

Resources Victoria - Regulatory Operations Extractive Performance Report

2024-25 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

12

new work authorities

17

Work plans / work plan
variations approved

56

pipeline work plan applications

98%

of decisions made within
statutory timeframes



Estimated
Resource

~93

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



Bonds

\$153

million bonds held

68

bond assessments completed



Compliance

529

compliance activities

165

enforcements

17

incidents

51

complaints received

Extractive Summary – work authorities and work plans

What we promised

- Reduce decision timeframes by 15 per cent by 30 June 2025 ([Towards 2030: Resources Victoria Strategy](#))
- Approve at least 80 million tonnes of new extractive resources available for extraction ([Towards 2030: Resources Victoria Strategy](#))

What we delivered in FY24/25

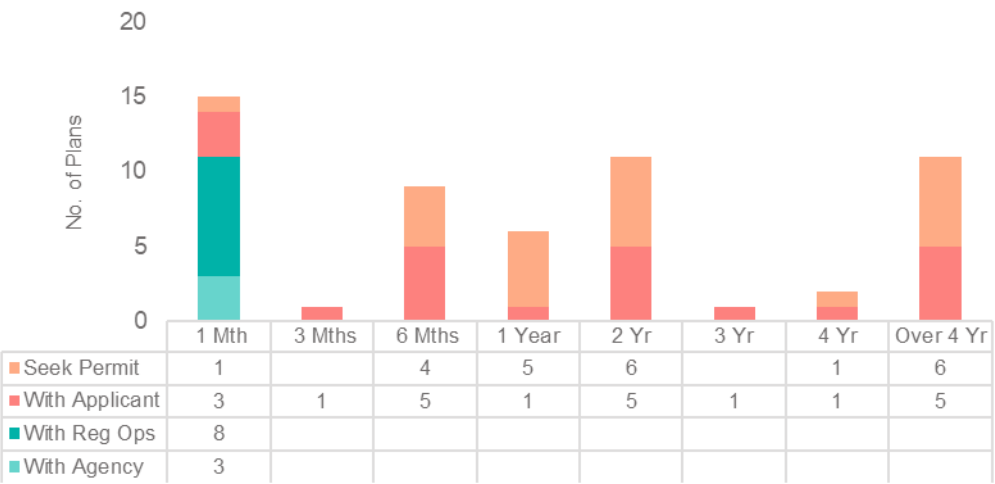
- In Q4 a further 7.2 million tonnes of resources was unlocked resulting in a total of ~93 million tonnes of resources in FY24/25.
- 98% of work plan decisions made within statutory time frame.
- Exceeded the target for 15% reduction of end-to-end decision timeframe for work plan/variation approvals
- Improved cooperative working approach with industry to reduce instances of recurring changes with positive feedback
- Introduced RVAC pre-submission review process
- Introduced Scoping Document option for new applications
- Refined referral triggers for Air Quality assessment to reduce regulatory burden (proportionate to risk)
- 20% (11 out of 56) of work plan applications are with the regulator for assessment and 89% are with the applicant or with the applicant seeking a planning permit

Work Plan / Work Plan Variations Approvals:

Exceeded the target for 15% reduction of end-to-end decision timeframes

FY	Work Plans 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
FY2024-25	17	86	53	239	371	< 2
FY2023-24	22	138	92	221	636	<3
FY2022-23	12	130	251	274	562	<3
FY2021-22	10	125	46	240	440	<2

Stage Duration of Work Plan Applications – 30 June 2025



Extractive summary – rehabilitation liabilities

What we delivered in FY2024/25

- Assessed ~ \$41.3 million from 68 bonds.
 - 14 initial bonds (~\$1.2m)
 - 27 further bonds (~\$39.5m)
 - 24 bond returns (~\$539.4k)
- Further bonds were primarily a result of work plan variations, priority sites assessed under MRSDA Section 79A, applications for transfer of ownership and work plan variations.
- 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)
- Continue to deliver on our commitments in the [Regulatory Practice Strategy for the Rehabilitation of Earth Resources Sites](#)

Bonds

Bonds Held	FY23/24	FY24/25
Amount of bonds	\$122m	\$153m
Tenements with bonds	905	896

Bond Assessment	FY23/24	FY24/25
Sites bond assessed	63	68
Total bond assessed amount (\$m)	\$11.8m	\$41.3m

Rehabilitation bond assessments

Bond Assessment	FY 2024-25 Q1		FY 2024-25 Q2		FY 2024-25 Q3		FY 2024-25 Q4		FY 2024-25	
	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount
Bond Increase	9	\$21,575,000	5	\$2,680,000	10	\$14,099,000	3	\$1,133,500	27	\$39,487,500
Initial Bond	6	\$788,500	2	\$14,000	2	\$119,000	4	\$308,000	14	\$1,229,500
Full Release	5	\$89,800	10	\$163,500	5	\$74,090	1	\$24,500	21	\$351,890
Partial Release			2	\$173,500	1	\$14,000			3	\$187,500
No Change			2		1				3	
Total Assessments	20	\$22,453,300	21	\$3,031,000	19	\$14,306,090	8	\$1,466,000	68	\$41,256,390 *

