



Regulatory Operations Performance Report Extractives Sector

2025-26 Q4



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

11

new work authorities

38

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

46

pipeline work plan applications

99%

of decisions made within
statutory timeframes



Approved quarry
materials

131.8

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



Bonds

\$161.7

million bonds held

55

bond assessments completed



Compliance

595

compliance activities

308

compliance actions

19

incidents

49

complaints received

Extractive summary – work authorities and work plans

What we delivered in FY25/26

- 131.8 million tonnes of resources unlocked in total from work plan, admin updates and minor variation approvals.
- In 99% (97 out of 98) of work plan decisions made within statutory time frame.
- In Q4 10 work plans and work plan variations approvals were approved, this brings the total to 27 approvals in FY24/26, the highest number of approvals recorded in a financial year.
- At 30 June 2026, 46 work plan applications were in the pipeline, 9% (4 out of 46) of work plan applications are with Reg Ops for assessment and 91% are with the applicant or with the applicant seeking a planning permit

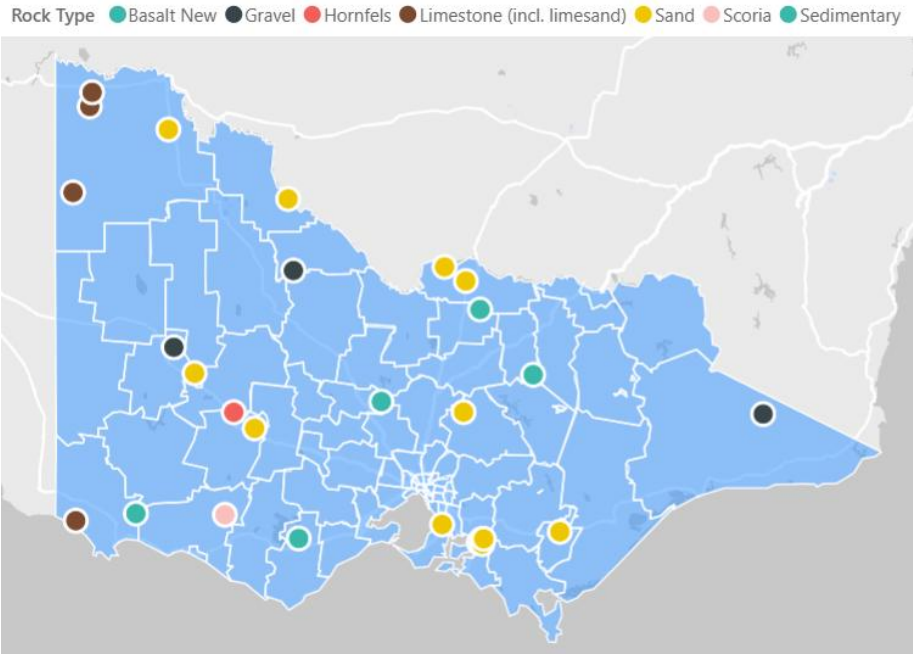
Work Plan Application Pipeline

Stage	No. Plans
Seeking Planning Permit	21
With Applicant	21
With Reg Ops for Assessment	4
With Internal Agency	-
Work Plan Applications	46

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	27	102	110	213	454	<2
FY2024-25	17	86	44	239	371	< 2
FY2023-24	22	138	92	221	636	< 3
FY2022-23	12	130	201	274	562	< 3

Location of approved work plans FY25/26



Extractive summary – rehabilitation liabilities

What we delivered in FY2025/26

- Assessed \$10.9 million from 55 bonds.
 - 19 bond increases (\$8.0M)
 - 7 initial bonds (\$2.2M)
 - 27 bond releases / partial releases (\$742K)
- Finalised and implemented Quarry Bond Reform recommendations, including applying reduced rates to the Quarry Bond Calculator, developing a simplified calculator, and delivering a Quarry Performance Incentive Scheme that provides bond discounts to sites demonstrating compliance and progressive rehabilitation.
- 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
Tenements with bonds	896	879
Amount of bonds	\$152.9m	\$161.7m
Bond Assessment	Previous year	FY25/26
Sites bond assessed	66	55
Total bond assessed amount (\$m)	\$30.9m	\$10.9m

Rehabilitation bond assessments

Bond Assessment	FY 2025-26 Q1		FY 2025-26 Q2		FY 2025-26 Q3		FY 2025-26 Q4		FY 2025-26 Total	
	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount
Increase by	8	6,111,500	6	1,688,000	4	209,000	1	30,500	19	8,039,000
Initial Bond	1	813,000	2	31,500	1	604,000	3	718,000	7	2,166,500
Full Release	1	5,000	8	186,000	9	179,500	8	75,500	26	446,000
Partial Release of	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	296,000	1	296,000
No Change	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
	11	6,929,500	16	1,905,500	14	992,500	14	1,120,000	55	10,947,500

\$57K
Median Increased amount

15.5 years
Median years since previous bond increase

Extractive summary – compliance

What we delivered in FY2025/26

- 595 audits, inspections, rapid inspections, meetings and site closures were conducted across 482 unique sites.
- 308 compliance actions were recorded, 99 relating to failure to submit annual returns.
- 19 Incidents were recorded. The incidents included explosives and equipment failures, fire events and an environmental overflow. All incidents were investigated, remedial action undertaken where required and remedied.
- 49 community complaints were received across 24 sites, relating to amenity issues including noise, dust and vibrations.

