




Regulatory Operations Performance Report Extractives Sector

2025-26 Q3



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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.

Extractive Summary FY 2025-26 YTD (1 July 2025 to 31 Mar 2026)



Work Authorities / Work Plans

9

new work authorities

28

Work plans / work plan var / minor var / admin updates approved

49

pipeline work plan applications

98.7%

of decisions made within statutory timeframes



Approved quarry materials

90

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



Bonds

\$160.7

million bonds held

43

bond assessments completed



Compliance

474

compliance activities

238

compliance actions

13

incidents

35

complaints received

Extractive summary – work authorities and work plans

What we delivered in FY25/26 Q3 and YTD

- In Q3 a further 3.4 million tonnes of resources was unlocked from the approval of a minor variation. YTD 90 million tonnes unlocked in total from work plan, admin updates and minor variation approvals.
- In Q3 100% (15 out of 15) of work plan decisions made within statutory time frame.
 - 4 – Internal agency referral outcome
 - 4 – Returned to the applicant
- YTD 98.7% (78 out of 79) work plan decisions made within statutory time frame.
- There were no work plan or work plan variations approvals in Q3, the YTD approval remains at 17.
- At the end of Q3, 10% (5 out of 49) of work plan applications are with Reg Ops for assessment and 90% are with the applicant or with the applicant seeking a planning permit

Work Plan Application Pipeline

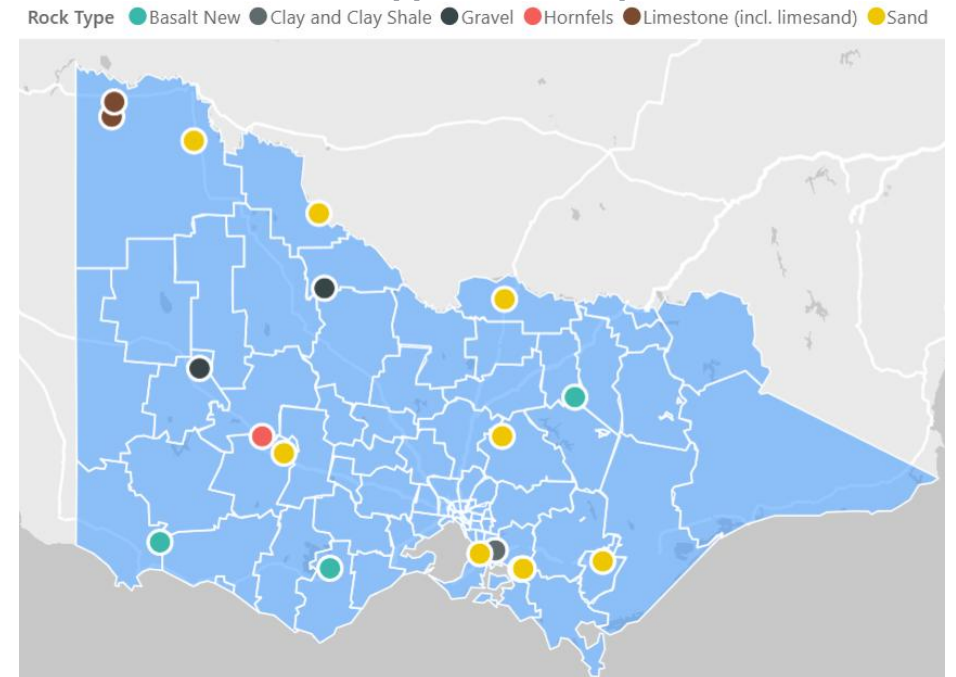
Stage	No. Plans
Seeking Planning Permit	24
With Applicant	20
With Reg Ops for Assessment	5
With Internal Agency	0
Work Plan Applications	49

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 YTD*	17	102	110	250	502	< 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

* No work Plans or Work plan variations were approved in Q3

Location of approved work plans YTD



Extractive summary – rehabilitation liabilities

What we delivered in FY2025/26 Q3

- Assessed \$1.9 million from 15 bonds.
 - 4 bond increases (\$209K)
 - 2 initial bonds (\$1.5M)
 - 9 bond releases (\$179k)
- In Q3 bond increases were primarily a result of work authority variations and transfer of title.
- Extractive industry bond reviews 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	Previous year	FY25/26 YTD
Tenements with bonds	892	886
Amount of bonds	\$149.0m	\$160.7m
Bond Assessment	Previous year	FY25/26 YTD
Sites bond assessed	60	43
Total bond assessed amount (\$m)	\$39.8m	\$11.2m

\$84K

Median Increased amount YTD

15.5 years

Median years since previous bond increase YTD

Rehabilitation bond assessments last four quarters

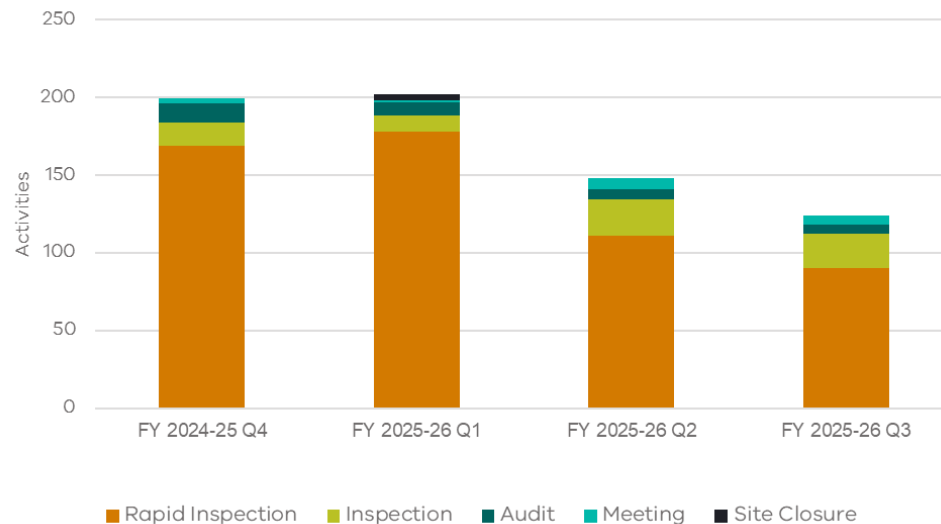
Bond Assessment	FY 2024-25 Q4		FY 2025-26 Q1		FY 2025-26 Q2		FY 2025-26 Q3	
	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount
Bond Increase	3	\$1,133,500	8	\$6,111,500	7	\$2,193,500	4	\$209,000
Initial Bond	4	\$308,000	1	\$813,000	2	\$31,500	2	\$1,501,000
Full Release	1	\$24,500	1	\$5,000	8	\$186,000	9	\$179,500
Partial Release	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Change	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assessments	8	\$1,466,000	11	\$6,929,500	17	\$2,411,000	15	\$1,889,500

Extractive summary – compliance

What we delivered in FY2025/26 Q3 and YTD

- 124 audits, inspections, rapid inspections and meetings were conducted in Q3, bringing the year to date total to 474 across 422 unique sites.
- 65 compliance actions were recorded in Q3. These compliance actions require operators to fix basic site issues—such as marking boundaries, managing weeds, waste, water, and hazardous materials, and completing rehabilitation works—by set deadlines, with fines or formal notices issued if they fail to comply.
- 9 Incidents were recorded in Q3. The incidents included explosives and equipment failures, fire events and an environmental overflow. All incidents were investigated, remedial action undertaken were required and remedied .
- 12 community complaints were received in Q3 across 8 sites, relating to amenity issues including noise, dust and vibrations. YTD, 35 complaints have been recorded and addressed.