* Bonds may not have been received yet

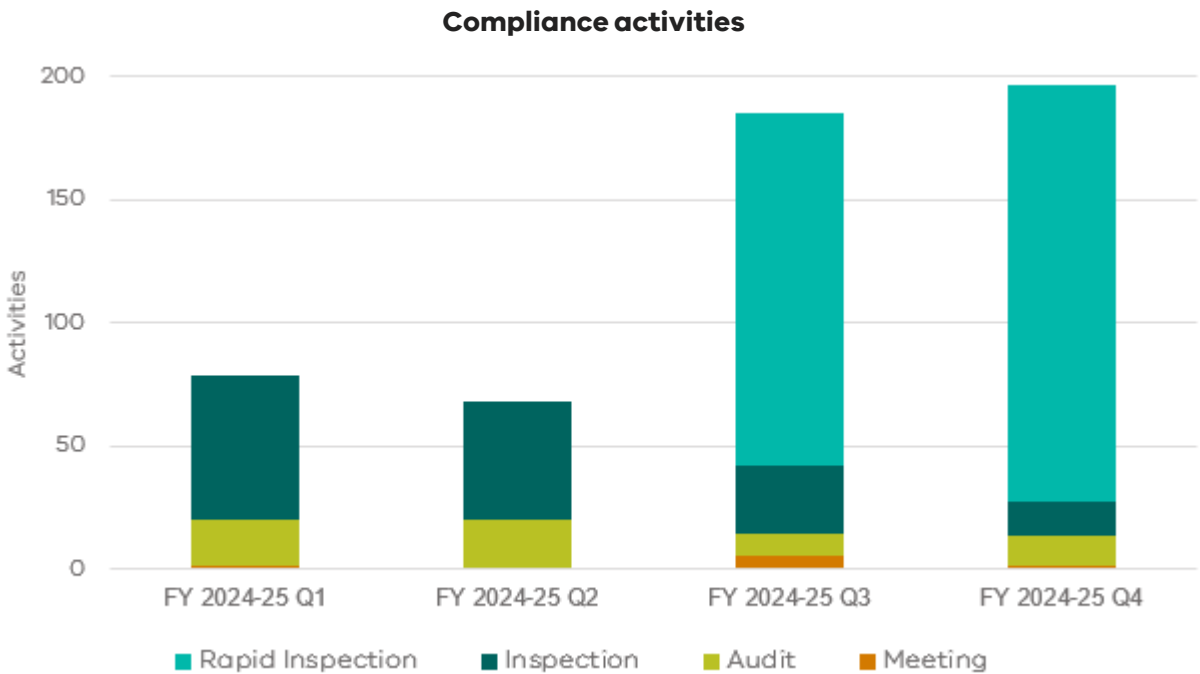
Extractive summary – compliance

What we delivered in FY2024/25

- 529 audits, inspections and meetings across 442 sites
- 51 community complaints were received for 31 sites.
- 165 Compliance actions including 103 written instruction/educations and 54 S110 notices issued.
- Continued focus on inspections rather than audits to progress compliance priority focus areas, and monitor compliance with remedial notices

529
Activities

442
Unique sites

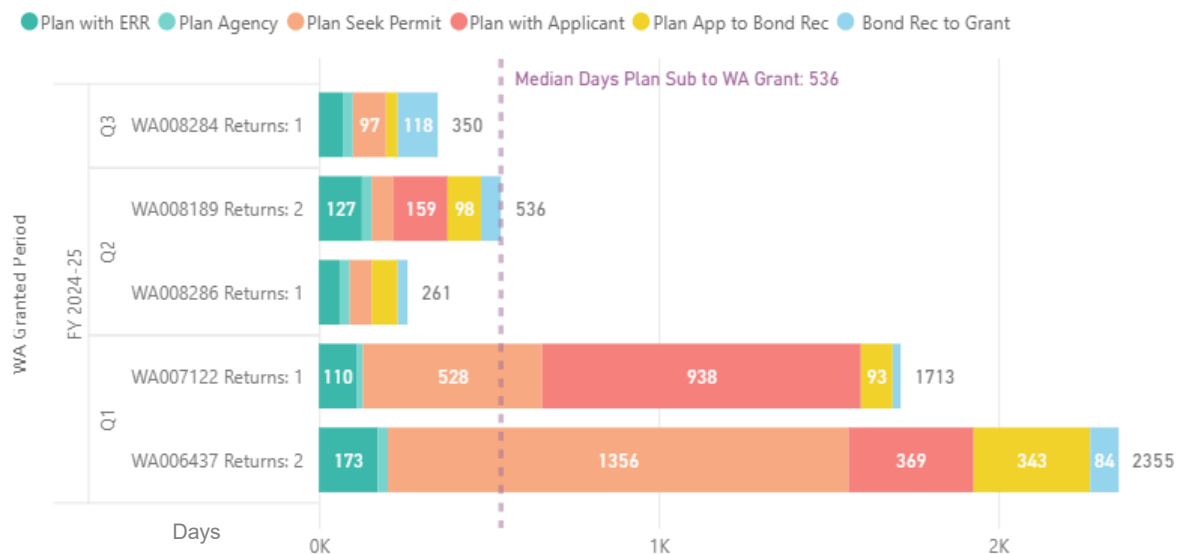


Key points to note

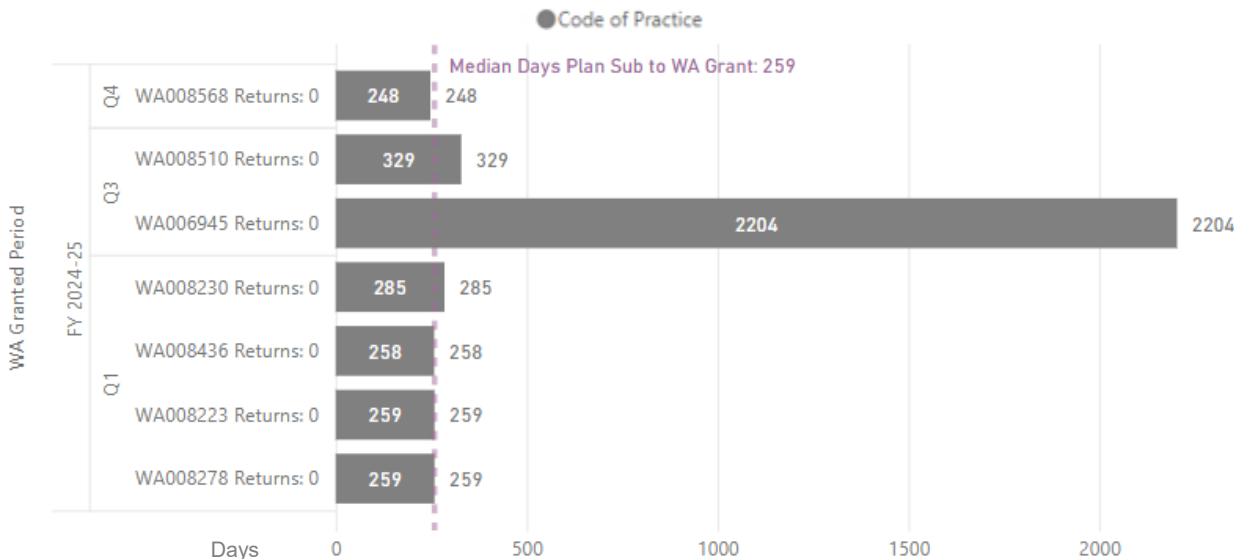
- As at the end of the FY, **inspectors had attended 30% of all mining and quarry sites** with the rapid inspection program. Around half of sites attended were required to take action following the inspection.
- The rapid inspection program will continue into the new financial year and will inform future compliance action.
- Early identified themes have been consolidated through this quarter: excess **derelict equipment**, poor management of **hydrocarbons**, failure to complete **progressive rehabilitation** and failure to have **a copy of the approved work plan on site**.
- Compliance with written instructions following rapid inspection has **generally been positive**, however a few have required additional enforcement action.