595

Compliance Activities

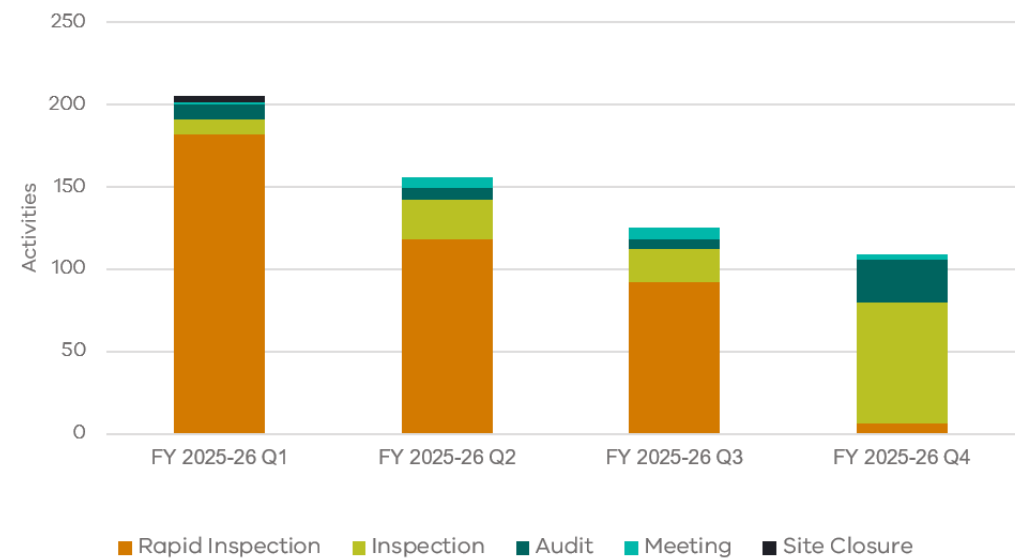
482

Unique sites

Key points to note

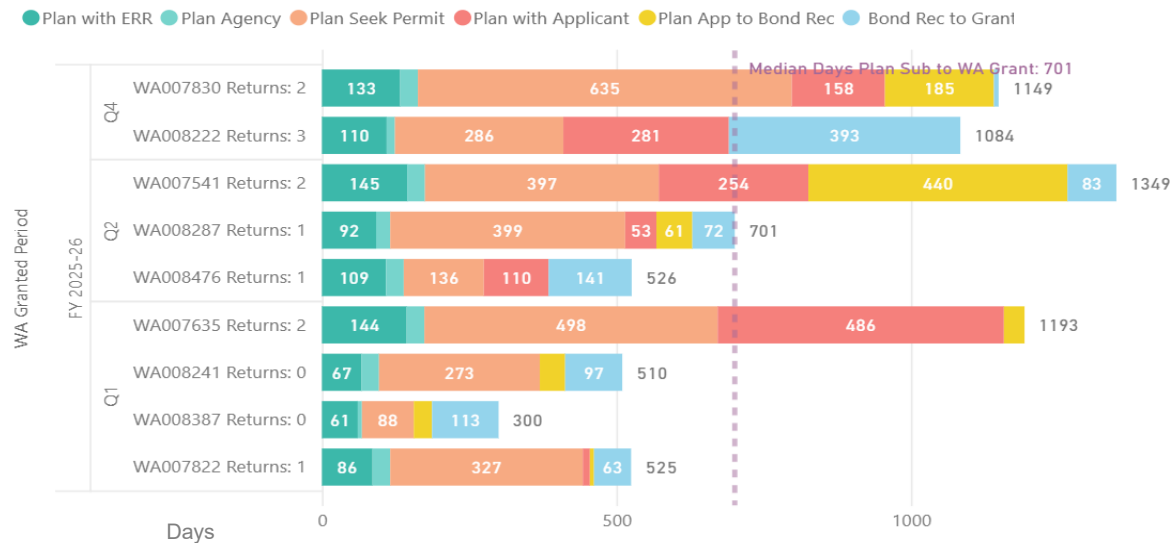
- Inspectors attended 398 quarry sites on the rapid inspection program.
- The first half of FY25/26, saw the Compliance team prioritise rapid inspections, focusing on swift and targeted compliance checks. The second half of the financial year has seen a shift towards audits & inspections.
- Themes identified in FY25/26 included non-compliance with boundary and extraction limits, rehabilitation and erosion/batter management requirements, environmental management obligations, annual reporting and royalty return submissions, and the escalation of regulatory action due to ongoing non-compliance.

Compliance activities

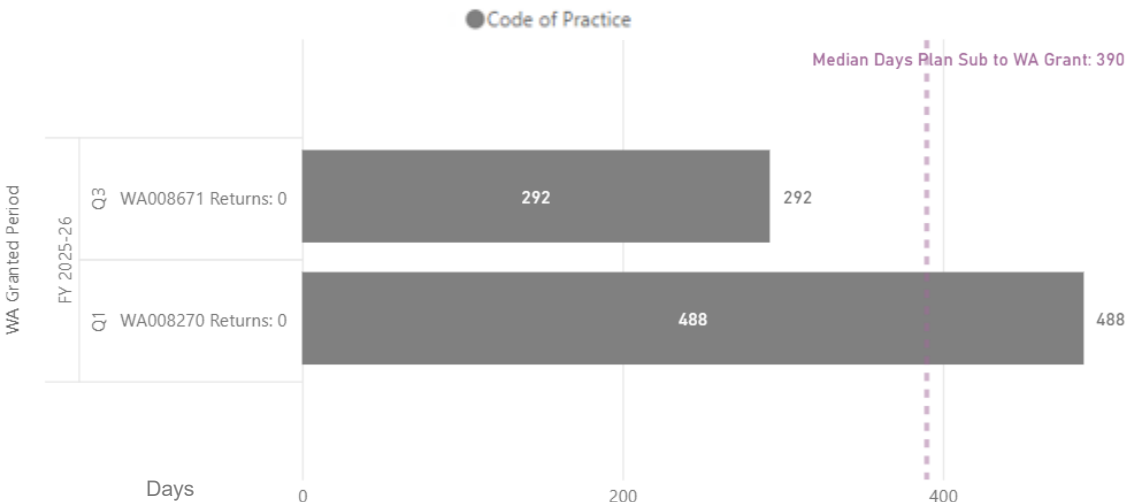


Extractive work authorities granted FY2025-26 (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026)

Work Authority End to End Approval



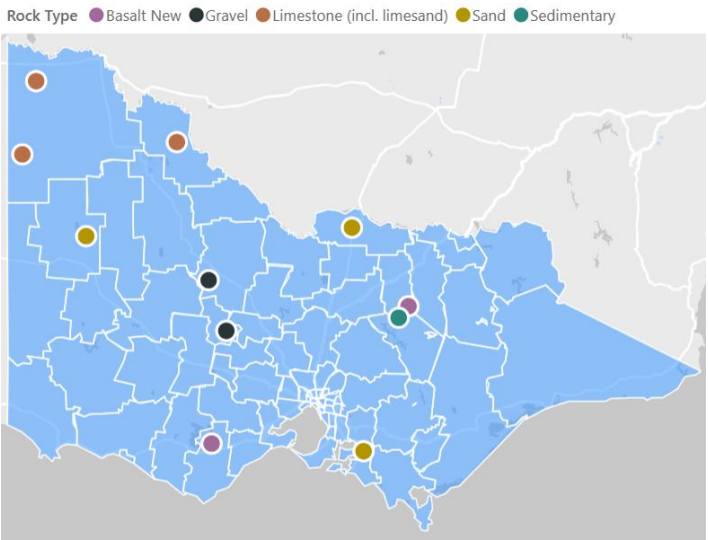
Work Authority COP (<5Ha) End to End Approval



Stage	FY 22-23 Median Days	FY 23-24 Median Days	FY 24-25 Median Days	FY 25-26 Median Days
WA Granted	5	5	5	9
With Reg Ops	109	140	110	109
With Applicant	68	44	159	110
Seek Permit	274	655	97	327
Plan App to Bond Received	121	141	93	35
Bond Received to Grant	29	28	59	83
End to End	623	1187	536	701

COP WA Granted	5	4	7	2
COP Submitted to WA Grant	479	703	259	390

Geographic location



11

Work Authorities
Granted

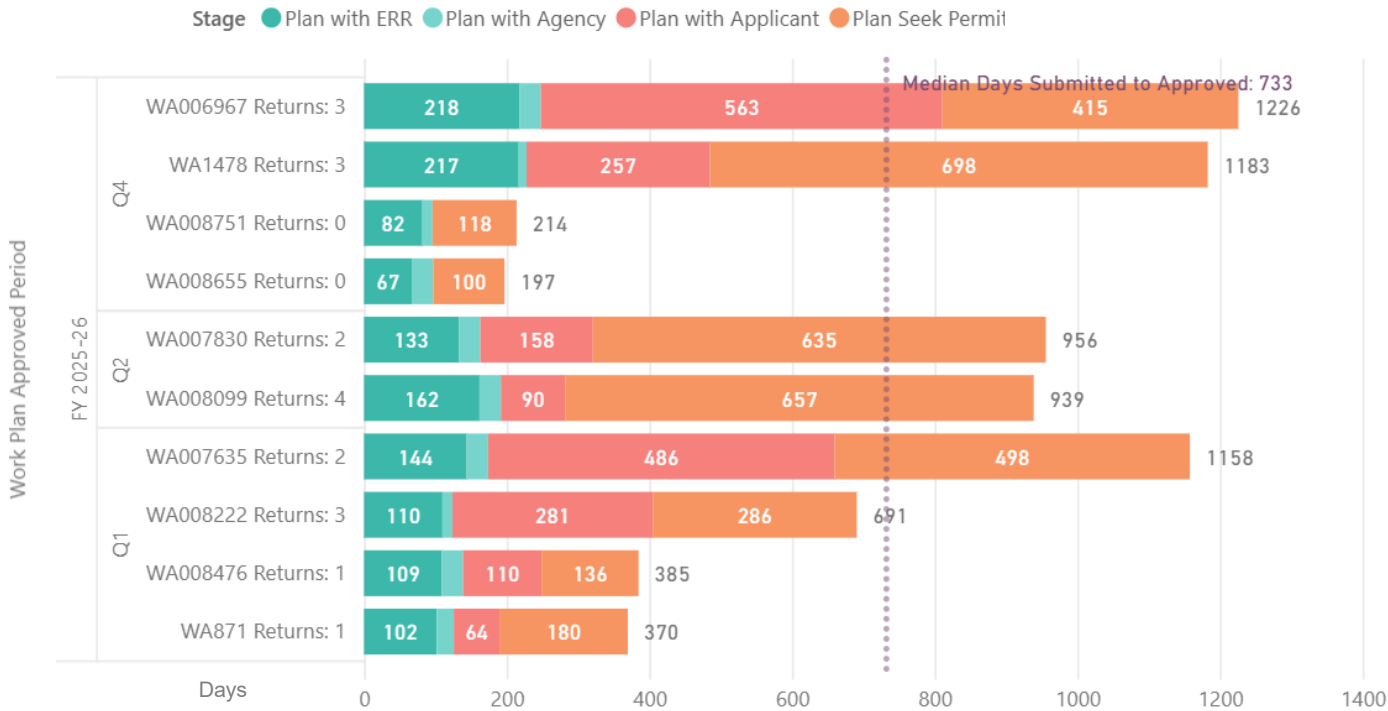
- Q4 FY25/26: Two quarries operating under a work plan was granted.

