	1			1
Public Safety & Site Security				
Drainage, Erosion & Discharge				
Groundwater Impacts			1	
Total Complaints Received	12	14	12	17
Unique Tenements	7	13	11	11
Unique Informants	11	12	12	15

Compliance Community Reference Group Attendance FY 2025-26 Q1

Tenement	Tenement Holder	LGA	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1
WA385	Heidelberg Materials Australia Pty Ltd	Knox			1	1
WA82	Boral Resources (Vic) Pty Ltd	Moorabool	1	1	1	
WA158	Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd	Colac Otway		1		1
WA102	Boral Resources (Vic) Pty Ltd	Whittlesea	1			
WA188	Davegale Pty Ltd	Greater Geelong	1			
WA41	Barro Group Pty Ltd	Greater Geelong	1			
WA532	Sand Supplies Pty Ltd	Bass Coast				
Attendance			4	2	2	2

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