Earth Resources Regulator

Minerals Quarterly Performance Report

2023-24 Quarter 4

1 April to 30 June 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 2023-24 (1 July 2023 to 30 June 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. 68 | 1. 99 | 1. 145 | 1. 59% |

**Current Licences**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. Explorations Licences | 1. Mining Licences | 1. Prospecting Licences | 1. Retention Licences |
| 1. 432 | 1. 113 | 1. 43 | 1. 48 |

1. **Work Plans** – 4 work plans approved and 81% of decisions were made within statutory timeframes.
2. **Bonds –** 82 bond assessments were completed and $739.6 million bonds were held.

**Compliance**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. Compliance Activities | 1. Enforcements | 1. Incidents | 1. Complaints Received |
| 1. 101 | 1. 52 | 1. 127 | 1. 25 |

# Mineral Applications Granted in FY2023-24 (01 Jul 2023 to 30 June 2024)

Mineral Applications Granted within statutory tine frame (STF)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Decisions Time Frame | FY2023-24 Q1 | FY2023-24 Q2 | FY2023-24 Q3 | FY2023-24 Q4 | FY Total |
| Within STF | 17 | 9 | 0 | 14 | 40 |
| Over STF | 8 | 12 | 0 | 8 | 28 |
| Total | 25 | 21 | 0 | 22 | 68 |
| %Within STF | 68% | 43% | 0 | 64% | 59% |

**Commentary:**

In Q4 there were 22 licence applications granted of which 8 applications were over statutory time frame.

For FY2023-24 a total of 68 applications were granted and 59% were within statutory time frame due to the complexity of applications and the processing of backlog applications that exceed statutory timeframes (some having been in the system from as far back as 2015).

# Mineral summary – licence decision timelines

**What we promised**

* Clear 95 percent of the backlog of long-term mineral licence applications by 30 June 2024 ([Towards 2030: Resources Victoria Strategy](https://resources.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0013/1015150/Resources-Victoria-Strategy.pdf))

**What we delivered**

* Met Minerals licensing backlog reduction target of 95 per cent by 30 June 2024
* Reduced pending licence applications in the system, from 188 at end FY22/23 to 99 at end FY 23/24
* Granted 68 licences in FY23/24 (56 Exploration, 11 Retention, 1 Prospecting) and 64 withdrawn or refused for FY23/24

**Where we can improve**

* Target of 95% of decisions within statutory time frame not met

**What we delivered**

* Granted a total of 68 applications for FY2023-24:
  + 59% were within the statutory time frame
  + 41% were not within the statutory timeframe due to the complexity of applications and the processing of backlog applications (some having been in the system from as far back as 2015).
  + if the backlog cases were excluded, the result would be 91%. Backlog cases represent 26 of the 28 licence applications not processed within statutory timeframes.

# 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**

* Increased number of sites bond assessed.

**What the numbers tell us**

* More work needed with industry to ensure rehab liability assessments are kept current, to avoid large increases
* Progressive rehabilitation and more frequent self-assessment can reduce bond amounts (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 increases by quarter FY2023-24**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Reasons for Bond Increase | No. of Bond Assessed FY 23-24 Q1 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q1 | 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 23-24 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 |
| Priority Site | 1 | $16,193,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | $16,193,000 |
| Work Plan Variation | 3 | $13,242,000 | - | - | 1 | $13,000 | - | - | 4 | $13,255,000 |
| Renewal | - | - | 1 | $2,000 | 6 | $801,600 | 1 | $178,000 | 8 | $981,600 |
| Total | 4 | $29,435,000 | 1 | $2,000 | 7 | $814,600 | 1 | $178,000 | 13 | $30,429,600 |

542 number of bonds held (including ceased quarries) and $739.6 million bonds amount held as of 30 June 2024.

In FY 23/24 82 sites bond were assessed compared to 75 previous year.

In FY 23/24 $37.1m amount of total bond were assessed compared to $10.5 previous year.

Median years since previous bond increase is 19 years.

Median increased amount is $71,000.