- FY25/26:
A total of 11 quarries were granted comprising:
- Nine quarries approved under a Work Plan
 - Two quarry approved under a Code of Practice

- The median end-to-end assessment time was:
- 701 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

Work Plan Submitted to Approval



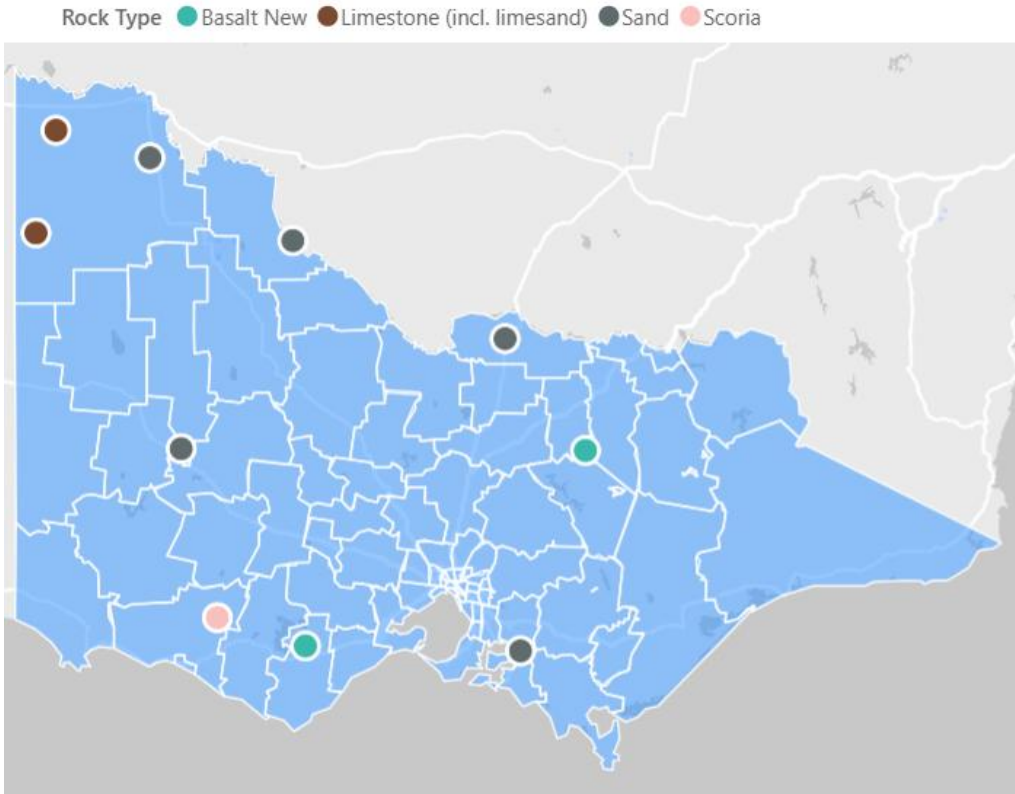
Stage	FY 22-23 Median Days	FY 23-24 Median Days	FY 24-25 Median Days	FY 25-26 Median Days
Work Plans Approved	4	6	11	10
With Reg Ops	130	125	86	122
With Internal Agency	30	30	30	30
With Applicant	140	67	12	134
Seek Permit	291	592	227	351
End to End	502	1212	379	733

10

Work plan approved
for new quarries

38.6 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

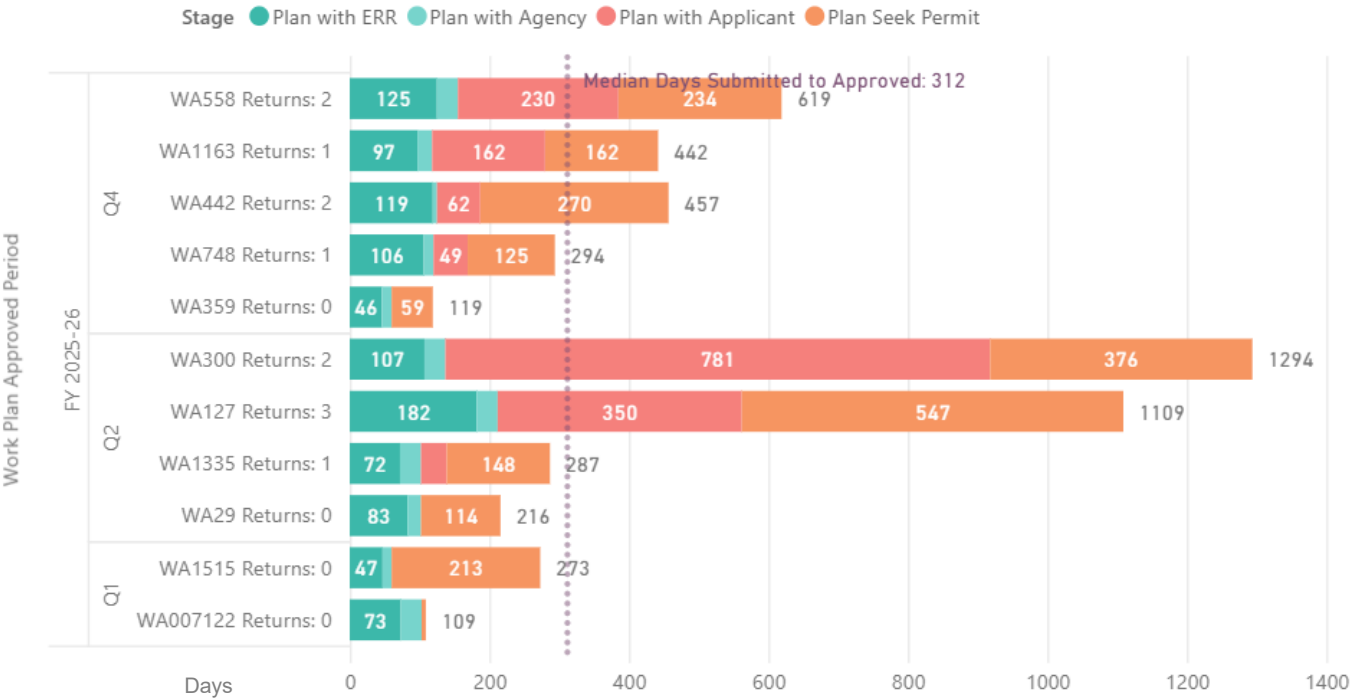
Geographic location



- In Q4 FY25/26 there were four work plans approved for new quarries.
- FY25/26, 10 work plans approved, Nine was 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.

Work plan variations FY 2025-26 (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026)

