Earth Resources Regulator

Minerals Quarterly Performance Report

FY 2024-25 Quarter 2

1 October to 31 December 2024

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.

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

# About this report

The Earth Resources Regulator is Victoria’s regulator of exploration, mining, quarry and petroleum activities. Our role includes granting rights to access resources, assessing plans for the extraction of resources, assessing site rehabilitation liabilities and setting bonds, conducting compliance operations to ensure that authority holders fulfil their regulatory obligations and engaging with communities and stakeholders on regulatory matters.

Our quarterly performance and annual statistical reports are available on our website as part of our commitment to being an effective and transparent regulator.

This report provides a summary of our operating performance for quarter four of financial year 2023-24 for Minerals (1 April to 30 June 2024).

Minerals Summary FY 2024-25 (1 July 2024 to 31 Dec 2024)

**Licence Applications / Licence Variations**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. New Licences Granted | 1. Licence Applications Pending | 1. Licence Variations Approved | 1. Decisions Made with in statutory time frames |
| 1. 5 | 1. 92 | 1. 104 | 1. 100% |

**Current Licences**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. Explorations Licences | 1. Mining Licences | 1. Prospecting Licences | 1. Retention Licences |
| 1. 416 | 1. 108 | 1. 38 | 1. 48 |

1. **Work Plans** – 8 work plans approved and 100% of decisions were made within statutory timeframes.
2. **Bonds –** 26 bond assessments were completed, and $739.7 million bonds were held.

**Compliance**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. Compliance Activities | 1. Enforcements | 1. Incidents | 1. Complaints Received |
| 1. 57 | 1. 11 | 1. 77 | 1. 9 |

# Mineral summary – licence decision timelines

**What we promised**

* Reduce decision timeframes by 15 per cent ([Towards 2030: Resources Victoria Strategy](https://resources.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0013/1015150/Resources-Victoria-Strategy.pdf))

**What we delivered in FY 2024/25 Q1**

* New voluntary Compliance Declaration form for all minerals licensing applications to enable fast-track processing based on past performance.
* Reduction in pending applications, with 92 licence applications pending at the end of YTD compared to 126 same time last year.
* 104 licence variations approved – including 30 renewals
* 100% of work plan decisions made within Statutory Timeframe

# Mineral summary – rehabilitation liabilities

**What we promised**

* Ensure adequate rehabilitation bonds are in place to reduce liability of earth resources sites to government ([Towards 2030: Resources Victoria Strategy](https://resources.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0013/1015150/Resources-Victoria-Strategy.pdf))
* Continue to deliver on our commitments in the [Regulatory Practice Strategy for the Rehabilitation of Earth Resources Sites](https://resources.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/511920/Earth-Resources-Regulation-Regulatory-Practice-Strategy-for-the-Rehabilitation-of-Earth-Resources-Sites-February-2020.pdf)

**What we delivered in FY24/25**

* Assessed $18.8 from 26 bonds.
  + $17.1M increase from one mine
  + $136K from initial bonds
  + $140K bond released as rehabilitation commitments were met.

**What the numbers tell us**

* The number of bond assessments were similar to the same time last financial year.
* Progressive rehabilitation and more frequent self-assessment can reduce bond held to accurately reflect current rehabilitation liability (see [resources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use/rehabilitation](https://resources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use/rehabilitation) for more information)

**Rehabilitation bond assessments in FY2024-25 Q1**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Reasons for Bond Increase | No. of Bond Assessed FY 23-24 Q3 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q3 | No. of Bond Assessed FY 23-24 Q4 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q4 | No. of Bond Assessed FY 24-25 Q1 | Bond Amount FY 24-25 Q1 | No. of Bond Assessed FY 24-25 Q1 | Bond Amount FY 24-25 Q1 |
| Initial Bond | 26 | $409,500 | 4 | $40,000 | 3 | $30,000 | 7 | $106,000 |
| Bond Increase | 7 | $814,600 | 1 | $178,000 | - | - | 2 | $18,579,000 |
| Full Release | 3 | $30,000 | 7 | $65,000 | 10 | $110,500 | 4 | $30,000 |
| Partial Release | - | - | 1 | $5,500 | - | - | - | - |
| No Change | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Value of Assessments | **38** | **$1,254,100** | **15** | **$288,500** | **13** | **$140,500** | **13** | **$18,715,000** |

537 number of bonds held (including ceased quarries) and $739.7 million bonds amount held as of 31 Dec 2024.