Extractive work authorities granted FY2024-25 (01 Jul 2024 to 30 June 2025)

Work Authority End to End Approval



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



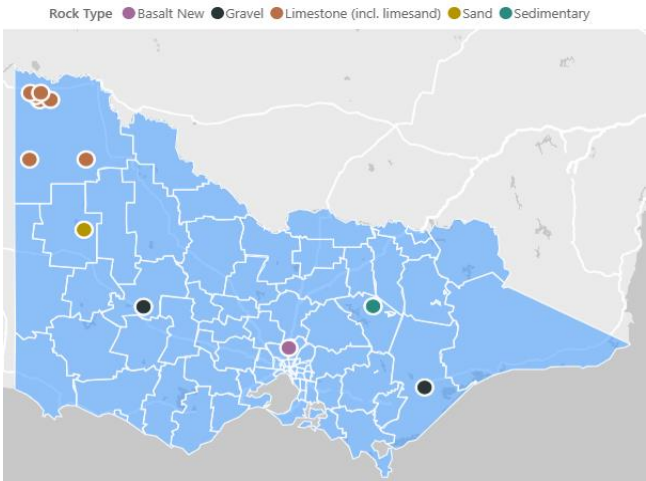
Stage	FY21/22 Median Days	FY22/23 Median Days	FY23/24 Median Days	FY24/25 Median Days
WA Granted	13	5	5	5
With Reg Ops	121	109	140	110
With Applicant	57	68	44	159
Seek Permit	153	274	665	97
Plan Appr to Bond Received	234	121	157	93
Bond Received to Grant	18	29	28	59
End to End	837	623	1187	536
COP WA Granted	3	5	4	7
COP Submitted to WA Grant	727	479	703	259

- In FY24/25 five quarries (under a work plan) were granted unlocking 5.3 million tonnes of resources.
- The median end to end time was 536 days, the lowest in four-years due to reduction in the time to seek a planning permit and paying the bond.
- One quarry was granted under a code of practice in Q4. The median end to end time was 259 days, also the lowest in the four-year period.

12
Work Authorities
Granted

5.3 Million Tonnes
Resources
Estimate

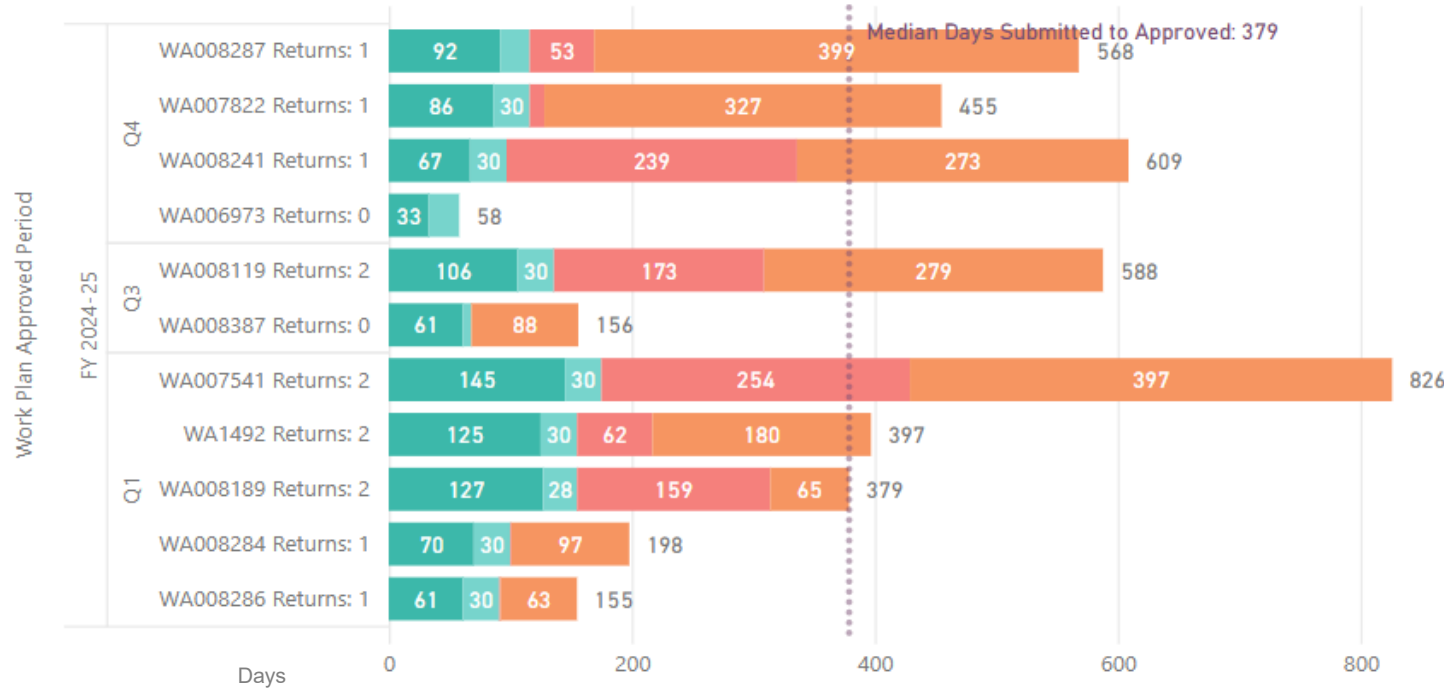
Geographic location



Pipeline – Initial work plan approved for new quarries

Work Plan Submitted to Approval

Stage ● Plan with ERR ● Plan with Agency ● Plan with Applicant ● Plan Seek Permit



Initial Work Plans - End to End Approvals

Stage	FY21/22 Median Days	FY22/23 Median Days	FY23/24 Median Days	FY24/25 Median Days
Work Plans Approved	5	4	6	11
With Reg Ops	124	130	125	86
With Internal Agency	30	30	30	30
With Applicant	19	140	67	53
Seek Permit	248	291	592	227
End to End	432	502	1212	379

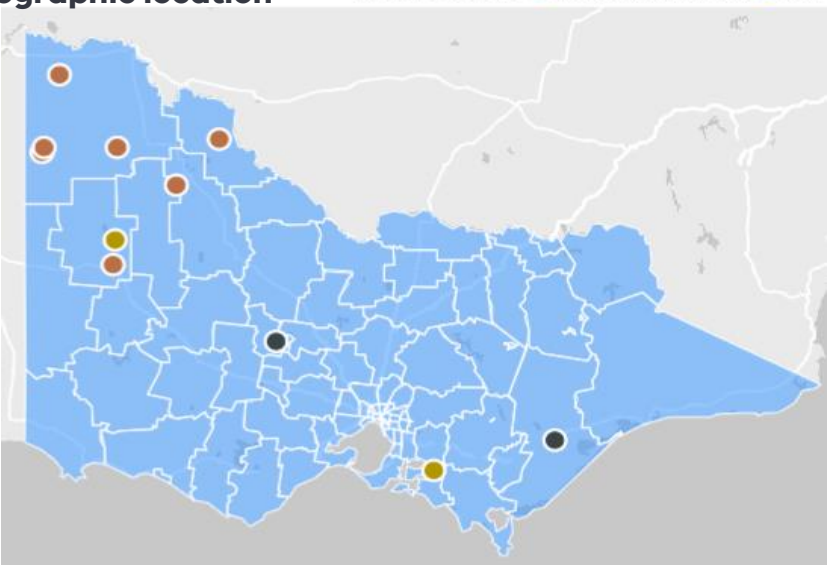
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Work plan approved
for new quarries