Planning Permit Required - Work Plan Variation Submitted to Approval

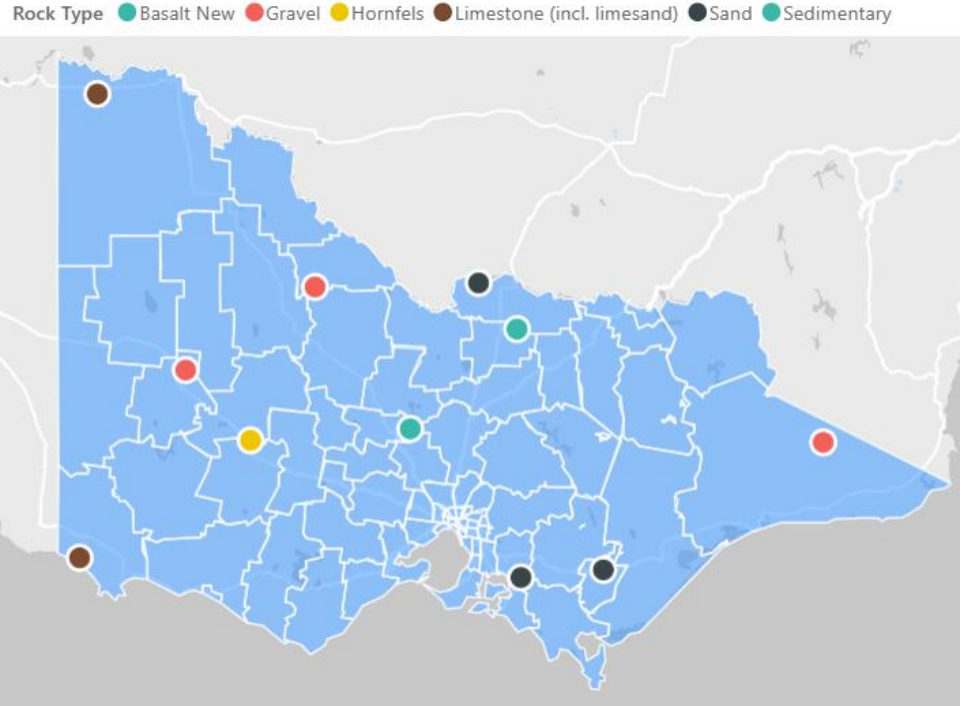


Stage	FY 22-23 Median Days	FY 23-24 Median Days	FY 24-25 Median Days	FY 25-26 Median Days
Variation Approved	6	11	3	11
With Reg Ops	131	140	149	97
With Internal Agency	30	30	23	21
With Applicant	269	95	53	49
Seek Permit	254	182	239	162
End to End	722	602	412	312

11
Work plan
variations approved

74.6 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

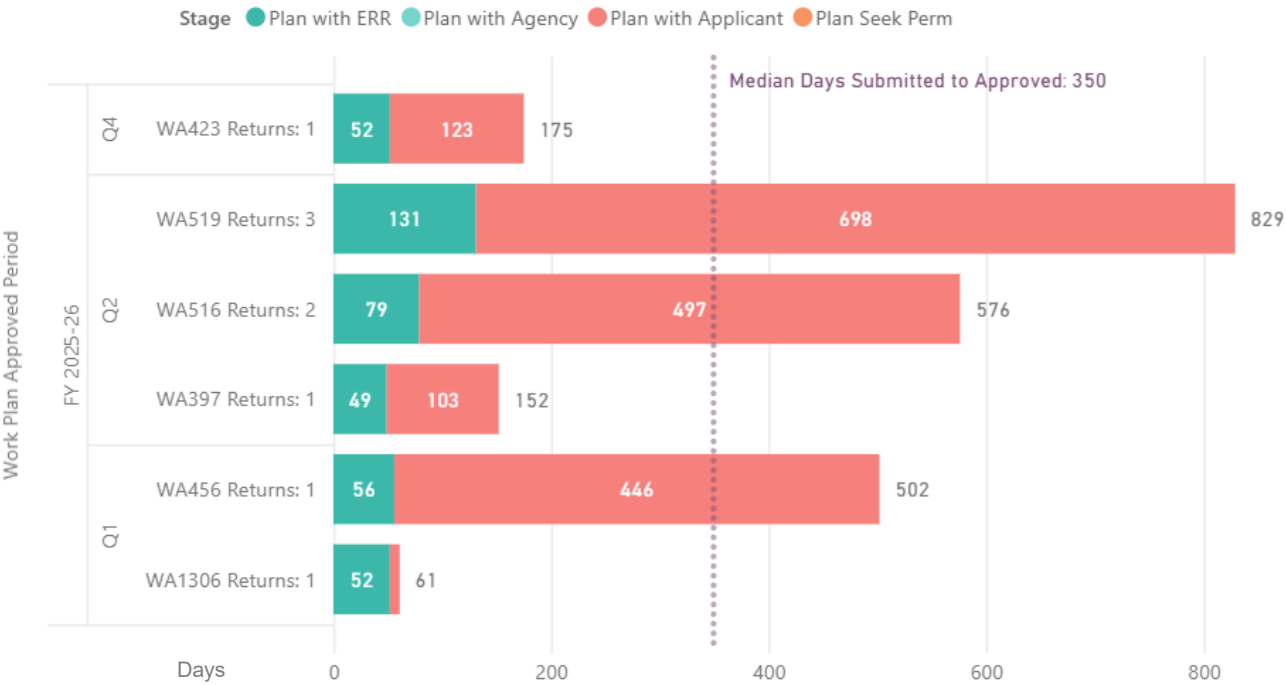
Geographic location



- In Q4 FY25/26 there were five work plan variation approvals
- In FY25/26, 74.6 million tons of resources was unlocked from 11 approved work plan variations.

Work plan variations FY 2025-26 (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026)

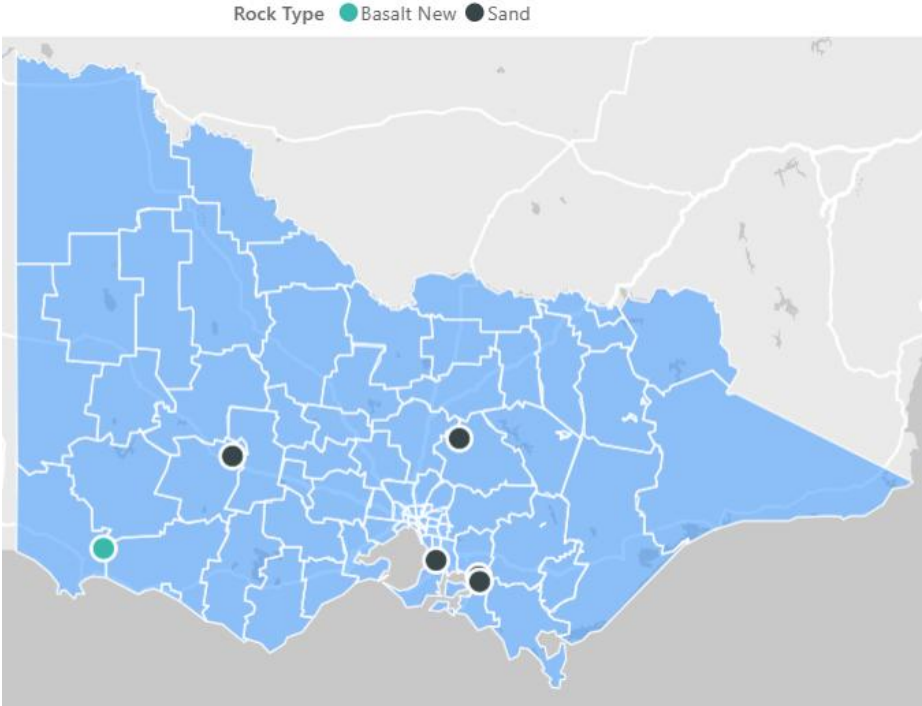
Planning Permit Not Required - Work Plan Variation Submitted to Approval