# 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**

* 101 audits, inspections and meetings across 47 sites
* Increased transparency of compliance activity – more communications on actions including [regulatory actions webpage](https://resources.vic.gov.au/legislation-and-regulations/compliance-enforcement/regulatory-actions)
* New compliance team members and increased capacity in Q4 FY23/24
* Continued to deliver the Latrobe Valley Declared mines inspection and audit program.

**What the numbers tell us**

* Proactive community engagement needed by all sites
  + For FY2023-24 a total of 25 community complaints were received for 7 sites.
  + A small number of sites attract the most community complaints, showing the need for industry to maintain proactive community engagement in proportion to the activity and community impacts
* Some ongoing site compliance issues.
  + Observations regarding tailings capacity & management, over-extraction, progressive rehabilitation and community responsiveness contributed to the selection of the [2024-25 compliance priorities](https://resources.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1029338/Resources-Victoria-Compliance-Priorities-2024-25.pdf)
* There were 101 compliance activities from 47 unique work authorities.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Compliance Activities | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 |
| Meeting | 10 | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| Audit | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Inspection | 12 | 14 | 19 | 13 |

# Mining Licences FY2023-24 (01 Jul 2023 to 30 June 2024)

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Decision Time Frame | FY23-24 Q1 | FY23-24 Q2 | FY23-24 Q3 | FY23-24 Q4 | FY Total |
| Within STF | 17 | 9 | - | 14 | 40 |
| Over STF | 8 | 12 | - | 8 | 28 |
| Total | 25 | 21 | - | 22 | 68 |
| %Within STF | 68% | 43% | - | 64% | 59% |

**Commentary:**

In Q4, 22 licence applications were granted of which 8 were over statutory time frame.

For FY2023-24 a total of 68 applications were granted:

* 59% were within statutory time frame
* 41% were not within the statutory timeframe due to the complexity of applications and the processing of backlog applications.

# Exploration Granted Licences Granted in FY2023-24 Q4 (01 April 2024 to 30 June 2024)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Stage** | **FY23-24 Q4 Median Days** | **FY22-23 Q4 Median Days** | **FY21-22 Q4 Median Days** | **FY20-21 Q4 Median Days** |
| Applications Granted | 19 | 23 | 16 | 23 |
| Waiting to be Accepted | 99 | 110 | 86 | 115 |
| Competing Application | 215 | 296 | 405 | 273 |
| Native Title | 261 | 399 | 621 | 979 |
| With Department | 255 | 212 | 85 | 69 |
| With Applicant | 199 | 189 | 97 | 93 |
| **Application Submitted to Grant** | **762** | **935** | **760** | **460** |

**Commentary:**

* In Q4 19 exploration licence applications were granted, totalling 56 for the FY23/24.
* The median End to End timeframe for exploration licences granted in Q4 was 762 days.

# Retention Licences Granted in FY2023-24

Retention Licence Applications Submitted to Granted (End to End)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Domain | FY23-24 Median Days | FY22-23 Median Days | FY21-22 Median Days | FY20-21 Median Days |
| Applications Granted | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| Waiting to be Accepted | 511 | 655 | 374 | 48 |
| Native Title | 325 | 214 | 101 | 183 |
| With Department | 580 | 349 | 197 | 379 |
| With Applicant | 399 | 233 | 714 | 447 |
| Application Submitted to Grant | 1493 | 1367 | 1384 | 1131 |

**Commentary:**

* In FY23/24, 11 retention licence applications were granted, 2 of those were in Q4.
* All retention licence applications were part of the backlog of minerals applications (waiting to be accepted).  95 per cent of the backlog was cleared by 30 June 2024.

# Prospecting Licences Granted in FY2023-24

Prospecting Licence Applications Submitted to Granted (End to End)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Domain | FY23-24 Median Days | FY22-23 Median Days | FY21-22 Median Days | FY20-21 Median Days |
| Applications Granted | 1 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Waiting to be Accepted | 79 | 15 | 42 | 56 |
| With Department | 12 | 66 | 39 | 62 |
| With Applicant | 49 | 62 | 81 | 114 |
| Application Submitted to Grant | 61 | 136 | 160 | 194 |

**Commentary:**

One Prospecting was granted in FY2023-24

# Mineral Licence Applications Pending in the System

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 | No. Plans |
| Native Title | 1 | 3 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 25 | **53** |
| With ERR | 3 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 12 | **35** |
| With Applicant | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | **9** |
| Competing Applications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | **2** |
| Total | 6 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 16 | 39 | **99** |

**Commentary:**

As at 30 June 2024 there were 99 pending licence applications.