2
Work plan expansion
COP to full quarry

21.4
Million Tonnes
Resources
Estimate

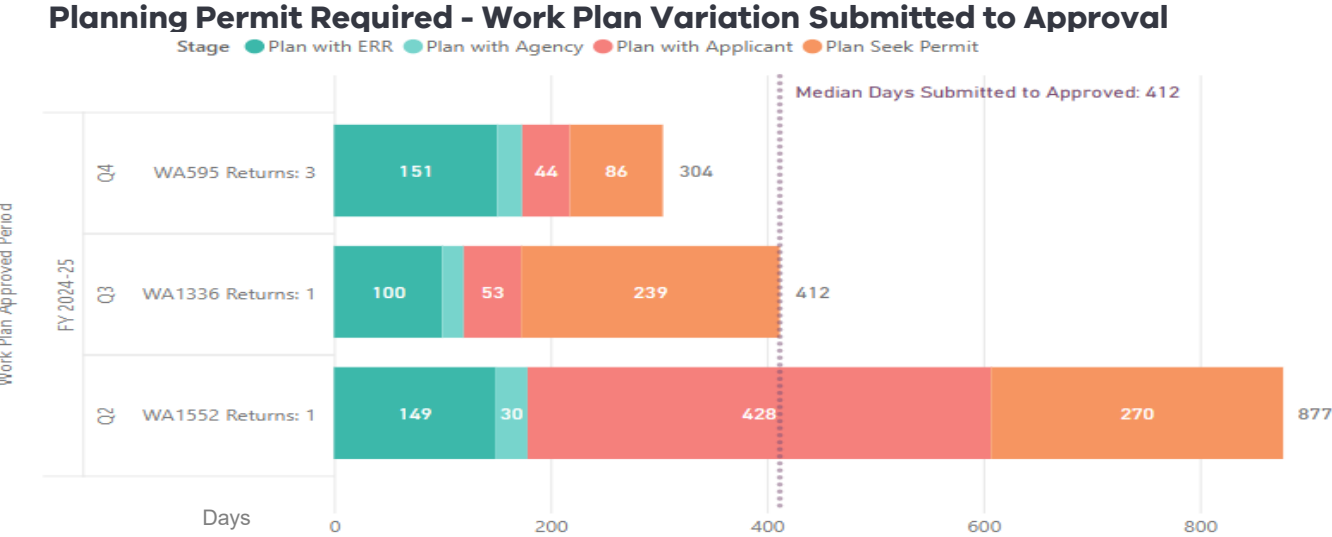
Geographic location

Rock Type ● Gravel ● Limestone (incl. limesand) ● Sand

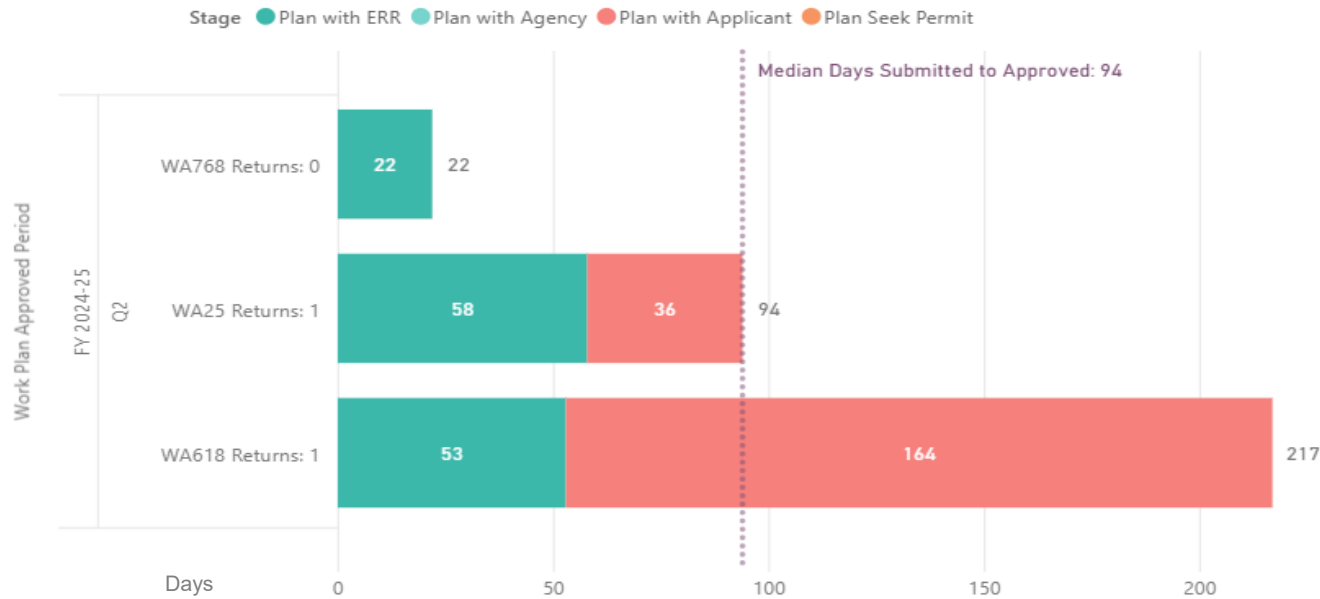


- In Q4 there were three work plans approved for new quarries, and one work plan was approved to expand from a code of practice operation to a quarry operating under a work plan .
- In FY24/25 nine work plans were approved for new quarries of which three had the work authorities granted, three are in the application process and three are yet to submit the application for a work authority.
- Two work plans were approved to expand from a code of practice operation to a quarry operating under a work plan in the financial year.

