

Changes to extractive industry reporting



On 26 January 2020, updated regulations came into effect for the Victorian quarrying (extractive) industry. The *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Extractive Industries) Regulations 2019* introduced changes to annual reporting requirements for all Victorian extractive industry work authorities.

The new requirements apply to all annual reports submitted by work authorities from the 2020–21 financial year onward. For more information on the new regulations, visit earthresources.vic.gov.au/extractivesregs.

Guidance materials have been developed to explain the new reporting requirements and to assist the extractive industry in adjusting to the changes.

This fact sheet provides a brief outline of the new information required.

Benefits of reporting

Victorian demand for extractive resources has increased significantly over recent decades, in line with residential and commercial construction, and the development of the state's transport and energy infrastructure. To prepare for further growth and secure adequate future supplies of stone products, the Victorian Government aims to improve the efficiency and efficacy of regulations, and to improve resource and land-use planning.

The information collected through the new annual reporting requirements will help enable a more accurate understanding of Victoria's supply of quarry materials. The data will also support quarry approval processes and provide more robust evidence to inform planning decisions that affect quarrying.

All information provided in annual returns, including resource estimates, is bound by the secrecy provisions outlined in Section 119 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*.



What new information is required?

Extractive industry work authorities are now required to annually provide:

- **the most recent stone resource estimate**

This is outlined in more detail in *Fact sheet 2: Preparing a resource estimate*.

- **density before extraction for each stone type produced**

This is the mass per unit volume of the stone, expressed in tonnes per cubic metre. See *Fact sheet 3: Additional stone details to report* for more details.

- **maximum depth of extraction for each stone type produced**

This is the maximum depth from which the work authority has extracted the stone type, expressed as a height in metres relative to the natural surface. See *Fact sheet 3: Additional stone details to report* for more details.

- **stratigraphic (or geological) unit for each stone type produced**

This is the mapped, formally recognised and discrete body of rock from which a work authority is producing. See *Fact sheet 4: Determining stratigraphic unit* for more details.

Framework for reporting resource estimates

The new annual reporting of resource estimates by extractive work authorities will use a framework based on Australia's Joint Ore Reserve Committee (JORC) Code (2012).

The JORC resource estimate reporting framework is covered in more detail in *Fact sheet 5: The Joint Ore Reserve Committee (JORC) Code*.

Further information

For more information on the new reporting requirements, contact Earth Resources Regulation:

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