In FY 24/25 YTD, 26 sites bond were assessed compared to 29 sites bond assessed in FY 23/24 YTD.

In FY 24/25 YTD, $18.9m amount of total bond were assessed compared to $35.5 in FY 23/24 YTD.

# Minerals summary – compliance

**What we promised**

* Compliance actions that protect the environment, members of the public, land, property and infrastructure ([Towards 2030: Resources Victoria Strategy](https://resources.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0013/1015150/Resources-Victoria-Strategy.pdf))

**What we delivered**

* 57 audits, inspections and meetings across 32 sites including the Latrobe Valley Declared mines which have a scheduled inspection and audit programme
* Attended 14 community reference groups related to large mine operations.
* Responded to increased complaints related to blasting noise and vibration
* Updates on regulatory actions can be view on the [regulatory actions webpage](https://resources.vic.gov.au/legislation-and-regulations/compliance-enforcement/regulatory-actions)

**What the numbers tell us**

* In FY24/25 YTD, Nine community complaints were received for six sites.
* Increased audits related to tailings management as well as closed mine sites in regard to site rehabilitation.
* Declared mines engagement in the Latrobe Valley focuses on stability, fire prevention and rehabilitation at all sites as well as progressing the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Programme.
* Close monitoring of actions to address non-compliance has been a focus in Q2, with these follow up inspections contributing to the higher inspection count.
* In line with the compliance priorities, inspectors spent significant effort this quarter on tailings management. Lack of adequate management and maintenance is a factor in many of the issues inspectors are finding.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Compliance Activities | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Meeting | 7 | 4 | 10 | 4 |
| Audit | 5 | 5 | 7 | 10 |
| Inspection | 17 | 13 | 8 | 18 |

# Mining Licences FY2024-25 (01 Jul 2024 to 31 Dec 2024)

**Mineral Application granted within statutory time frame (STF)**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Decision Time Frame | FY23-24 Q3 | FY23-24 Q4 | FY24-25 Q1 | FY24-25 Q2 |
| Within STF | - | 14 | 2 | 3 |
| Over STF | - | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | - | 22 | 2 | 3 |
| %Within STF | - | 64% | 100% | 100% |

**Commentary:**

* In FY24/25 YTD, 21 licence applications were received, 15 explorations, 14 prospecting, one mining and one retention licences
* Four exploration and one prospecting licence applications were granted within statutory time frame.
* Nine exploration licences applications were withdrawn and eight were refused by the applicant.

# Exploration Licences Granted in FY2024-25 YTD (01 Jul 2024 to 31 Dec 2024)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Stage** | **FY24-25 YTD Average Days** | **FY23-24 YTD Average Days** | **FY22-23 YTD Median Days** | **FY21-22 YTD Median Days** |
| Exploration Applications Granted | 4 | 37 | 62 | 47 |
| Waiting to be Accepted | 46 | 41 | 95 | 115 |
| Competing Application | 0 | 227 | 191 | 299 |
| Native Title | 729 | 270 | 425 | 232 |
| With Department | 49 | 96 | 99 | 97 |
| With Applicant | 46 | 90 | 153 | 109 |
| **Median End to End** | **183** | **408** | **468** | **446** |

**Commentary:**

* In FY24/25 Q2 two exploration licence applications were granted. One was in native title for over 5.5 years. Four exploration licence applications granted in FY24-25 YTD
* The median End to End timeframe for exploration licences granted in FY24-25 YTD was 183 days.

# Prospecting Licence Granted in FY2024-25 YTD (01 Jul 2024 to 31 Dec 2024)

Prospecting Licence Applications Submitted to Granted (End to End)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Domain | FY24-25 Average Days | FY23-24 Average Days | FY22-23 Average Days | FY21-22 Average Days |
| Prospecting Applications Granted | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| Waiting to be Accepted | 155 | 0 | 15 | 55 |
| With Department | 86 | 0 | 66 | 38 |
| With Applicant | 167 | 0 | 62 | 94 |
| End to End | 408 | 0 | 136 | 201 |

**Commentary:**

* In FY 24-25 Q2 one Prospecting licence applications was granted and the End to End timeframe was 408 days. 41% of the time the application was with the applicant.