6
Work plan
variations approved

13 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

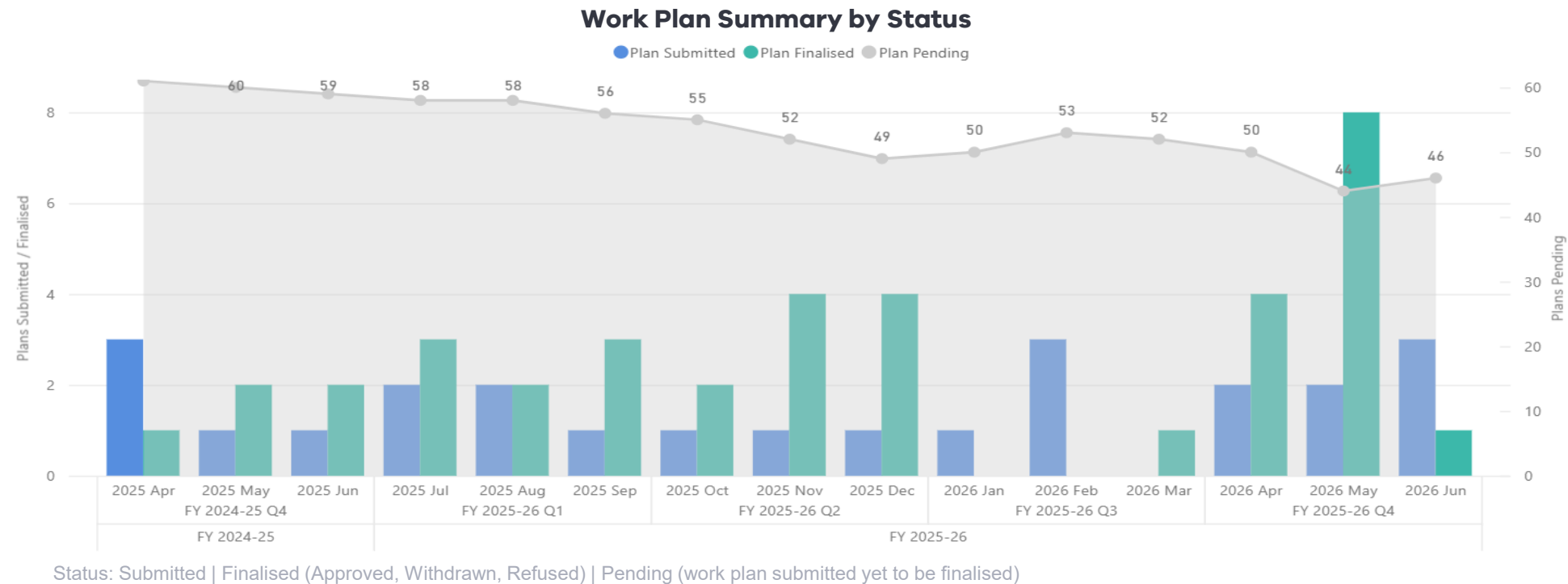
Geographic location



- In Q4 FY25/26 there were one work plan variation approvals
- FY25/26, 13 million tons of resources was unlocked from six approved work plan variations.

Stage	FY 22-23 Median Days	FY 23-24 Median Days	FY 24-25 Median Days	FY 25-26 Median Days
Variation Approved	2	5	3	6
With Reg Ops	96	129	53	54
With Internal Agency	15	-	-	-
With Applicant	382	200	36	285
End to End	924	375	94	350

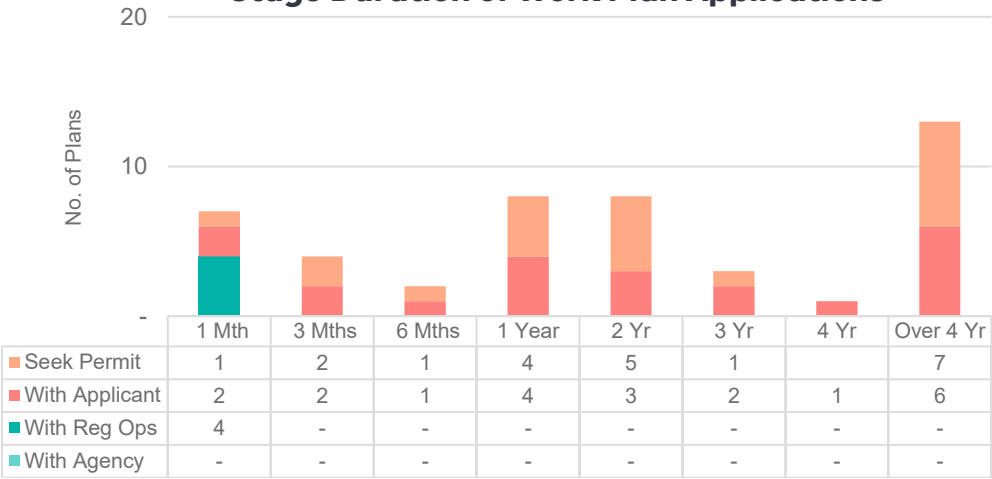
Extractive Work Plan Applications In the pipeline (30 June 2026)



Work Plan Application Pipeline

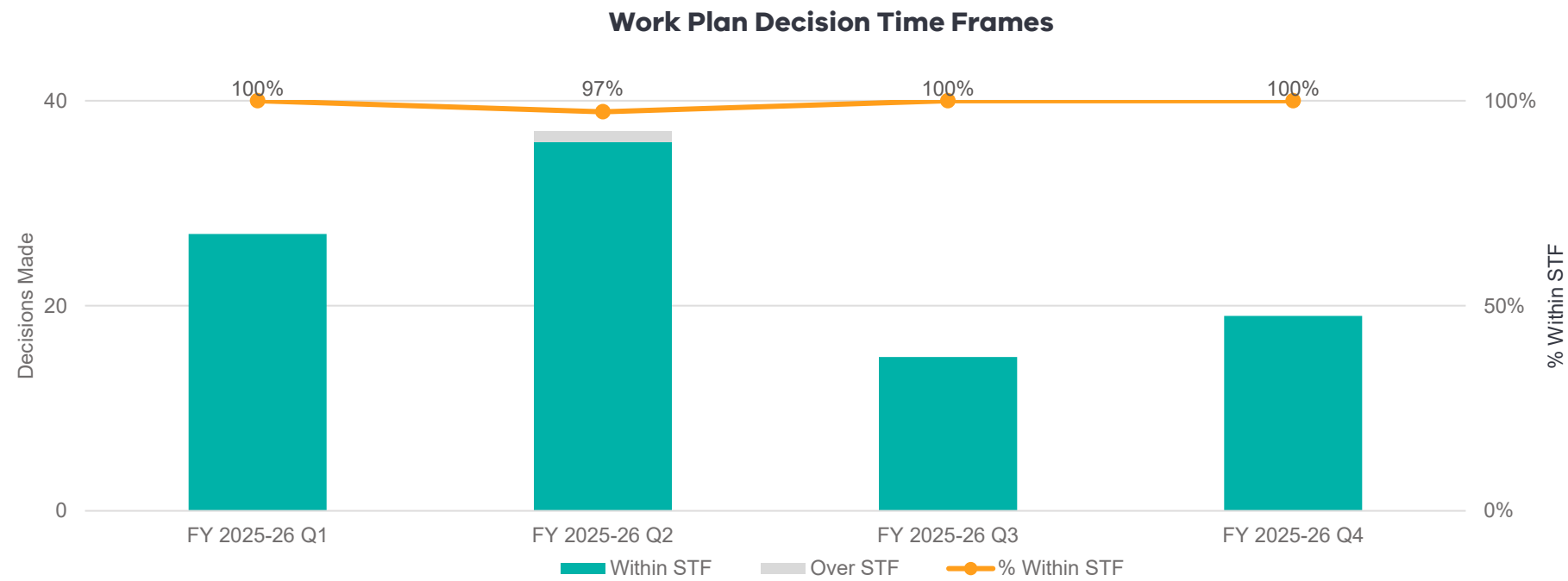
Stage	No. Plans
Seeking Planning Permit	21
With Applicant	21
With Reg Ops for Assessment	4
With Internal Agency	-
Work Plan Applications	46

Stage Duration of Work Plan Applications



- At 30 June 2026 there were 46 work plans in the pipeline
- 9% (4) of the work plan applications is with the Reg Ops for assessment.
- 91% (42) 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 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3	FY 2025-26 Q4	FY 2025-26 Total
Within STF	27	36	15	19	97
Over STF	-	1	-	-	1
Total	27	37	15	19	98
% Within STF	100%	97.3%	100%	100%	99%

FY25/26 Q4 Decision Outcomes			
Outcomes	Within STF	Over STF	Total
Return to Applicant	4	-	4
Agency Referral Outcome	2	-	2
Agency Referral	1	-	1
Endorse Wok Plan	3	-	3
Approved by Delegate	9	-	9
Total Outcomes	19	-	19

- In Q4 100% of decisions were made within statutory time frame (19 out of 19)
- Nine work plans were approved.
- four were returned to the applicant as the work plan did not meet legislative requirements.