* 53 applications are in the Native Tile process.
* 35 applications with ERR
* 9 with applicant
* 2 applications are under completing application consideration

39 out of the 99 pending applications were over three years old.

**Mineral Licence Variations FY 2023-24**

**Variation Processed**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Licence Variation Status | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY Total |
| Approved | 28 | 46 | 20 | 51 | 145 |
| Withdrawn | 11 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 27 |
| Declined | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Grand Total | 41 | 46 | 24 | 66 | 177 |

**Variation Approved**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Stage | Approved |
| Renewal | 21 |
| Full Surrender | 12 |
| Transfer | 8 |
| Licence condition change | 6 |
| Refusal of Renewal | 2 |
| Partial Surrender | 2 |

**Commentary:**

In Q4 there were 51 licence variations approved bring a total of 145 for FY2023-24.

# Mineral Work Plans in the System 30 June 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 | 6 Months | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | 4 Years | Over 4 Years | No. Plans |
| With Applicant | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 11 | **24** |
| Seeking Planning Permit | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | **9** |
| With ERR for Assessment | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **4** |

**Commentary:**

There are 37 minerals work plan pending in the system as of 30 June 2024. 33 of the work plans are with applicant or with applicant seeking a planning permit.

# Initial Mineral Work Plan Approved in FY 2023-24

Work Plan Submitted to Approved – Planning Permit Required

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Stage | FY23/24 Median Days | FY22/23 Median Days | FY21/22 Median Days | FY20/21 Median Days |
| Work Plans Approved | 9 | 1 | 10 | 3 |
| With ERR | 72 | 159 | 57 | 56 |
| With Applicant | 146 | 184 | 18 | 53 |
| Seek Permit | 67 | - | 204 | 320 |
| Plan Submitted to Approval | 281 | 343 | 77 | 105 |

9 work plans approved in FY 2023-24

Median no. of returns to applicant is 2 (Rounded up)

**Commentary:**

In Q4 there were two initial mineral work plans approved, bringing the total to 9 for FY2023-24.

# Work Plan Variation Approved in FY 2023-24 – Planning Permit Required

Work Plan Submitted to Approved – Planning Permit Required

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Stage | FY23/24 Median Days | FY22/23 Median Days | FY21/22 Median Days | FY20/21 Median Days |
| Work Plans Approved | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| With ERR | 164 | 161 | - | 140 |
| With Applicant | 74 | 140 | - | 1 |
| Seek Permit | 201 | 147 | - | 206 |
| Plan Submitted to Approval | 469 | 478 | - | 377 |

**Commentary:**

1 work plans approved in FY 2023-24

Average no. of returns to applicant: 2

In FY2023-24, 1 work plan variation requiring a planning permit was approved.

This is a similar trend to the last 3 years.

# Work Plan Variation Approved in FY 2023-24 – Planning Permit Not Required

Work Plan Submitted to Approved – Planning Permit Not Required

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Stage | FY23/24 Median Days | FY22/23 Median Days | FY21/22 Median Days | FY20/21 Median Days |
| Work Plans Approved | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| With ERR | 273 | 324 | 73 | 81 |
| With Applicant | 53 | 283 | 11 | 50 |
| Plan Submitted to Approval | 401 | 607 | 84 | 29 |

**Commentary:**

3 work plans approved in FY 2023-24

Average no. of returns to applicant: 2

In FY2023-24, 3 work plan variations were approved.

Work plan variation trends have remained steady over the last three years.

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

Work Plan Decision Time Frames

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Decisions Time Frame | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2023-24 |
| Within STF | 20 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 35 |
| Over STF | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 8 |
| Total | 21 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 43 |
| %Within STF | 95% | 91% | 29% | 75% | 81% |

Quarter 4 outcomes

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Outcomes | Within STF | Over STF | Total |
| Return to Applicant | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Approved by Delegate | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Crown Land Minister | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 3 | 1 | 4 |

**Commentary:**

In Q4, 4 mineral work plan decisions were made:

* 2 work plans were approved.
* 1 was returned to the applicant.
* 1 to the Crown Land Minister.