# Mineral Licence Applications Pending in the System (31 Dec 2024)

Month to month of mineral applications submitted, finalised (Completed, Withdrawn, Refused) and pending (work plan submitted yet to be finalised)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Pending Application Stage | 0-3 Month | 3-6 Months | 6-12 Months | 1-2 Years | 2-3 Years | Over 3 Years |
| Native Title | 0 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 5 | 25 |
| Competing Application | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| With Applicant | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| With ERR | 5 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 5 |

**Commentary:**

* In FY2024-25 YTD there were 16 applications submitted and 22 applications finalised
* As at 31 Dec 2024 there were 92 pending licence applications.
  + 61% (56) of applications are in the Native Tile process or with the applicant.
  + 26% (24) applications are with ERR

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Pending Application Stage | No. |
| Native Title | 56 |
| With ERR | 24 |
| With Applicant | 8 |
| Competing Applications | 4 |
| Pending Applications | **92** |

# Mineral Licence Variations FY 2024-25 YTD (01 Jul 2024 to 31 Dec 2024)

**Variation Processed**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Licence Variation Status | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Approved | 20 | 51 | 65 | 39 |
| Withdrawn | 3 | 13 | 4 | 5 |
| Refusal | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Declined | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 24 | 66 | 69 | 48 |

**Variation Approved**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Stage | Approved |
| Renewal | 19 |
| Licence Conditions Change | 9 |
| Full Surrender | 8 |
| Partial Cancellation | 6 |
| Refusal of Renewal | 3 |
| Partial Surrender | 2 |
| Licence Area Change | 1 |

# Initial Mineral Work Plan Approved in FY 2024-25 Q1 (01 Jul 2024 to 30 Sep 2024)

Work Plan Submitted to Approved – Planning Permit Required

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Stage | FY21/22 Median Days | FY22/23 Median Days | FY23/24 Median Days | FY24/25 Median Days |
| Work Plans Approved | 7 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| With ERR | 56 | 159 | 62 | 28 |
| With Applicant | 4 | - | - | 4 |
| Seek Permit | 204 | - | 219 | 204 |
| Plan Submitted to Approval | 78 | 343 | 281 | 399 |

7 work plans approved

**Commentary:**

* In FY24/25 Q2 there were two initial works approved. This brings the FY24/25 YTD total to seven initial work plans approved.
* Average no. of returns to applicant was one

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Tenement | Area Ha | Km from GPO | RV Region | Primary LGA |
| PL007931 | 5 | 344 | North | Yarriambiack |
| PL007930 | 5 | 345 | North | Yarriambiack |
| PL007929 | 5 | 345 | North | Yarriambiack |
| MIN007866 | 62 | 351 | North | Yarriambiack |
| MIN006916 | 163 | 154 | North | Loddon |
| EL007937 | 20 | 161 | West | Central Goldfields |
| EL007278 | 24 | 162 | West | Central Goldfields |

# Work Plan Variation Approved in FY 2024-25 YTD – Planning Permit Required

Work Plan Submitted to Approved – Planning Permit Required

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Stage | FY21/22 Median Days | FY22/23 Median Days | FY23/24 Median Days | FY24/25 Median Days |
| Work Plans Approved | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| With ERR | 56 | 159 | 62 | 194 |
| With Internal Agency | 4 | - | - | 30 |
| With Applicant | 22 | 184 | 62 | 118 |
| Seek Permit | 204 | - | 219 | 312 |
| Plan Submitted to Approval | 78 | 343 | 281 | 654 |

**Commentary:**

* In FY24/25 Q2 there were no work plan variation approvals.
* For FY24/25 YTD, One work plan variation requiring a planning permit was approved.