Work Plan Administrative Updates by Notification / Minor Variations

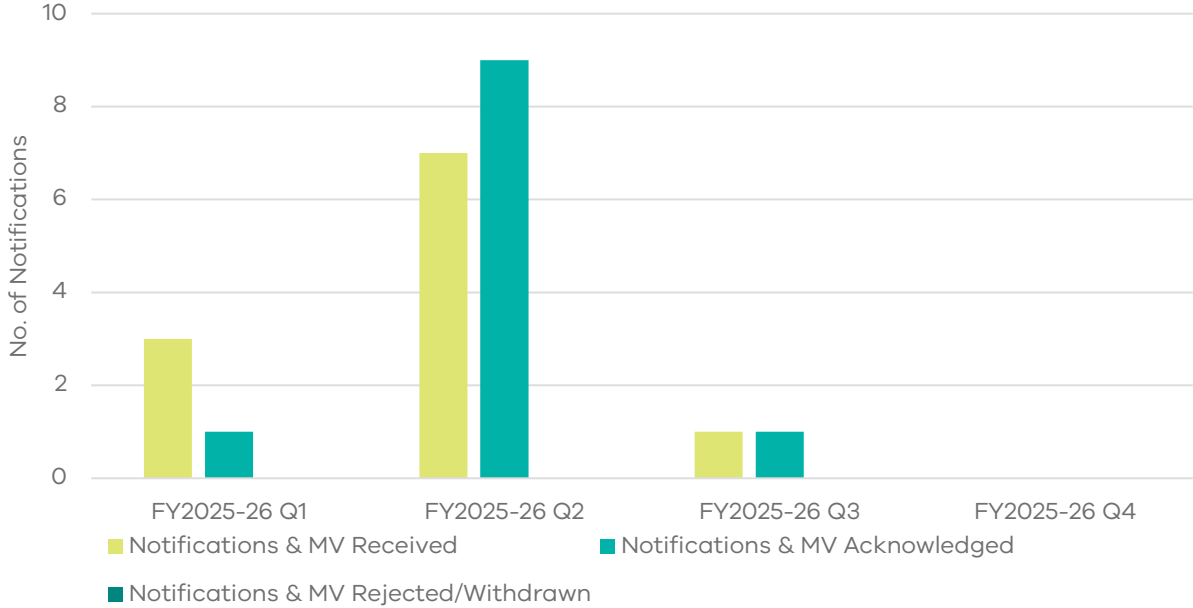
Extractive Industries	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3	FY 2025-26 Q4
Notifications & MV Received	3	7	1	-
Notifications & MV Acknowledged	1	9	1	-
Notifications & MV Rejected / Withdrawn	-	-	-	-

11 Administrative Updates & MV Acknowledged

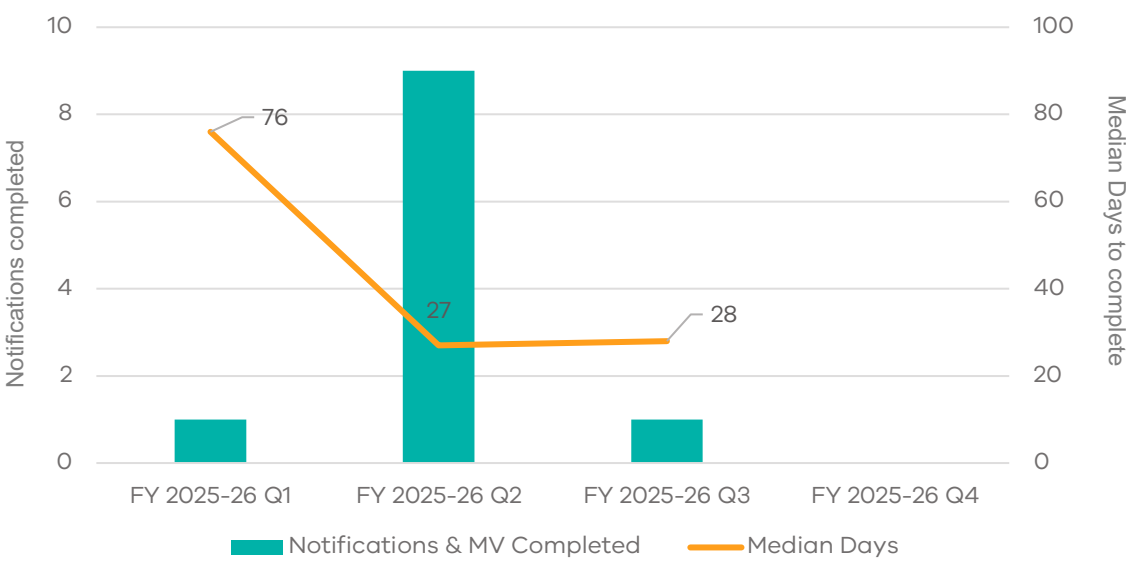
5.6 Million Tonnes Resources Estimate

- 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 FY25/26, 11 Minor Variations and Notifications were approved.

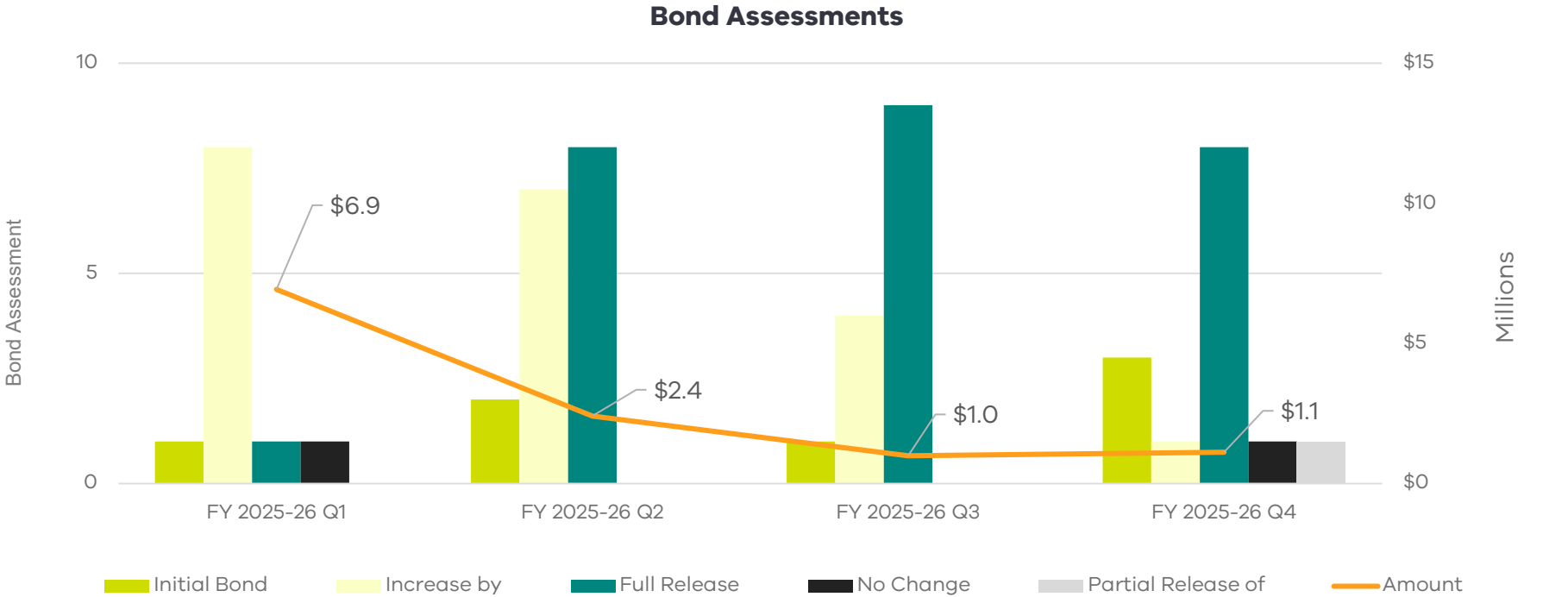
Admin updates & Minor Variations



Admin updates & Minor Variations Completed Median Days



Work Authority Bonds



\$161.7 million

Value of bonds
(at 30 June 2026)

879

Tenements with
bonds

Bond Assessments

Bond Assessment	FY 2025-26 Q1		FY 2025-26 Q2		FY 2025-26 Q3		FY 2025-26 Q4		FY 2025-26 Total	
	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount
Increase by	8	6,111,500	6	1,688,000	4	209,000	1	30,500	19	8,039,000
Initial Bond	1	813,000	2	31,500	1	604,000	3	718,000	7	2,166,500
Full Release	1	5,000	8	186,000	9	179,500	8	75,500	26	446,000
Partial Release of	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	296,000	1	296,000
No Change	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
	11	6,929,500	16	1,905,500	14	992,500	14	1,120,000	55	10,947,500