Compliance activities



474

Compliance
Activities YTD

422

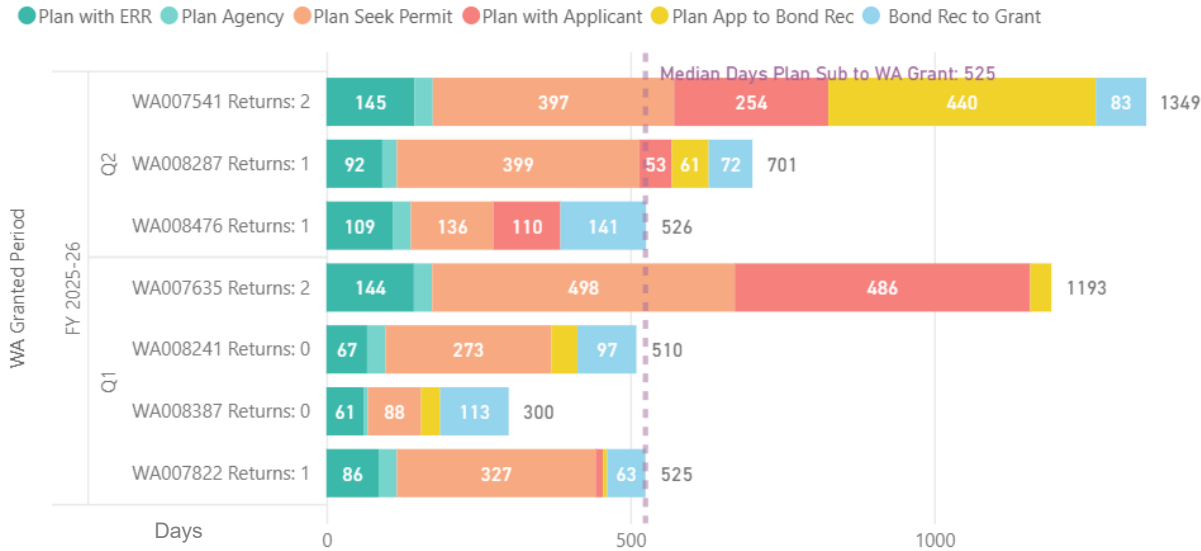
Unique sites

Key points to note

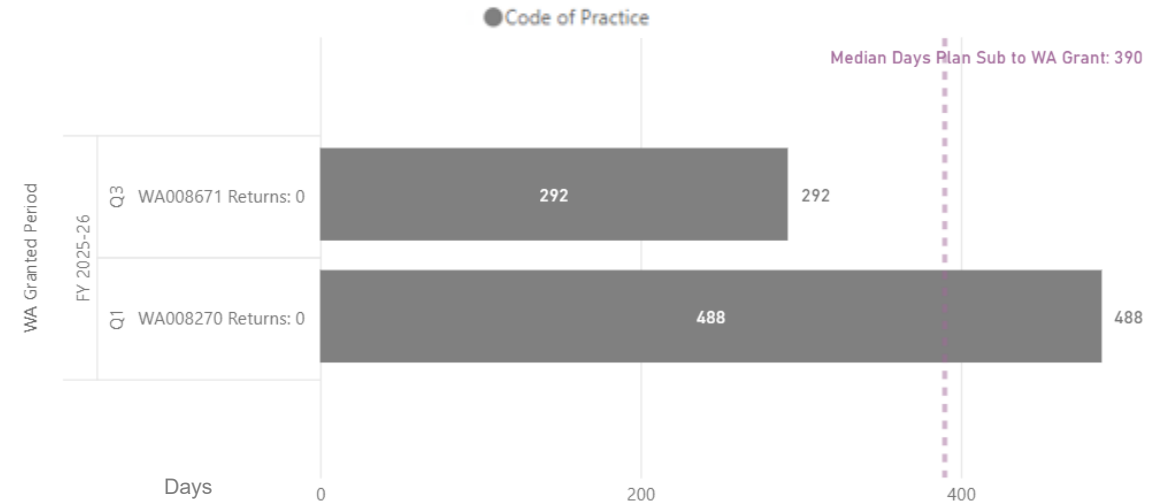
- Q3 saw inspectors attend 90 quarry sites with the rapid inspection program.
- Rapid inspection campaigns through Q3 looked at sites around the Port Fairy area.
- Noting 74% of all rapid inspection sites have now been completed since commencement of the program.
- The first half of FY25/26, saw the Compliance team prioritise rapid inspections, focusing on swift and targeted compliance checks. The second half of the financial year, has seen a shift towards audits & inspections.
- Themes identified in Q3 remained consistent with those observed earlier in FY25/26, including 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.

Extractive work authorities granted FY2025-26 YTD (1 July 2025 to 31 Mar 2026)

Work Authority End to End Approval



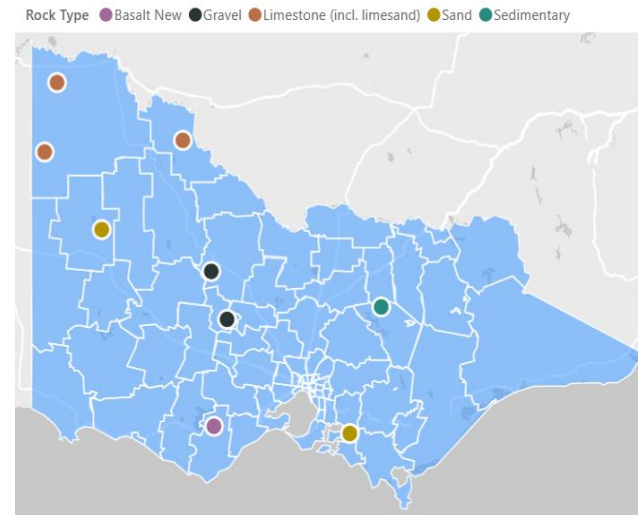
Work Authority COP (<5Ha) End to End Approval



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Work Authorities
Granted

Stage	FY 22-23 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 23-24 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 24-25 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 25-26 YTD Q3 Median Days
WA Granted	4	3	5	7
With Reg Ops	107	140	110	92
With Applicant	103	44	159	53
Seek Permit	253	221	97	327
Plan App to Bond Received	504	157	93	35
Bond Received to Grant	34	28	59	83
End to End	1017	587	536	525
COP WA Granted	5	2	6	2
COP Submitted to WA Grant	479	703	272	390

Geographic location



- Q3 FY25/26: One quarry operating under a Code of Practice (CoP) was granted

FY25/26 YTD:

A total of nine quarries were granted comprising:

- Seven quarries approved under a Work Plan
- Two quarry approved under a CoP

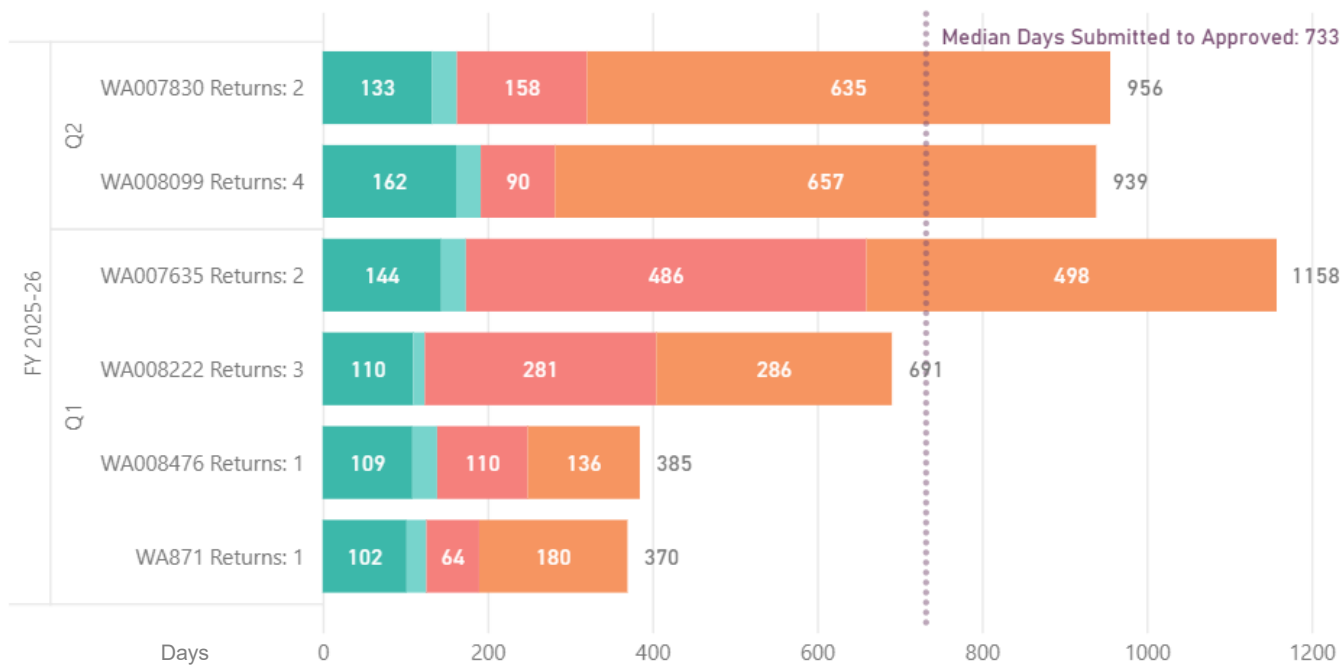
The median end-to-end assessment time was:

- 525 days for quarries approved under a Work Plan
- 390 days for quarries approved under a CoP

Pipeline – Initial work plan approved for new quarries FY 2025-26 YTD

Work Plan Submitted to Approval

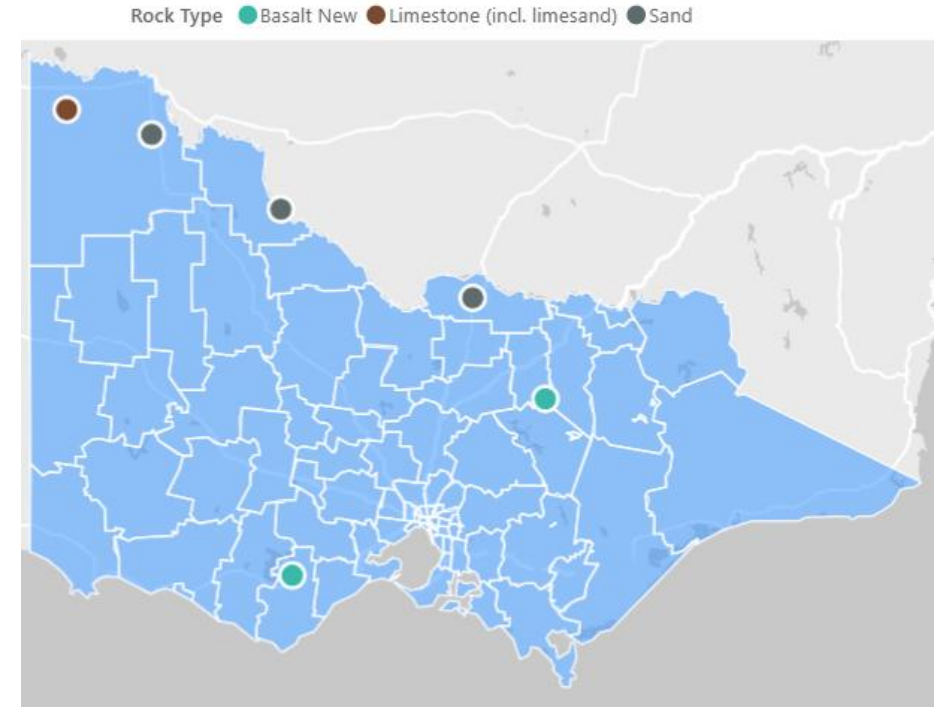
Stage ● Plan with ERR ● Plan with Agency ● Plan with Applicant ● Plan Seek Perm



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Work plan approved for new quarries

20.4 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

Geographic location

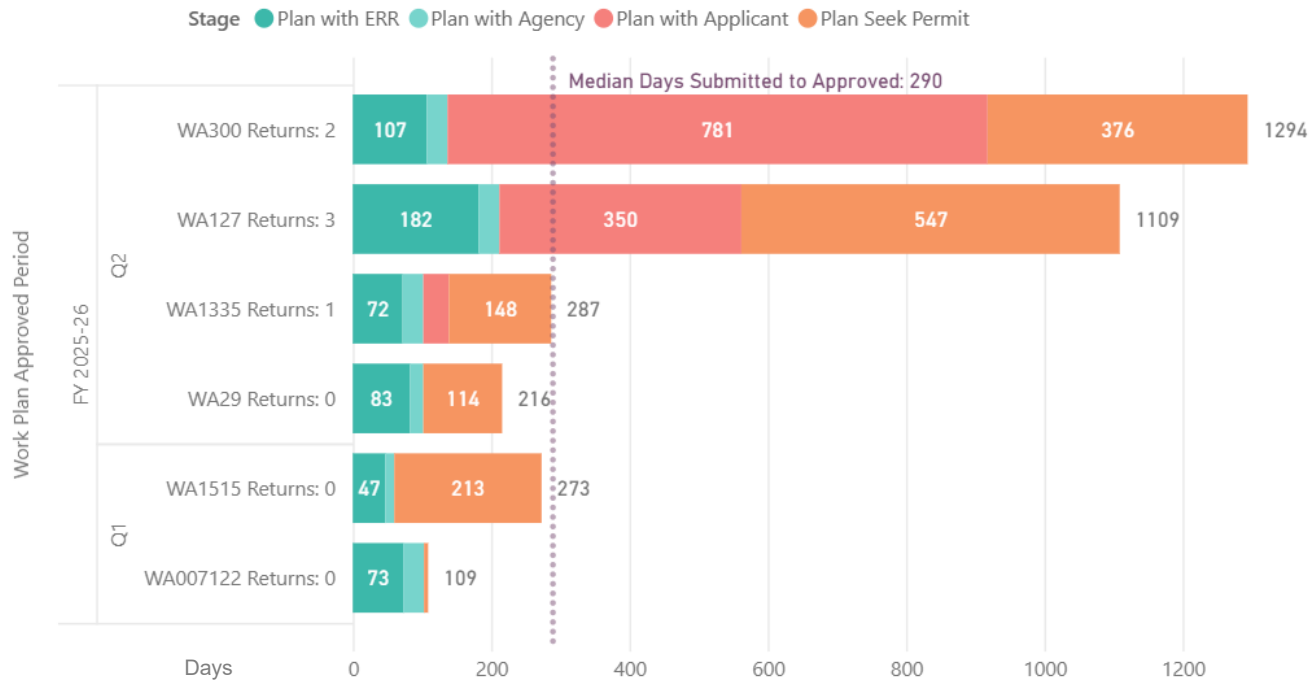


- In Q3 FY25/26 there were no work plans approved for new quarries.
- YTD FY25/26, Six work plans approved, five for new quarries and one was approved for the expansion of the quarry from a code of practice operation to a quarry operating under a work plan.