**Geography location:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Tenement | Area Ha | Km from GPO | RV Region | Primary LGA |
| MIN4644 | 1219.30 | 103.67 | North | Greater Bendigo |

# Mineral Work Plan Applications in the System 31 Dec 2024

Month to month of mineral work plans submitted, finalised (Completed, Withdrawn, Refused) and pending (work plan submitted yet to be finalised)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Stage | 1 Month | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | 4 Years | Over 4 Years |
| Seek Permit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| With Applicant | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 9 |
| With ERR | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Stage | No. |
| With Applicant | **20** |
| Seeking Planning Permit | **5** |
| With ERR for Assessment | **3** |
| Work Plans Applications | **28** |

**Commentary:**

* There are 28 minerals work plan applications as of 31 Dec 2024.
* There were no new work plan submissions in the quarter.
* 89% (25) of the work plan applications were with applicant or with applicant seeking a planning permit.

# Work Plan Decisions Made Within Statutory Time Frame (STF)

Work Plan Decision Time Frames

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Decisions Time Frame | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Within STF | 2 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Over STF | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 7 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| %Within STF | 29% | 75% | 100% | 100% |

FY24/25 Q2 Decision Outcomes

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Outcomes | Within STF | Over STF | Total |
| Approved by Delegate | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Return to Applicant | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 3 | 0 | 3 |

**Commentary:**

In FY24/25 Q2, 100% of mineral work plan decisions were made within statutory time frame (3 out of 3)

# Work Plan Administrative Updates by Notification

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mineral Industries | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Notifications Received | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Notifications Acknowledged | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Notifications Rejected / Withdrawn | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

**Commentary:**

In FY24/25 Q2 there were four administrative updates received, three was acknowledged, and one was refused as it did not meet the criteria for an administrative update.

# Minerals Bond Assessment

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bond Assessment | No. of Bond Assessed FY 23-24 Q3 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q3 | No. of Bond Assessed FY 23-24 Q4 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q4 | No. of Bond Assessed FY 24-25 Q1 | Bond Amount FY 24-25 Q1 | No. of Bond Assessed FY 24-25 Q2 | Bond Amount FY 24-25 Q2 |
| Initial Bond | 26 | $409,500 | 4 | $40,000 | 3 | $30,000 | 7 | $106,000 |
| Bond Increase | 7 | $814,600 | 1 | $178,000 | 0 | 0 | 2 | $18,579,000 |
| Full Release | 3 | $30,000 | 7 | $65,000 | 10 | $110,500 | 4 | $30,000 |
| Partial Release | - | - | 1 | $5,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No Change | 2 | - | 2 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 38 | $1,254,100 | 15 | $288,500 | 13 | $140,500 | 13 | $18,715,000 |

537 number of bonds held as of 31 Dec 2024

$739.7 million bonds amount as of 31 Dec 2024

**Commentary:**

* In FY FY24/25 Q2, 13 bond reviews were undertaken totalling ~ $18.7M.
  + $106K – Initial bonds
  + $18M- Bond Increased
  + $30K – Bond released

Link to website on bonds information and public bonds dashboard: [Rehabilitation - Resources Victoria](https://resources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use/rehabilitation)

# Minerals Bond Increase

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Reasons for Bond Increase | No. of Bond Assessed FY 23-24 Q2 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q2 | No. of Bond Assessed FY 23-24 Q3 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q3 | No. of Bond Assessed FY 23-24 Q4 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q4 | No. of Bond Assessed FY 24-25 Q1 | Bond Amount FY 24-25 Q1 |
| MRSDA Section 79A |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | $17,123,000 |
| Work Plan Variation | 1 | $13,000 |  |  |  |  | 1 | $1,456,000 |
| Renewal | 6 | $801,600 | 1 | $178,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 7 | $814,600 | 1 | $178,000 | 0 | 0 | 2 | $18,579,000 |

**Commentary:**

$124,500 median amount increased.

Median years since previous bond is 16 years.

In FY24/25 Q2 there were two further bond increases assessed totalling $18.6M

Link to website on bonds information and public bonds dashboard: [Rehabilitation - Resources Victoria](https://resources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use/rehabilitation)

# Compliance Activities

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LGA | Audit | Inspection | Meeting | Total |
| Latrobe | 4 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| Hindmarsh | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Great Bendigo | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Laddon | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Strathbogie | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Swan Hill | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Surf Coast | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Mansfield | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ballarat | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| North Grampians | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Activities | 18 | 10 | 4 | 32 |

**Compliance Activities FY 2024-25**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Compliance Activities | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Meeting | 7 | 4 | 10 | 4 |
| Audit | 5 | 5 | 7 | 10 |
| Inspection | 17 | 13 | 8 | 18 |

**Commentary:**

In Q2 there were 32 compliance activities conducted for 22 unique sites.