Work plan variations FY2024-25 (01 Jul 2024 to 30 June 2025)



Planning Permit Not Required - Work Plan Variation Submitted to Approval



Planning Permit Required - Work Plan Variation – End to End Approvals

Stage	FY21/22 Median Days	FY22/23 Median Days	FY23/24 Median Days	FY24/25 Median Days
Variation Approved	2	6	11	3
With Reg Ops	131	138	140	149
With Internal Agency	30	30	30	23
With Applicant	269	361	95	53
Seek Permit	254	259	182	239
End to End	722	834	602	412

Planning Permit Not Req - Work Plan Variation – End to End Approvals

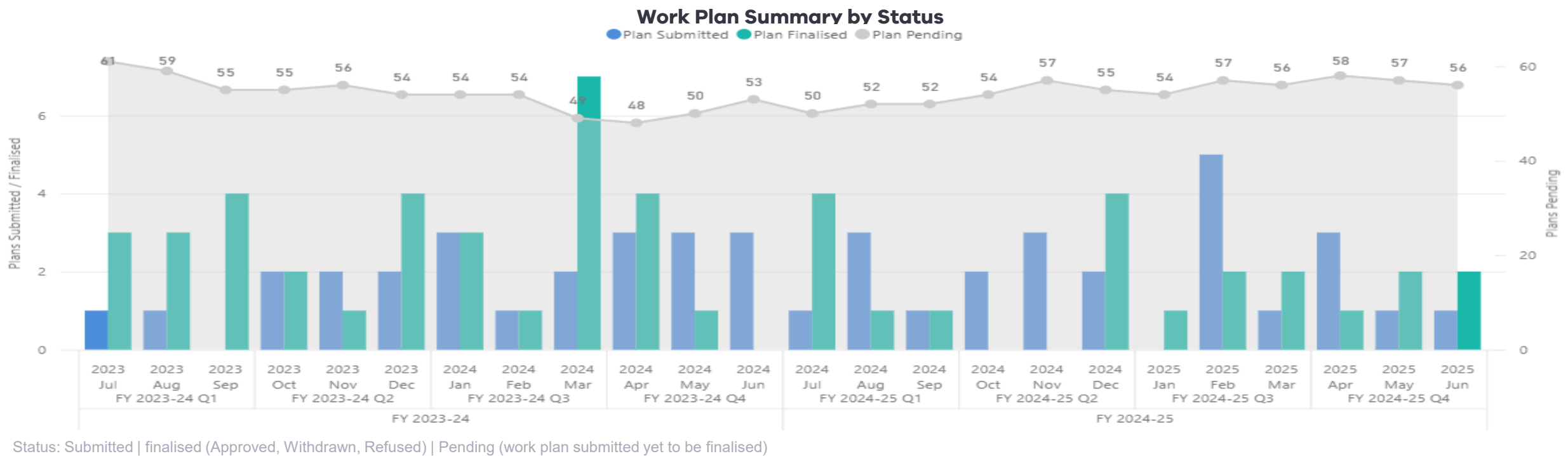
Stage	FY21/22 Median Days	FY22/23 Median Days	FY23/24 Median Days	FY24/25 Median Days
Variation Approved	3	2	5	3
With Reg Ops	133	96	129	53
With Internal Agency	-	15	-	-
With Applicant	53	432	200	36
End to End	182	924	375	94

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Work plan
variations approved

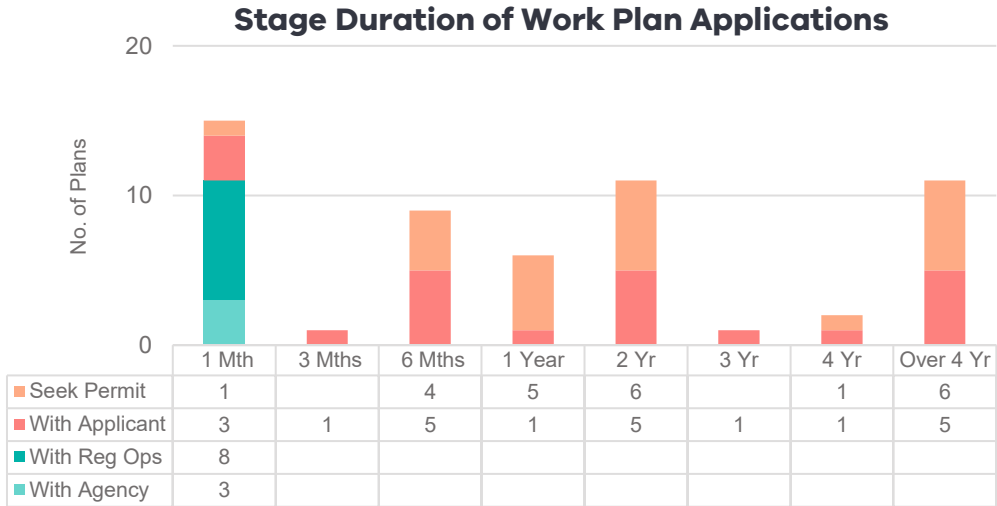
70.2 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

- In Q4 one work plan variation was approved.
- In FY24/25 70.2 million tones of resources was unlocked from six approved work plan variations.

Extractive Work Plan Applications In the pipeline (30 June 2025)

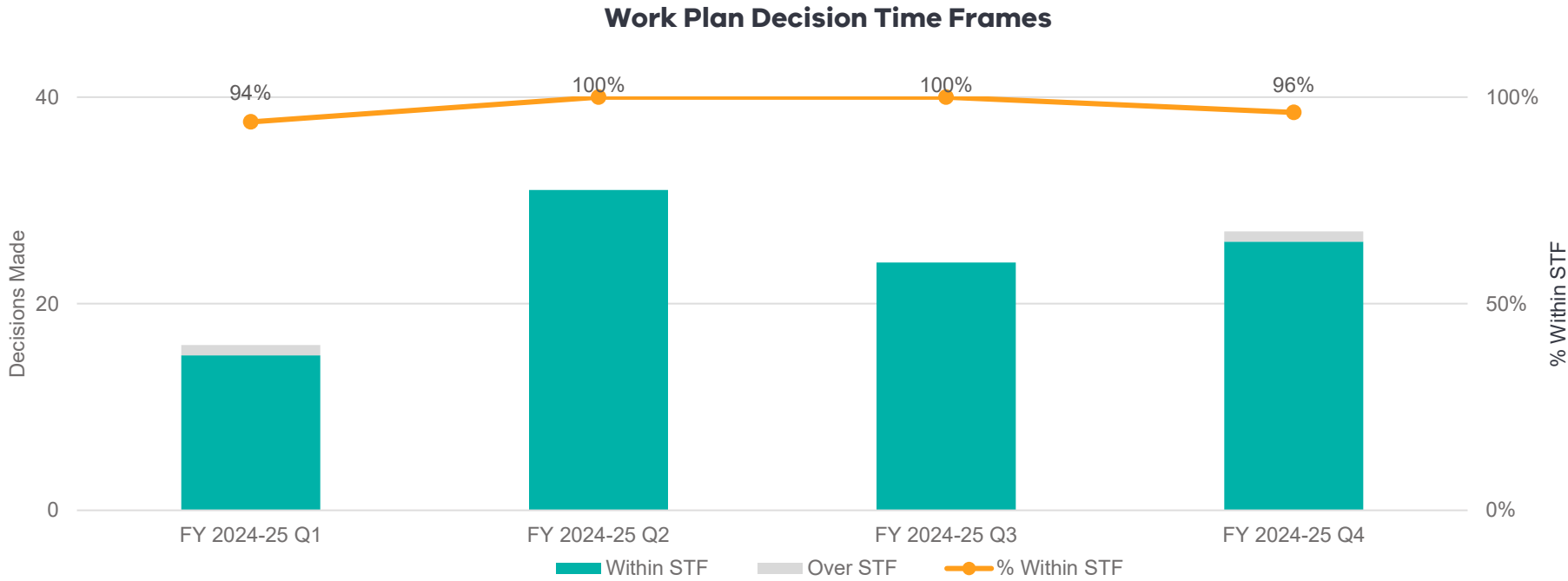


Work Plan Application Stage	
Stage	No. Plans
Seeking Planning Permit	23
With Applicant	22
With Reg Ops for Assessment	8
With Internal Agency	3
Work Plan Applications	56