Stage	FY 22-23 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 23-24 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 24-25 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 25-26 YTD Q3 Median Days
Work Plans Approved	3	5	7	6
With Reg Ops	109	140	106	112
With Internal Agency	30	30	30	30
With Applicant	68	44	62	134
Seek Permit	274	655	97	392
End to End	489	953	379	733

Work plan variations FY 2025-26 YTD (1 July 2025 to 31 Mar 2026)

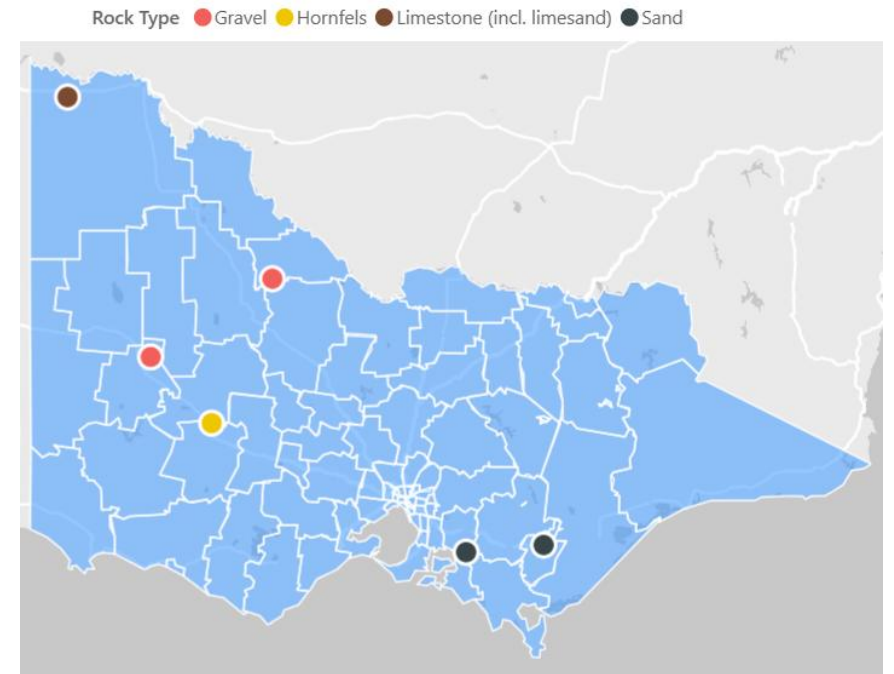
Planning Permit Required - Work Plan Variation Submitted to Approval



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Work plan variations approved

57 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

Geographic location

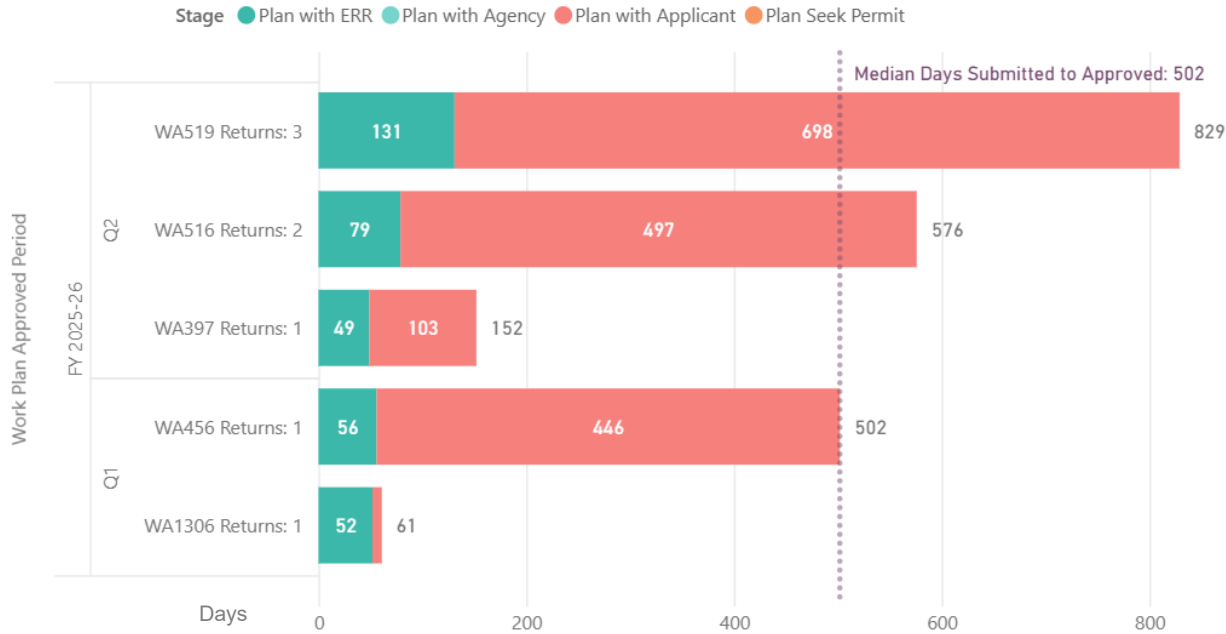


Stage	FY 22-23 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 23-24 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 24-25 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 25-26 YTD Q3 Median Days
Variation Approved	5	8	2	6
With Reg Ops	138	163	125	78
With Internal Agency	30	30	30	30
With Applicant	361	84	241	19
Seek Permit	259	192	255	181
End to End	834	580	645	290

- In Q3F Y25/26 there were no work plan variation approvals
- YTD FY25/26, 57 million tons of resources was unlocked from six approved work plan variations.