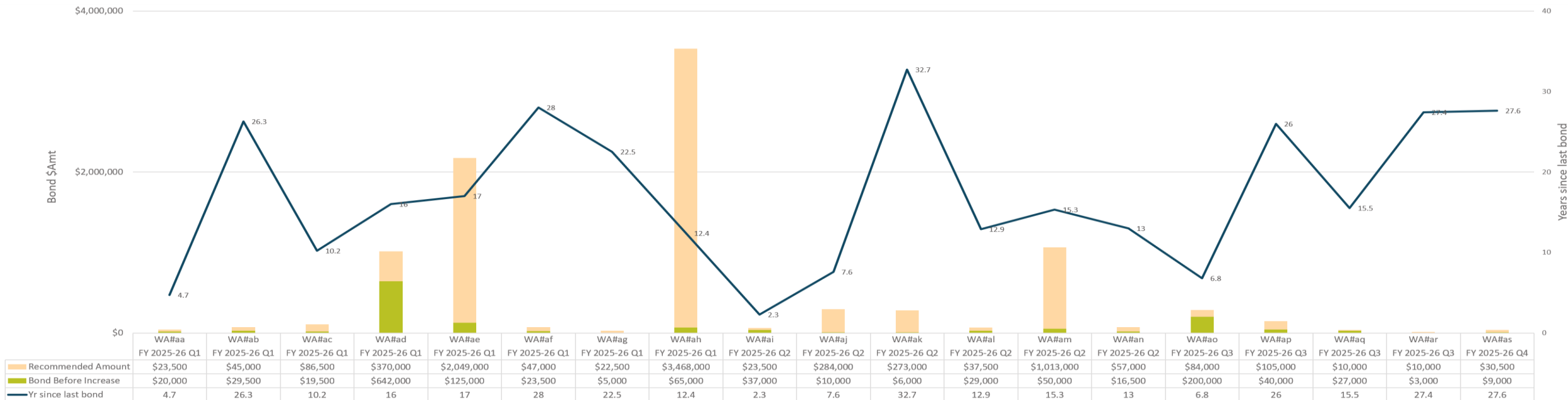
* Bonds may not have been received yet

- In Q4, 14 bond assessments were conducted totalling a value of \$1.1M.
- New and further bond assessments were reassessed using the updated calculator rates following the bond reform.
- Eight bonds were released across the state following successful completion of rehabilitation commitments.
- One had a bond increase due to a work plan variation.
- Three initial bonds for new sites were set.
- 3 bonds were discounted following demonstration of suitability for the Quarry Rehabilitation Performance Discount Scheme.

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

Work Authority Bond Increases

Bond Increases



* Work Authorities have been deidentified.

\$57K

Median Increased
amount

15.5 years

Median years
since previous
bond increase

Bond Increase	FY 2025-26 Q1		FY 2025-26 Q2		FY 2025-26 Q3		FY 2025-26 Q4		FY 2025-26 Total	
Reasons	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount
Transfer	7	6,088,000	3	364,500	2	20,000	-	-	12	6,472,500
WA Variation (Extension/Excision)	-	-	2	1,286,000	-	-	-	-	2	1,286,000
Work plan variation	1	23,500	1	37,500	2	189,000	1	30,500	5	280,500
Grand Total	8	6,111,500	6	1,688,000	4	209,000	1	30,500	19	8,039,000

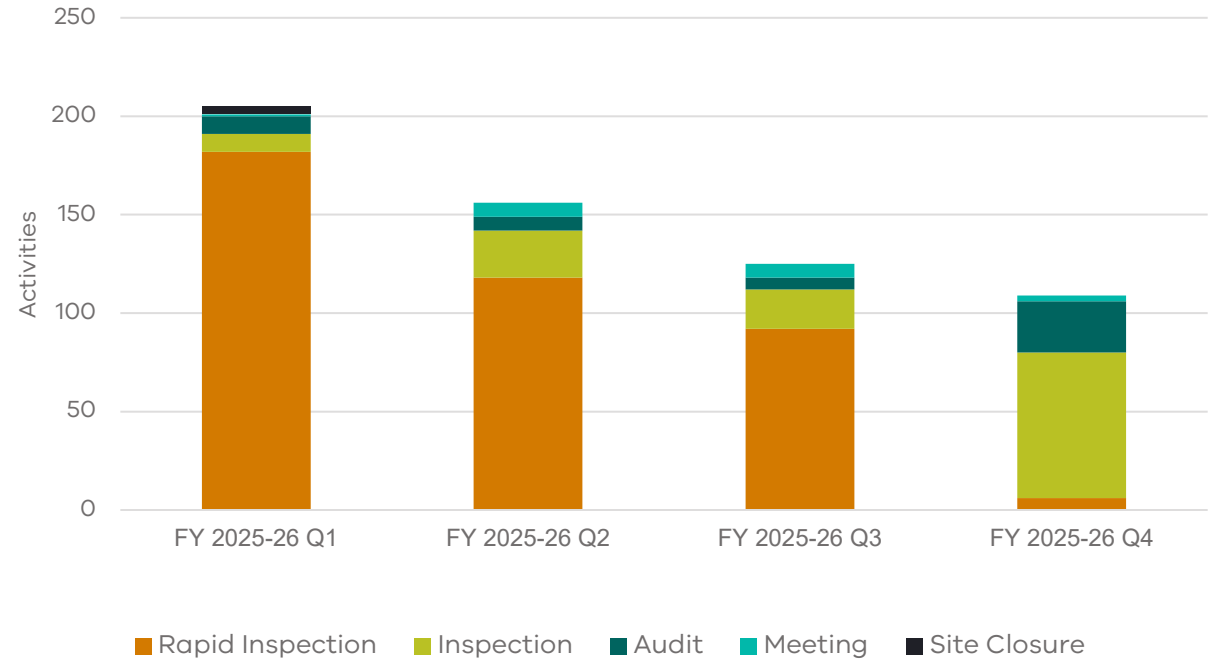
- In Q4 there one bond increases assessed totalling \$30.5K.
- The median amount increased was \$57K and the median years since the last increase was 15.5 years

Compliance Activities

Compliance Activities

Compliance Activity	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3	FY 2025-26 Q4	FY 2025-26 Total
Rapid Inspection*	182	118	92	6	398
Inspection	9	24	20	74	127
Audit	9	7	6	26	48
Meeting	1	7	7	3	18
Site Closures	4	-	-	-	4
Total	205	156	124	109	595

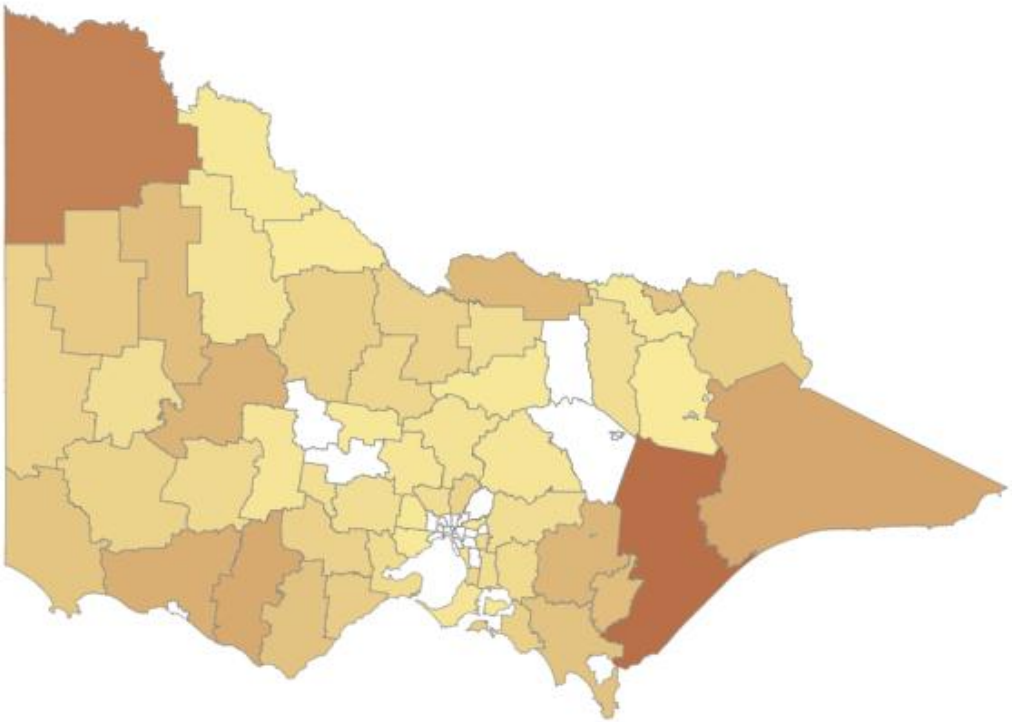
*Rapid Inspection program commenced in Jan 2025



595
Compliance Activities

482
Unique sites

LGA Heatmap - Compliance Activities



- In Q4 FY25/26, 109 compliance activities were conducted.
- In FY 2025-26, 595 activities were conducted from 482 unique sites, 67% (398) were rapid inspections.

