

Resources Victoria Compliance Priorities 2026-27

Protecting community, infrastructure and the environment

Site & Risk Management

Ensuring the safe and compliant management of sites

- Risk management plans are representative of site operations and are implemented
- Avoiding contamination, discharge and spills with corrective action taken when needed
- Boundaries clearly demonstrated and extraction beyond limits avoided

Geotechnical Stability

Preserving the safety and stability of the site

- Batters and slopes designed and built to the approved requirements
- Monitoring, maintenance and ongoing management of slope stability
- Waste dumps and stockpiles appropriately designed and managed
- Slope stability design and controls consider and adopt to long term environmental factors, including groundwater and erosion/surface water

Dams & Tailings Storage

Preventing the spread of harmful material into the environment

- Tailings storage facilities and dams built to approved requirements
- Dams and storage facility volume and size monitored and reported
- Monitoring, maintenance, reporting and management is in accordance with relevant guidelines (such as Dam Safety Emergency Plan requirements)

Progressive Rehabilitation

Ensuring liability for abandoned or unrehabilitated sites does not fall to the Victorian community

- Authority holders can demonstrate effective, phased progressive rehabilitation
- Quarries and mines have sufficient rehabilitation bonds
- Where relevant, plan for rehabilitation is demonstrative of the scale and scope of the observable operations

Community & Traditional Owners Impacts

Addressing local community and Traditional Owners concerns

- Authority holders comply with their legal obligations, and effectively manage potential risks and impacts on community and Traditional Owners, including those arising from dust, vibration and noise
- Avoiding any impacts to amenity or sensitive receptors arising from blasting
- Authority holders engage with community and Traditional Owners to address concerns or non-compliance

**In 2026-27
industry
can expect**

- Increased risk and intelligence-based targeting and inspector presence on sites with frequency determined by risk
- Comprehensive audit program based on the compliance priorities with follow up inspections prioritised according to risk
- Increased use of regulatory tools including enforcement infringements for non-compliance and compliance 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 and retention licensees not completing their agreed work programs
- Field campaigns to address industry capability and readiness for the transition to the new duty-based model ahead of its commencement in July 2027
- Increased awareness of the responsibilities of recreational prospectors working under a miners right