Work plan variations FY 2025-26 YTD (1 July 2025 to 31 Mar 2026)

Planning Permit Not Required - Work Plan Variation Submitted to Approval

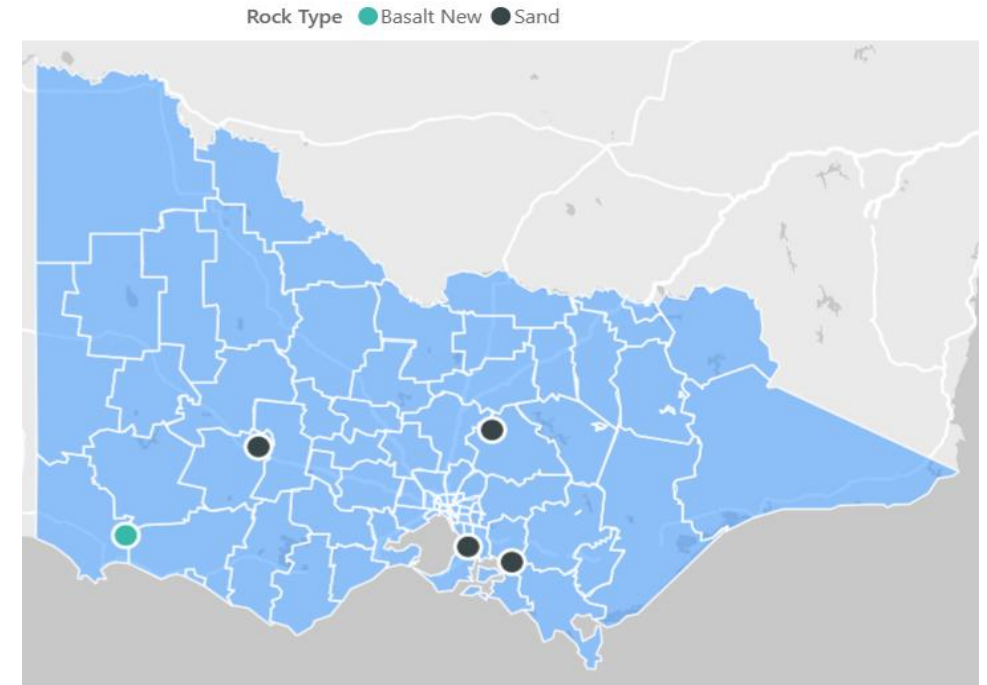


Stage	FY 22-23 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 23-24 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 24-25 YTD Q3 Median Days	FY 25-26 YTD Q3 Median Days
Variation Approved	2	4	3	5
With Reg Ops	96	140	53	56
With Internal Agency	15	-	-	-
With Applicant	382	554	36	446
End to End	924	717	94	502

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Work plan variations approved

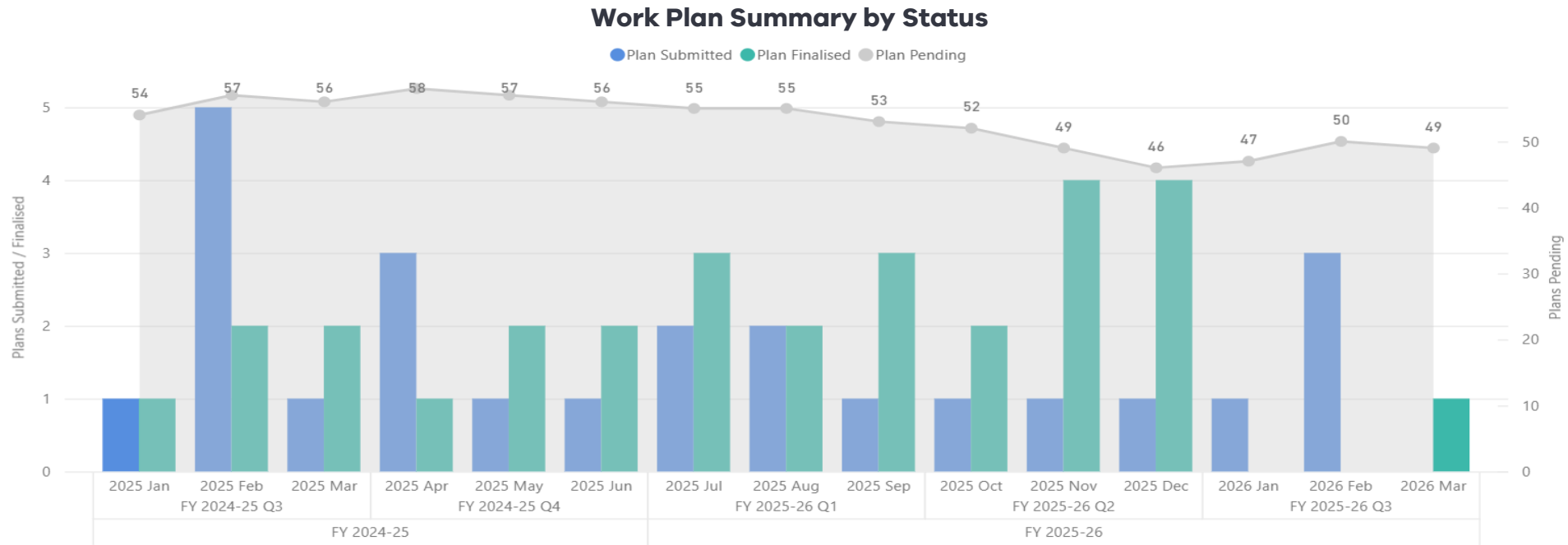
7.1 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

Geographic location



- In Q3 FY25/26 there were no work plan variation approvals
- YTD FY25/26, 7.1 million tons of resources was unlocked from five approved work plan variations.

Extractive Work Plan Applications In the pipeline (31 Mar 2026)

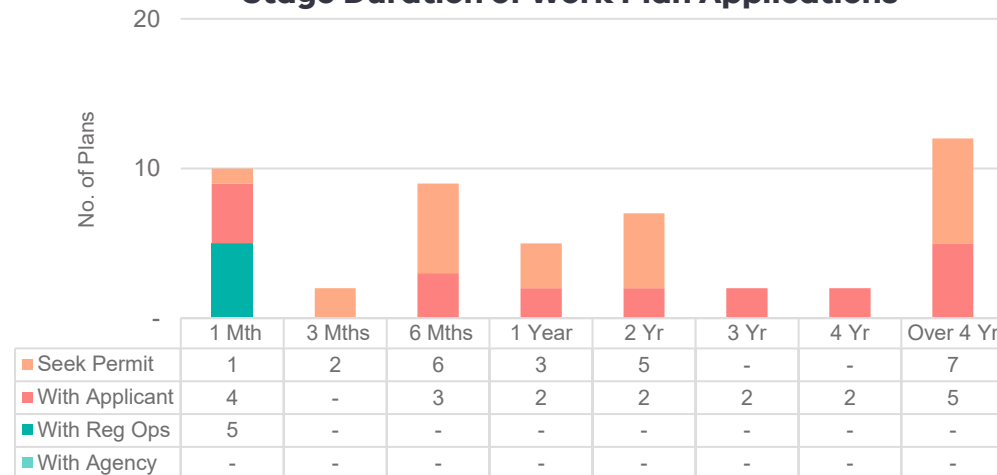


Status: Submitted | Finalised (Approved, Withdrawn, Refused) | Pending (work plan submitted yet to be finalised)