For FY23/24, 81% of decisions were made within statutory timeframes.

# Work Plan Administrative Updates by Notification

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mineral Industries | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | FY 2023-24 |
| Notifications Received | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Notifications Acknowledged | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Notifications Rejected / Withdrawn | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

**Commentary:**

There were zero administrative updates received or processed in Q4. For FY2023-24 five notifications were received and processed.

# Minerals Bonds

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bond Assessment | No. of Bond Assessed FY 23-24 Q1 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q1 | 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 23-24 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 |
| Initial Bond | 4 | $40,000 | 11 | $110,000 | 26 | $409,500 | 4 | $40,000 | 45 | $5,99,500 |
| Bond Increase | 4 | $29,435,000 | 1 | $2,000 | 7 | $814,600 | 1 | $178,000 | 13 | $30,429,600 |
| Full Release | 3 | $15,000 | - | - | 3 | $30,000 | 7 | $65,000 | 13 | $1,10,000 |
| Partial Release | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | $5,500 | 1 | $5,500 |
| No Change | - | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 7 | - |
| Bond Call In | 3 | $5,928,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | $59,28,000 |
| Total | 14 | $35,418,000 | 15 | $112,000 | 38 | $1,254,100 | 15 | $288,500 | 82 | $37,072,600 |

542 number of bonds held as of 30 June 2024

$739.6 million bonds amount as of 30 June 2024

**Commentary:**

In Q4 15 bond reviews were undertaken totalling ~ $288,000. Bonds were assessed primarily for initial bonds or releasing the bond after successfully rehabilitating the land in accordance with the approved work plan.

One partial bond return was approved following a review of the rehabilitation liability.

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 Q1 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 Q1 | 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 23-24 | Bond Amount FY 23-24 |
| Priority Site | 1 | $16,193,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | $16,193,000 |
| Work Plan Variation | 3 | $13,242,000 | - | - | 1 | $13,000 | - | - | 4 | $13,255,000 |
| Renewal | - | - | 1 | $2,000 | 6 | $801,600 | 1 | $178,000 | 8 | $981,600 |
| Total | 4 | $29,435,000 | 1 | $2,000 | 7 | $814,600 | 1 | $178,000 | 13 | $30,429,600 |

**Commentary:**

In Q4 there was one bond increase of $178K for a renewal of a licence, based on current approvals and the current rehabilitation liability.

$71,000 median amount increased in FY 2023-2024.

Median years since previous bond is 19 years.

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 | 12 | 3 | 14 | **29** |
| Greater Bendigo |  | 10 | 4 | **14** |
| Loddon | 1 | 8 | 2 | **11** |
| Pyrenees | 1 | 7 |  | **8** |
| Ballarat |  | 7 |  | **7** |
| Surf Coast |  | 1 | 5 | **6** |
| Golden Plains |  | 5 |  | **5** |
| Hepburn |  | 3 |  | **3** |
| Central Goldfields |  | 2 |  | **2** |
| Baw Baw |  | 2 |  | **2** |
| Mount Alexander |  | 2 |  | **2** |
| Northern Grampians | 1 | 1 |  | **2** |
| East Gippsland |  | 2 |  | **2** |
| Yarriambiack |  |  | 1 | **1** |
| Wellington |  |  | 1 | **1** |
| Colac Otway |  | 1 |  | **1** |
| Swan Hill |  | 1 |  | **1** |
| Mansfield |  | 1 |  | **1** |
| Moorabool |  | 1 |  | **1** |
| Ararat |  |  | 1 | **1** |
| Alpine |  | 1 |  | **1** |
| Grand Total | **15** | **58** | **28** | **101** |

Total Compliance Activities for FY 2023-24 is 101.

Total Unique sites for FY 2023-24 is 47.