- At 30 Jun 2025 there were 56 work plans in the pipeline
- 80%(45) of the work plan applications are with applicant or with applicant seeking a planning permit.
- 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 2024-25 Q1	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2024-25
Within STF	15	31	24	26	96
Over STF	1	0	0	1	2
Total	16	31	24	27	98
% Within STF	94%	100%	100%	96.3%	98%

FY24/25 Decision Outcomes			
Outcomes	Within STF	Over STF	Total
Return to Applicant	33	2	35
Agency Referral	23	0	23
Endorsed Work Plan	19	0	19
Approved by Delegate	17	0	17
Agency Referral Outcome	4	0	4
Total Outcomes	96	2	98

- In Q4 FY24/25, 96.3% of decisions were made within statutory time frame (26 out of 27)
- In FY24/25 , 98% of decisions were made within statutory time frame (96 out of 98) from 48 unique work plans. Out of 98 decisions, 35 were returned to applicant.

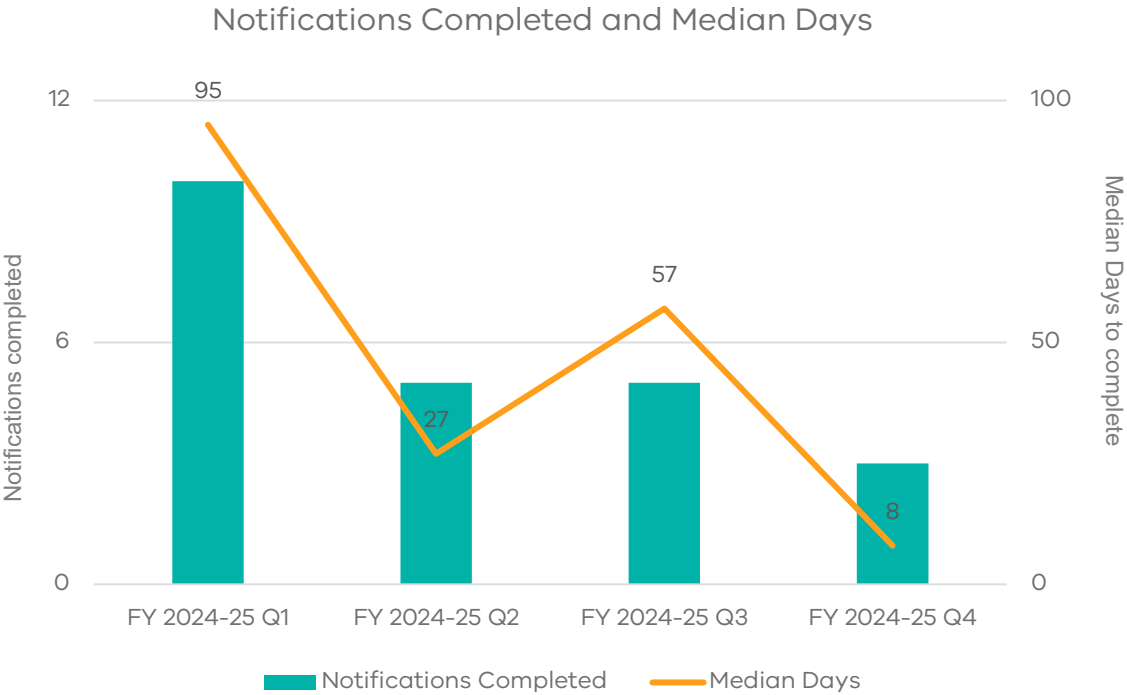
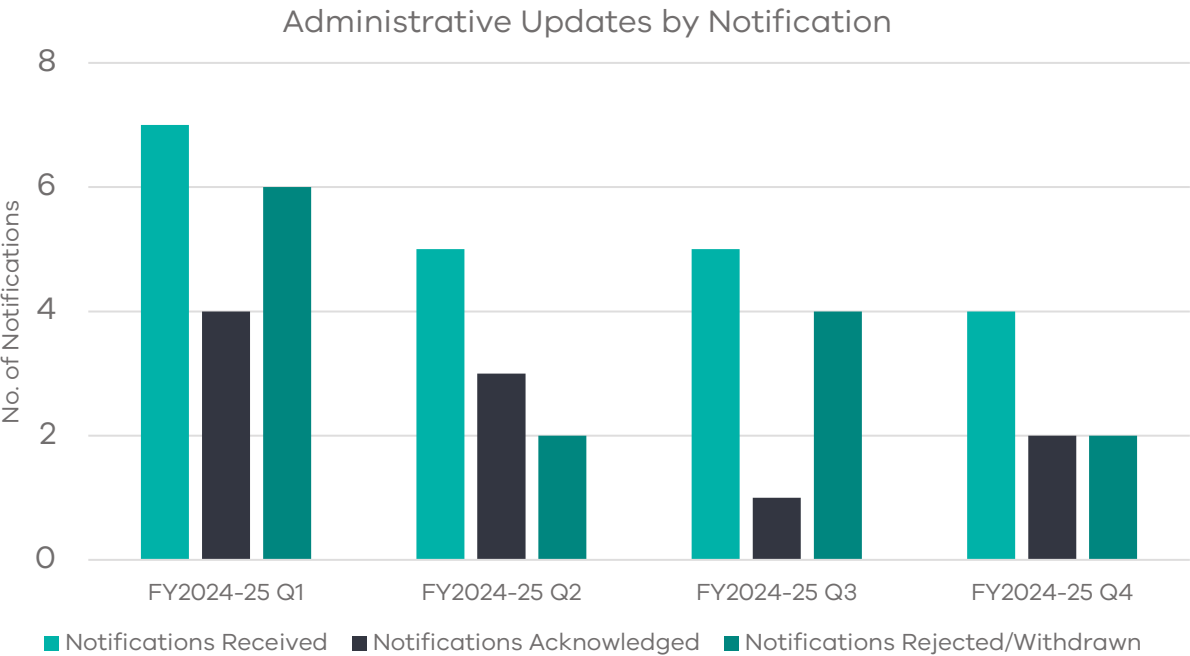
Work Plan Administrative Updates by Notification

Extractive Industries	FY 2024-25 Q1	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2024-25
Notifications Received	7	5	5	4	21
Notifications Acknowledged	4	3	1	2	10
Notifications Rejected / Withdrawn	6	2	4	1	13

10 Administrative Updates Acknowledged

1.37 Million Tonnes Resources Estimate

- In Q4 there were two administrative updates acknowledged.
- In FT24/25 10 administrative updates acknowledged in total unlocking 1.37 million tonnes of resources.