Work Plan Application Pipeline

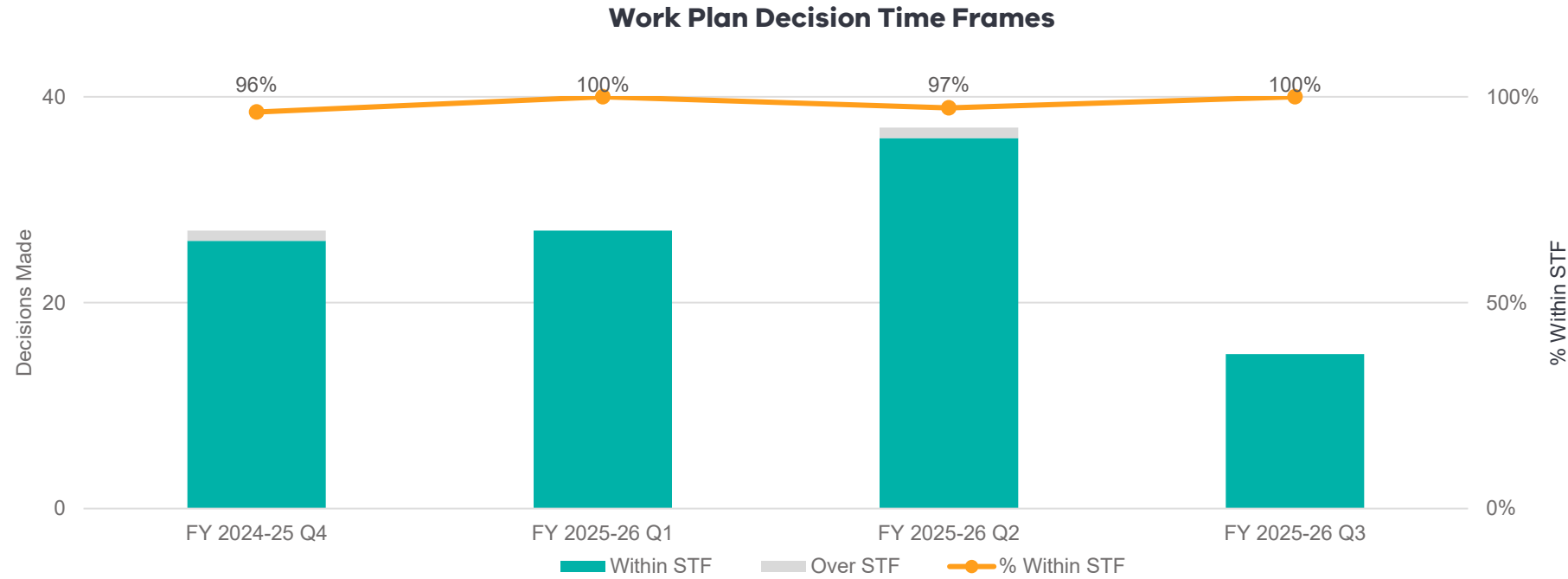
Stage	No. Plans
Seeking Planning Permit	24
With Applicant	20
With Reg Ops for Assessment	5
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Stage Duration of Work Plan Applications



- At 31 Mar 2026 there were 49 work plans in the pipeline
- 10% (5) of the work plan applications is with the Reg Ops for assessment.
- 90% (44) are seeking a planning permit or with the applicant.
- 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 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3
Within STF	26	27	36	15
Over STF	1	-	1	-
Total	27	27	37	15
% Within STF	96.3%	100%	97.3%	100%

FY25/26 Q3 Decision Outcomes

Outcomes	Within STF	Over STF	Total
Return to Applicant	4	-	4
Agency Referral Outcome	4	-	4
Agency Referral	3	-	3
Endorse Wok Plan	3	-	3
Approved by Delegate	1	-	1
Total Outcomes	15	-	15

- In Q3 100% of decisions were made within statutory time frame (15 out of 15)
- four were returned to the applicant as the work plan did not meet legislative requirements.
- One

Work Plan Administrative Updates by Notification / Minor Variations

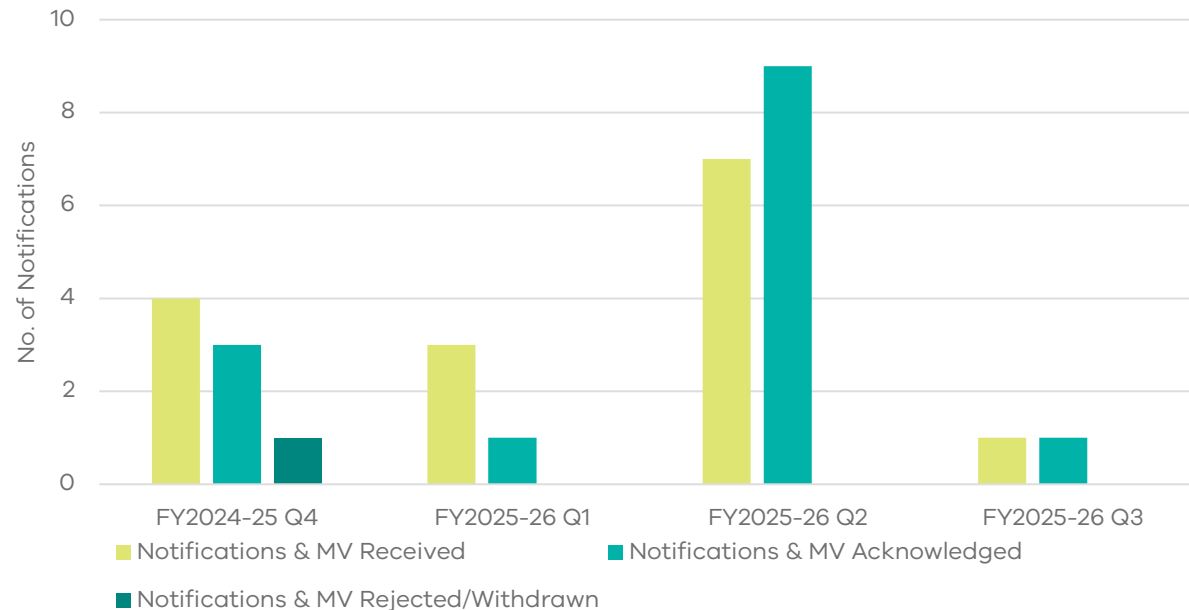
Extractive Industries	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3
Notifications & MV Received	4	3	7	1
Notifications & MV Acknowledged	3	1	9	1
Notifications & MV Rejected / Withdrawn	1	-	-	-

11 Administrative Updates & MV Acknowledged in YTD

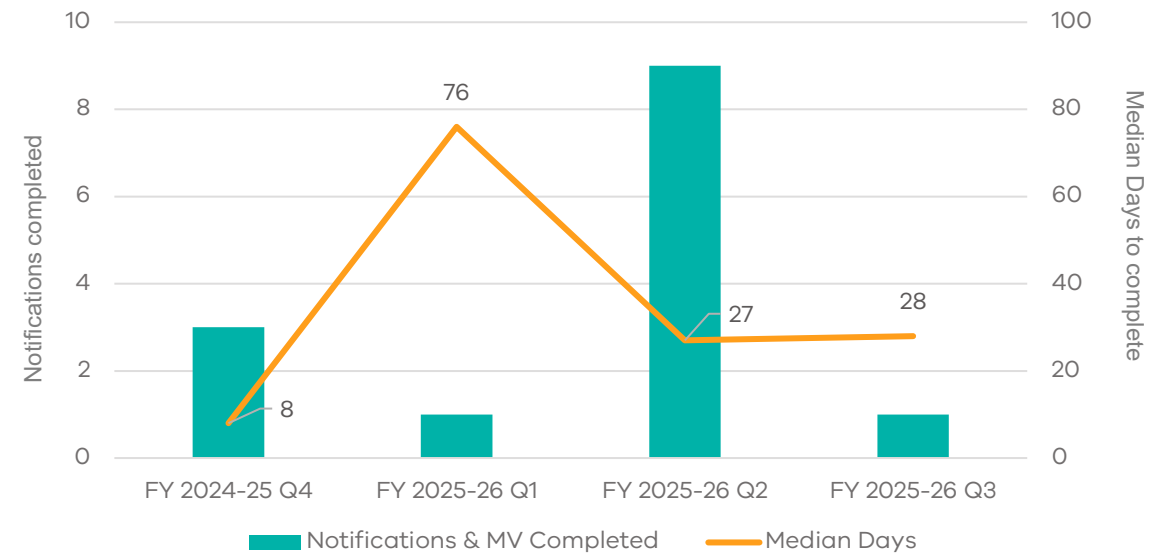
5.6 Million Tonnes Resources Estimate

- A new Minor Variation pathway was introduced in Q2 to replace the former Administrative Update by Notification process.
- (Further guidance is available online via the : [Work approval process for extractive industries - Resources Victoria.](#))
- In Q3 FY25/26, one Minor Variation was received and approved.