**Compliance Activities FY 2023-24**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Compliance Activities | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 |
| Meeting | 10 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Audit | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Inspection | 12 | 14 | 19 | 13 |

**Commentary:**

In Q4 there were 22 compliance activities conducted at 18 sites.

In FY 2023-24 a total of 101 compliance activities from 47 unique sites.

# Compliance Enforcement Reasons

**S110 / S110A Notices**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Enforcements | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | Total |
| Tailings and Slime Management | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Slope Stability | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |
| Hazardous Materials Management |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Authorised Activity Compliance |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Waste and Redundant Plan |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Impacts outside Tenement Site |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Work Without Licence or Consents |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Noxious Weeds, Plants and Pests |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Other |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Total | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 17 |

**Infringements and Educations**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Enforcements Action | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | Total |
| Infringement Notice | 4 | 11 | 3 | 0 | **18** |
| Official Warning Letter | 0 | 8 | 3 | 0 | **11** |
| Written Instruction / Education | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | **6** |
|  | 8 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 35 |

**Commentary:**

In Q4 there were three compliance enforcement actions issued. For FY2023-24 there were 53 enforcement actions issued

More information on regulatory actions can be found here [Regulatory actions - Resources Victoria](https://resources.vic.gov.au/legislation-and-regulations/compliance-enforcement/regulatory-actions)

# Community Complaints

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Complaints | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | Total |
| Explosives Air & Ground Vibration | 2 |  | 6 | 3 | 11 |
| Work without License or Consents | 2 |  | 2 |  | 4 |
| Dust Emissions |  | 1 |  | 2 | 3 |
| Impacts Outside Tenement Site |  | 1 |  | 1 | 2 |
| Hazardous Materials Management | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Noise Emissions |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Complaints Management |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Authorized Activity Compliance |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Ground Disturbance |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Complaints Received | 5 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 25 |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Complaints | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | Total |
| Unique Tenements | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 (unique) |
| Unique Informants | 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 19 (unique) |

**Commentary:** In Q4 there were 9 complaints received for 4 sites in relation to vibrations and dust emissions. For FY2023-24 a total of 25 complains were received for 7 sites.

# Compliance Incidents

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Incidents | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | Total |
| Fire Precautions & Risk Control | 26 | 32 | 39 | 8 | 105 |
| Environmental Incident Notification | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Slope Stability |  | 3 |  | 1 | 4 |
| Other (Not Specified Above) |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Water Dams |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |
| Drainage, Erosion & Discharge |  |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Dust Emissions |  | 1 |  | 1 | 2 |
| Public Safety & Site Security |  | 1 |  | 1 | 2 |
| Grand Total | **29** | **40** | **44** | **14** | **127** |
| Unique Sites | 6 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 12 (unique) |

**Commentary:**

* In Q4 there were 14 incidents reported relating to a small fire and vibration issues from blasting.
* For FY23/24 a total of 127 incidents were reported from 12 unique sites. Majority of the incidents were small smoulders reported by two licensee.

# Community Reference Group Attendance

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Tenement | Tenement Holder | FY 2023-24 Q1 | FY 2023-24 Q2 | FY 2023-24 Q3 | FY 2023-24 Q4 | Total |
| MIN4644 | Mandalay Resources Costerfield Operations Pty Ltd | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| MIN4701 | Maddingley Brown Coal Pty Ltd |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| MIN5003 | Energy Australia Yallourn Pty Ltd | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| MIN5004 | Hazelwood Power Corporation Pty Ltd |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| MIN5146 | Kaiser Operations Pty Ltd | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| MIN5189 | AGL Generation Holdco Pty Ltd, AGL Generation Proprietary Limited | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| MIN5260 | Stawell Gold Mines Pty Ltd | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| MIN5396 | Victory Minerals Pty Ltd | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| MIN5404 | Fosterville Gold Mine Pty Ltd | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| MIN5458 | Basin Minerals Holdings Pty Ltd | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| MIN5497 | Basin Minerals Holdings Pty Ltd | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| MIN5525 | Basin Minerals Holdings Pty Ltd | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Total |  | 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 31 |

**Commentary:**

In Q4 there were eight community reference group attendance, bring the total to 31 attendances for the FY23/24.

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