Work Authority Bonds

\$153 million

Value of bonds
(at 30 June 2025)

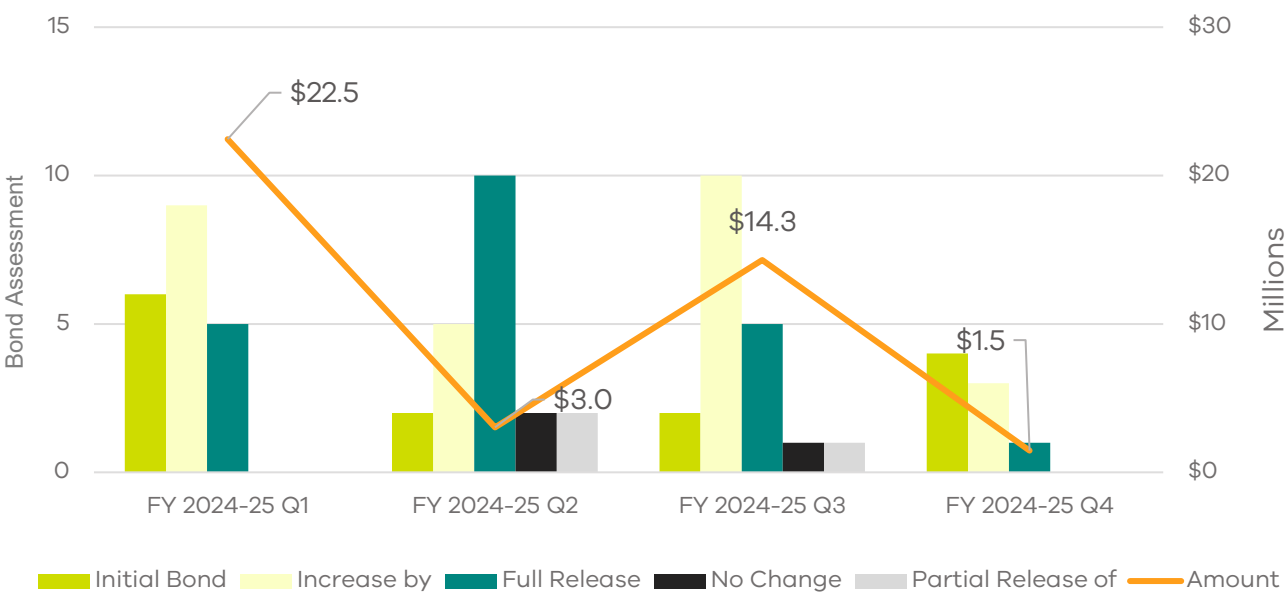
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Tenements with
bonds

- In FY 2024-25, 68 bond assessments were conducted totalling a value of ~\$41.2M.
- 27 had a bond increase, most of the increases were priority sites assessed under s79A.
- 24 bond releases across the state following successful completion of rehabilitation commitments.
- 14 initial bonds for new sites set.

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

Bond Assessments



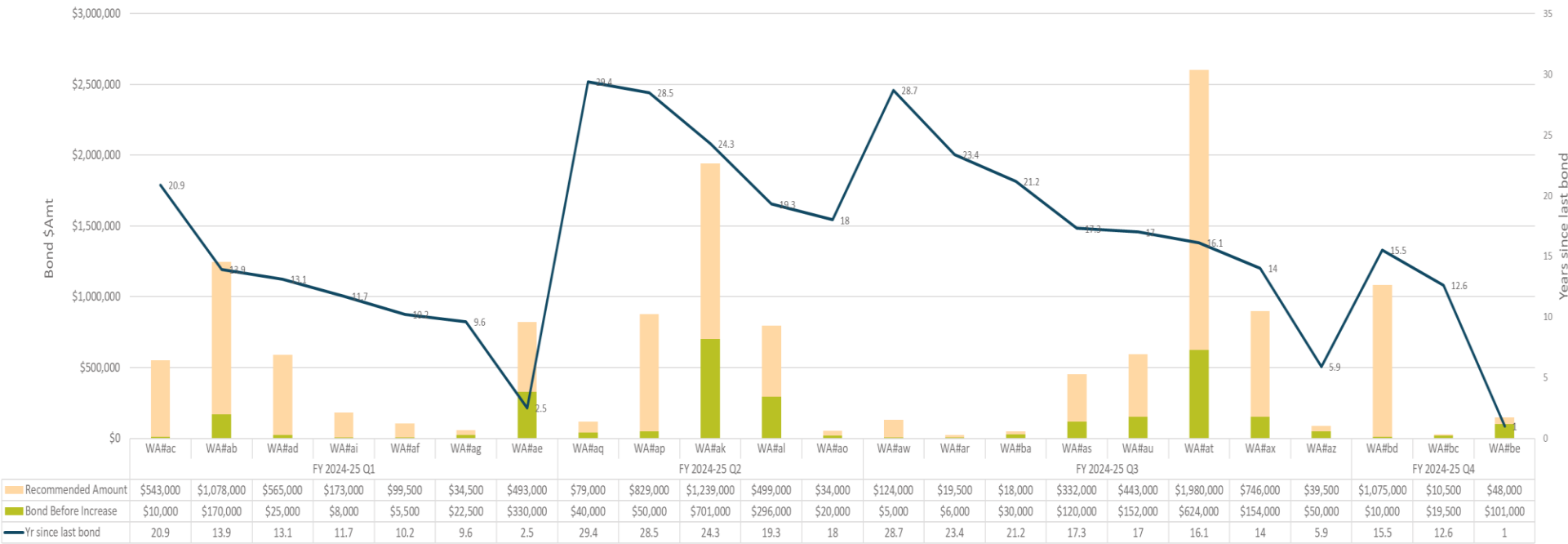
Bond Assessments

Bond Assessment	FY 2024-25 Q1		FY 2024-25 Q2		FY 2024-25 Q3		FY 2024-25 Q4		FY 2024-25	
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Work Authority Bond Increase

Bond Increase fig 1



Bond Increase fig 2



Fig1 have been separated from fig2 due to the difference in bond amount scales * Work Authorities have been deidentified.