Admin updates & Minor Variations



Admin updates & Minor Variations Completed Median Days



Work Authority Bonds

Bond Assessments



\$160.7 million

Value of bonds
(at 31 Mar 2026)

886

Tenements with
bonds

Bond Assessments

Bond Assessment	FY 2024-25 Q4		FY 2025-26 Q1		FY 2025-26 Q2		FY 2025-26 Q3	
	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount
Bond Increase	3	\$1,133,500	8	\$6,111,500	7	\$2,193,500	4	\$209,000
Initial Bond	4	\$308,000	1	\$813,000	2	\$31,500	2	\$1,501,000
Full Release	1	\$24,500	1	\$5,000	8	\$186,000	9	\$179,500
Partial Release	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Change	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assessments	8	\$1,466,000	11	\$6,929,500	17	\$2,411,000	15	\$1,889,500

- In Q3, 15 bond assessments were conducted totalling a value of \$1.9M.
- Nine bonds were released across the state following successful completion of rehabilitation commitments.
- Four had a bond increase, with two due to a work plan variation and two transfers of a tenement.
- Two initial bonds for new sites were set.

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

* Bonds may not have been received yet

Work Authority Bond Increase

Bond Increases



* Work Authorities have been deidentified.

\$84K

Median Increased amount YTD

15.5 years

Median years since previous bond increase YTD

Bond Increase	FY 2024-25 Q4		FY 2025-26 Q1		FY 2025-26 Q2		FY 2025-26 Q3	
Reasons	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount
MRSDA Section 79A	1	\$1,075,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer	1	\$10,500	7	\$6,088,000	3	\$364,500	2	\$20,000
WA variation (Extension)	-	-	-	-	2	\$1,286,000	-	-
Work Plan Variation	1	\$48,000	1	\$23,500	1	\$71,000	2	\$189,000
Scheduled / Annual Review	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notification	-	-	-	-	1	\$472,000	-	-
Total Increases	3	\$113,350	8	\$6,111,500	7	\$2,193,500	4	\$209,000

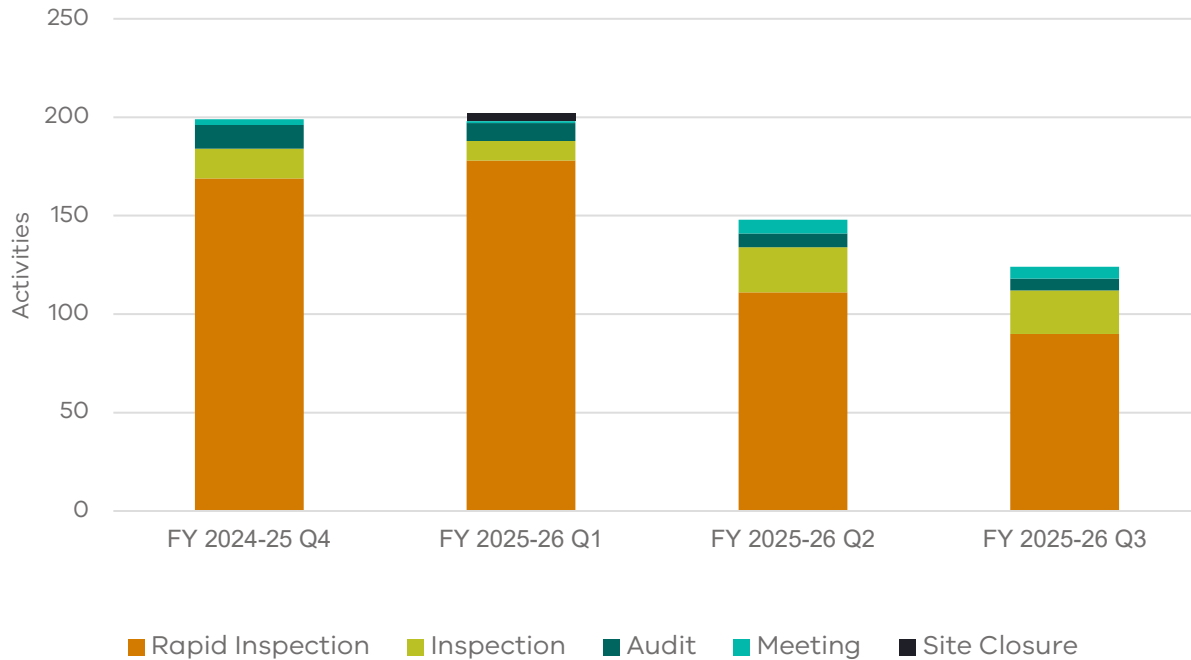
- In Q3 there were four bond increases assessed totalling \$209K.
- The median amount increased YTD was \$84K and the median years since the last increase was 15.5 years

Compliance Activities

Compliance Activities

Compliance Activity	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3
Rapid Inspection*	169	178	111	90
Inspection	15	10	23	22
Audit	12	9	7	6
Meeting	3	1	7	6
Site Closures	-	4	-	-
Total	199	202	148	124

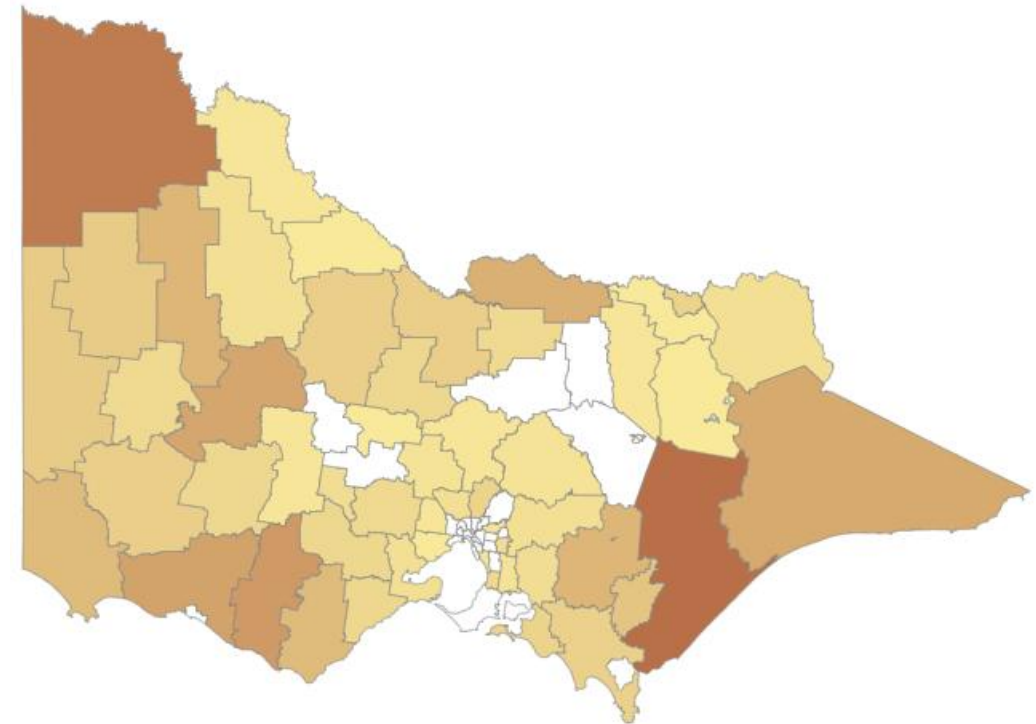
*Rapid Inspection program commenced in Jan 2025