Compliance Actions

Education

Compliance Actions	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3	FY 2025-26 Q4	FY 2025-26 Total
Written Instruction/Education	34	25	42	51	152
Actions	34	25	42	51	152

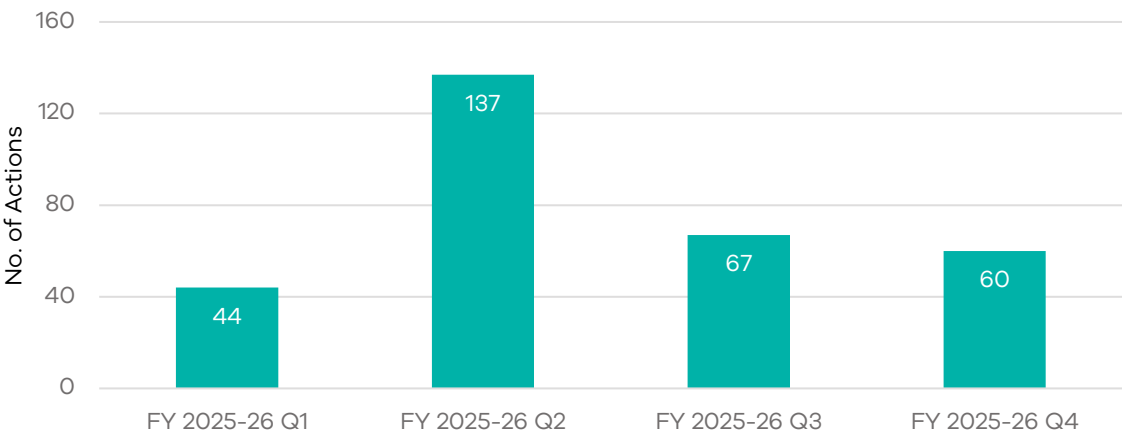
S110 / S110A Notices

Reasons for notice	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3	FY 2025-26 Q4	FY 2025-26 Total
Rehabilitation of Site	3	2	7	4	16
Hazardous Materials Management	-	1	4	2	7
Water Dams	1	1	1	-	3
Authorised Activity Compliance	1	-	2	-	3
Slope Stability	1	1	-	1	3
Work Without Licence or Consents	-	2	-	-	2
Waste and Redundant Plan	-	2	-	-	2
Documentation and Records	1	-	1	-	2
Tailings and Slime Management	1	-	1	-	2
Tenement Boundaries	-	-	1	1	2
Other - Not Specified Above	-	-	1	-	1
Environmental Incident Notification	1	-	-	-	1
Work Without Licence or Consents	1	-	-	-	1
Total notices Issued	10	9	18	8	45

Enforcement

Compliance Actions	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3	FY 2025-26 Q4	FY 2025-26 Total
Official Warning Letter	-	57	4	-	61
Infringement Notice	-	46	2	1	49
Direction	-	-	1	-	1
Actions	0	103	7	1	111

Quarterly Summary – Compliance Actions



In FY 2025-26 there were 308 compliance actions issued out. The dominant issues were –

- Boundary and extraction limit compliance.
- Rehabilitation and erosion/batter management.
- Environmental management (water, hydrocarbons, waste and weeds).
- Annual reporting and royalty return failures.
- Escalation due to ongoing non-compliance.

Compliance Incidents

Incidents	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3	FY 2025-26 Q4	FY 2025-26 Total
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration	-	2	3	1	6
Other	-	-	3	1	4
Slope Stability	2	-	-	1	3
Fire Precautions & Risk Control	-	-	1	2	3
Water Dams	-	-	1	-	1
Environmental Incident Notification	-	-	1	-	1
Tailings & Slimes Management	-	-	-	1	1
Total Incidents	2	2	9	6	19
Unique sites	2	2	7	6	16

In FY25/26 there were 19 incidents reported from 16 unique sites.

The key themes identified were:

- **Slope Stability:** Significant slope failures, block failures and embankment slips were reported, requiring exclusion zones, remediation works and regulatory notification.
- **Fire & Equipment Failures:** Multiple equipment-related fires occurred involving loaders, haul trucks, excavators and conveyors. Most were contained through fire suppression systems and emergency response.
- **Blasting & Explosives Management:** Incidents included airblast exceedances, blasting outside approved hours, lost primers, misfires and explosives transport issues, highlighting operational and compliance risks.
- **Environmental & Water Management:** Tailings seepage, dam overflow, dust/noise complaints and minor off-site water impacts were reported, requiring investigation and monitoring.
- **Security & Compliance:** Unauthorised access, damage to a cultural heritage area and site break-in incidents highlighted ongoing site security and compliance concerns.

Community Complaints

Complaints	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3	FY 2025-26 Q4	FY 2025-26 Total
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration	5	3	5	-	13
Working Hours	4	1	2	1	8
Impacts Outside Tenement Site	2	-	1	4	7
Dust Emissions	-	3	3	1	7
Other	1	1	1	-	3
Native Vegetation & Fauna	1	-	1	-	2
Drainage, Erosion & Discharge	-	-	-	2	2
Noise Emissions	-	-	1	1	2
Tenement Boundaries	-	-	-	1	1
Community Engagement	-	1	-	-	1
Complaints Management	-	-	-	1	1
Buffer Zones	1	-	-	-	1
Public Safety & Site Security	-	-	-	1	1
Total Complaints Received	14	9	14	12	49
Unique Tenements	10	6	9	10	24
Unique Informants	12	9	14	12	41

In FY25/26 there were 49 complaints received from 24 unique sites. The key themes identified were:

- **Noise, Dust & Amenity Impacts:** The majority of complaints related to quarry operations, including excessive noise, early or out-of-hours activities, mobile crushing, truck movements, dust emissions, silica concerns and reduced residential amenity.
- **Blasting & Ground Vibration:** Numerous complaints involved blasting impacts, including ground vibration, house shaking, noise, perceived property damage, blast notification concerns and allegations of blasting exceeding acceptable limits.
- **Environmental Concerns:** Complaints included sediment runoff, water discharges, tailings and groundwater issues, vegetation clearing, dust pollution, potential contamination and impacts on waterways.
- **Site Operations & Compliance:** Community concerns were raised about operating outside approved hours, encroachment into buffers, extraction activities, truck movements, drag-out onto roads, road safety issues and quarry activities outside approved areas.
- **Community, Safety & Land Use Concerns:** Residents raised concerns regarding quarry expansion, proximity to homes, traffic impacts, public safety, fencing, slope stability, fire risk, property impacts and a perceived lack of community consultation and engagement.

Compliance Community Reference Group Attendance

Tenement	Tenement Holder	LGA	FY 2025-26 Q1	FY 2025-26 Q2	FY 2025-26 Q3	FY 2025-26 Q4	FY 2025-26 Total
WA158	Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd	Colac Otway	1	-	1	-	2
WA385	Heidelberg Materials Australia Pty Ltd	Knox	1	-	-	-	1
WA41	Barro Group Pty Ltd	Greater Geelong	-	1	-	-	1
WA82	Boral Resources (Vic) Pty Ltd	Moorabool	-	1	-	1	2
Attendance			2	2	1	1	6

Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Resources Victoria - Regulatory Operations

8 Nicholson Street
East Melbourne VIC 3002
Telephone: 1300 366 356

© Copyright State of Victoria, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
2025

Except for any logos, emblems, trademarks, artwork and photography, this document is made available under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia licence.

Resources Victoria Regulatory Operations performance reporting site:
[Regulator performance reporting - Resources Victoria](#)