# Compliance Actions

**Education**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Compliance Actions | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Official Warning Letter | **3** |  |  |  |
| Written Instruction / Education | **1** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| Total Actions | **4** | **1** | **1** | **0** |

**S110 / S110A Notices**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Reason for notice | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2023-24 Q5 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Tailings and Slime Management | 2 | 2 |  | 3 |
| Waste and Redundant Plan | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Work Without Licence or Consents | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| Hazardous Materials Management | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Ground Disturbance |  |  |  | 1 |
| Authorised Activity Compliance | 1 |  |  |  |
| Total notices issued | **6** | **2** | **1** | **8** |

**Enforcement**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Compliance Action | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Infringement Notice | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Direction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

**Commentary:**

In Q2 there were nine compliance enforcement actions issued.

More information on regulatory actions can be found here Regulatory actions - Resources Victoria

# Community Complaints

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Complaints | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Explosives Air & Ground Vibration | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Dust Emissions |  | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Impacts Outside Tenement Site |  | 1 |  |  |
| Noise Emissions |  |  | 1 |  |
| Work without License or Consents | 2 |  |  | 2 |
| Complaints Management |  | 1 |  |  |
| Public Safety & Site Security |  |  | 1 |  |
| Authorized Activity Compliance |  | 1 |  |  |
| Ground Disturbance |  | 1 |  |  |
| Complaints Received | **8** | **9** | **5** | **4** |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Complaints | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| Unique Tenements | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Unique Informants | 6 | 7 | 5 | 4 |

# Compliance Incidents

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Incidents | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 |
| Fire Precautions & Risk Control | 39 | 8 | 14 | 50 |
| Other (Not Specified Above) | 1 | 1 | 3 |  |
| Slope Stability |  | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Environmental Incident Notification | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| Explosives Air & Ground Vibration |  |  | 1 | 2 |
| Dust Emissions |  | 1 | 1 |  |
| Water Dams | 2 |  |  |  |
| Drainage, Erosion & Discharge | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| Public Safety & Site Security |  | 1 |  |  |
| Waterway Quality & Aquatic Habitat |  |  |  | 1 |
| Internal Roads & Tracks |  |  |  | 1 |
| Grand Total | **44** | **14** | **22** | **55** |
| Unique Sites | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 |

**Commentary:**

* In FY24/25 Q2 there were 55 incidents reported mainly relating to smoulder.
* 32 out of 55 incidents were reported from one site.
* ERR proactively addresses the rate of fire precautions and risk control incidents with the declared mines.
* In FY24/25 Q2 ERR conducted annual fire audits at each of the declared mine sites. These audits to check risk controls and preparation for the summer fire season. The scope of these audits spans readiness and response, training capability, infrastructure and control systems as well as mitigation of risk such as environmental management in the mine area as well as the adjoining landscape.

# Community Reference Group Attendance

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Tenement | Tenement Holder | LGA | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2024-25 Q1 | FY 2024-25 Q2 |
| MIN4644 | Mandalay Resources Costerfield Operations Pty Ltd | Greater Bendigo | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| MIN4701 | Maddingley Brown Coal Pty Ltd | Moorabool | 1 | 2 |  |  |
| MIN5003 | EnergyAustralia Yallourn Pty Ltd | Latrobe | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| MIN5146 | Kaiser Operations Pty Ltd | Mount Alexander | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| MIN5189 | AGL Generation Holdco Pty Ltd, AGL Generation Proprietary Limited | Latrobe |  |  | 1 |  |
| MIN5260 | Stawell Gold Mines Pty Ltd | Northern Grampians | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |
| MIN5396 | Victory Minerals Pty Ltd | Ballarat | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| MIN5404 | Fosterville Gold Mine Pty Ltd | Greater Bendigo | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| MIN5567 | Mandalay Resources Costerfield Operations Pty Ltd | Greater Bendigo |  | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Total Attendance |  | **7** | **9** | **7** | **7** |

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