474
Compliance Activities YTD

422
Unique sites

LGA Heatmap - Compliance Activities YTD



- In Q3, 124 compliance activities were conducted.
- YTD, 474 activities were conducted from 422 unique sites, 80% (379) were rapid inspections.

Compliance Actions

Education

Compliance Actions	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3
Written Instruction/Education	51	34	27	40
Official Warning Letter	2	-	55	4
Actions	53	34	82	44

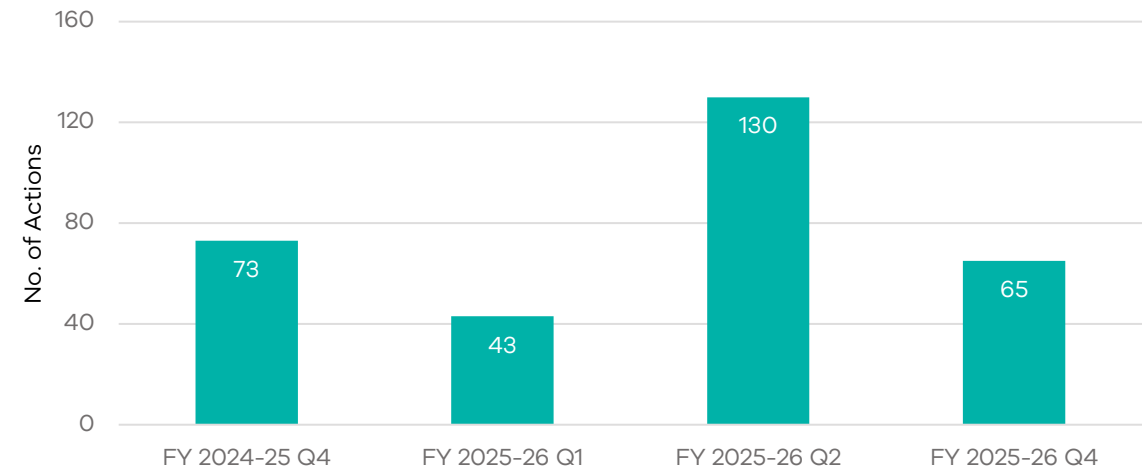
S110 / S110A Notices

Reasons for notice	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3
Rehabilitation of Site	4	2	2	7
Hazardous Materials Management	1	-	1	4
Waste and Redundant Plan	3	-	2	-
Tailings and Slime Management	3	1	-	1
Work Without Licence or Consents	2	1	1	-
Authorised Activity Compliance	-	1	-	2
Water Dams	-	1	1	1
Buffer Zones	3	-	-	-
Tenement Boundaries	1	-	-	1
Documentation and Records	-	1	-	1
Slope Stability	-	1	1	-
Noxious Weeds, Plants and Pests	2	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	1
Environmental Incident Notification	-	1	-	-
Total notices issued	19	9	8	18

Enforcement

Compliance Actions	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3
Infringement Notice	-	-	40	2
Direction	1	-	-	1
Actions	1	0	40	3

Quarterly Summary – Compliance Actions



In Q3 there were 65 compliance actions issued out. The compliance actions collectively required work authority holders to rectify non-compliance by surveying and correctly marking boundaries, installing signage, managing weeds, hazardous materials, erosion, water and waste in accordance with approvals and standards, developing and implementing rehabilitation plan and providing evidence of compliance within specified timeframes, with repeat failures escalating to formal notices or warnings.

Compliance Incidents

Incidents	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration	-	-	2	3
Other	-	-	-	3
Slope Stability	1	2	-	-
Water Dams	-	-	-	1
Fire Precautions & Risk Control	-	-	-	1
Environmental Incident Notification	-	-	-	1
Total Incidents	1	2	2	9
Unique sites	1	2	2	7

In Q3 FY25/26 there were 9 incidents reported from 7 unique sites. The key themes identified were:

- **Explosives & Blasting:** Disruptions to blasting activities occurred due to equipment failures and residual explosives, managed through isolation, monitoring and regulator engagement.
- **Fire & Plant Incidents:** Fires affecting mobile plant and conveyors occurred, including one total loss of equipment, with emergency services attending where required.
- **Environmental & Water Management:** Water management incidents included dam overflow and unauthorised discharge, resulting in limited off site impact and corrective controls implemented.
- **Community & Stakeholder Impacts:** Complaints related to noise, dust, smoke and fire danger operations were received and responded to promptly.
- **Operational & Compliance Issues:** Instances of non compliance with permit and operational conditions were identified and corrective actions taken.

Community Complaints

Complaints	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration	3	5	3	4
Working Hours	1	4	1	1
Dust Emissions	1	-	3	3
Other (Not Specified Above)	1	1	1	1
Noise Emissions	3	-	-	1
Impacts Outside Tenement Site	-	2	-	1
Native Vegetation & Fauna	-	1	-	1
Rehabilitation of Site	1	-	-	-
Community Engagement	-	-	1	-
Groundwater Impacts	1	-	-	-
Buffer Zones	-	1	-	-
Total Complaints Received	11	14	9	12
Unique Tenements	10	10	6	8
Unique Informants	10	12	12	12

In Q3 FY25/26 there were 12 complaints received from 8 unique sites. The key themes identified were:

- Noise, dust and blasting impacts dominate complaints, particularly early morning operations, mobile crushing, silica dust, and ground vibration affecting residential amenity.
- Community health and property concerns are prominent, with residents reporting respiratory impacts, stress, house shaking, and fear of long term damage.
- Most matters are resolved through investigation and education, with some inspections finding no confirmed breaches despite community perception of impact.
- Ongoing engagement gaps remain, with recurrent issues around after hours operations, difficulty contacting operators, and community uncertainty about work authority obligations.

Compliance Community Reference Group Attendance

Tenement	Tenement Holder	LGA	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3
WA158	Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd	Colac Otway	-	1	-	1
WA385	Heidelberg Materials Australia Pty Ltd	Knox	1	1	-	-
WA41	Barro Group Pty Ltd	Greater Geelong	-	-	1	-
WA82	Boral Resources (Vic) Pty Ltd	Moorabool	1	-	1	-
Attendance			2	2	2	1

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