\$493,000
Median Increased amount

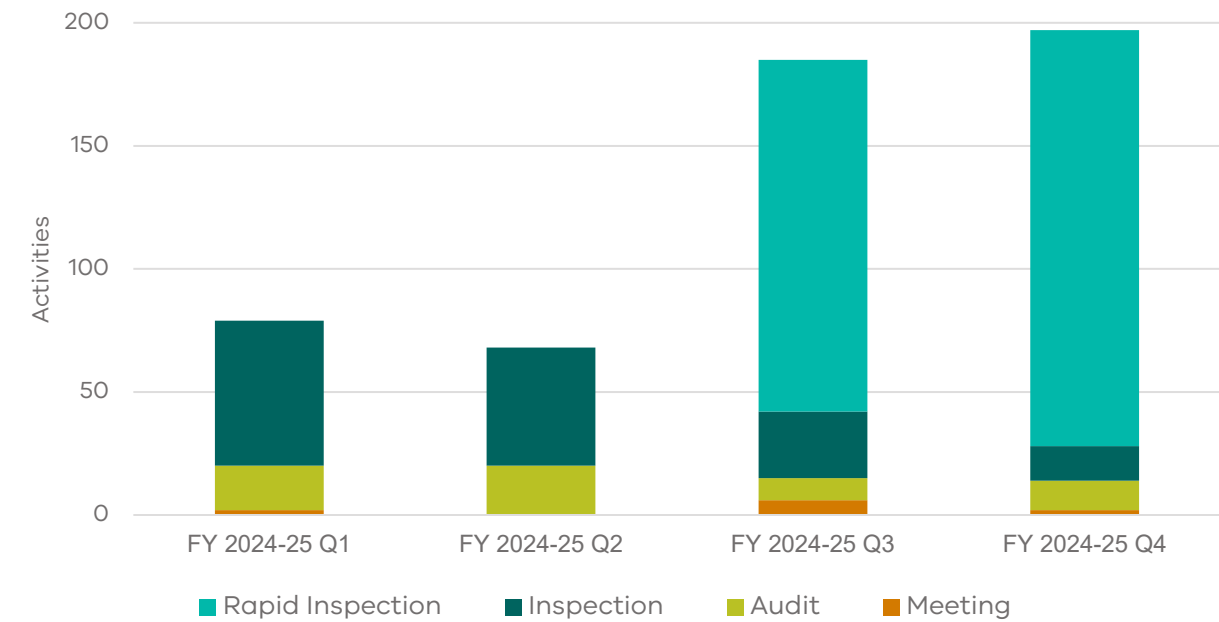
17 years
Median years since previous bond increase

Bond Increase	FY 2024-25 Q1		FY 2024-25 Q2		FY 2024-25 Q3		FY 2024-25 Q4		FY 2024-25	
Reasons	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount
MRSDA Section 79A	1	\$2,768,500	4	\$2,646,000	7	\$13,729,500	1	\$1,075,000	13	\$20,219,000
Transfer	2	\$15,855,000	1	\$34,000	2	\$37,500	1	\$10,500	6	\$15,937,000
Work Plan Variation	5	\$2,458,500					1	48000	6	\$2,506,500
Scheduled / Annual Review	1	\$493,000			1	\$332,000			2	\$825,000
Total Increases	9	\$21,575,000	5	\$2,680,000	10	\$14,099,000	3	\$113,350	27	\$39,487,500

- In FY24/25 there were 27 bond increases assessed totalling \$39M.
- The median years since previous bond increase reflects the work to address the historic backlog.

Compliance Activities FY2024-25

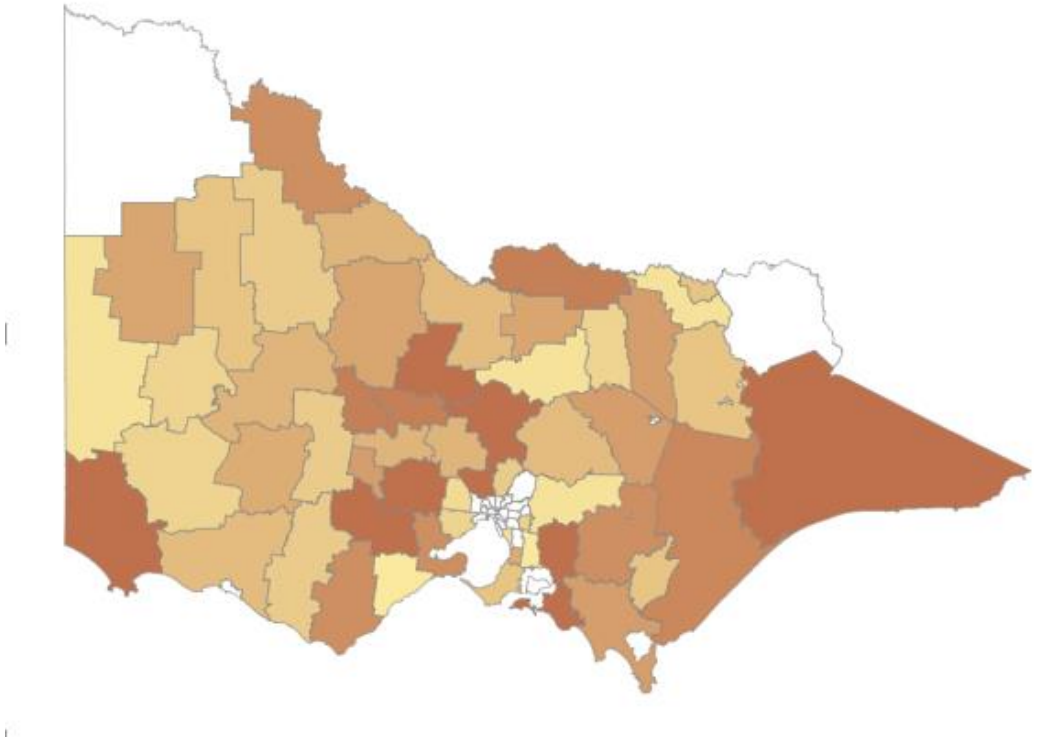
Compliance Activities					
Compliance Activity	FY 2024-25 Q1	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2024-25
Rapid Inspection			143	169	312
Inspection	59	48	27	14	148
Audit	18	20	9	12	59
Meeting	2		6	2	10
Total	79	68	185	197	529



529
Activities

442
Unique sites

LGA Heatmap - Compliance Activities



- In FY24-25, 529 compliance activities were conducted on 442 sites.
- Out of 529 activities, 312 rapid inspections were conducted in FY 2024-25

Compliance Actions FY 2024-25

Education

Compliance Actions	FY 2024-25 Q1	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2024-25
Written Instruction/Education	12	15	34	42	103
Official Warning Letter	1			1	2
Actions	13	15	34	43	105

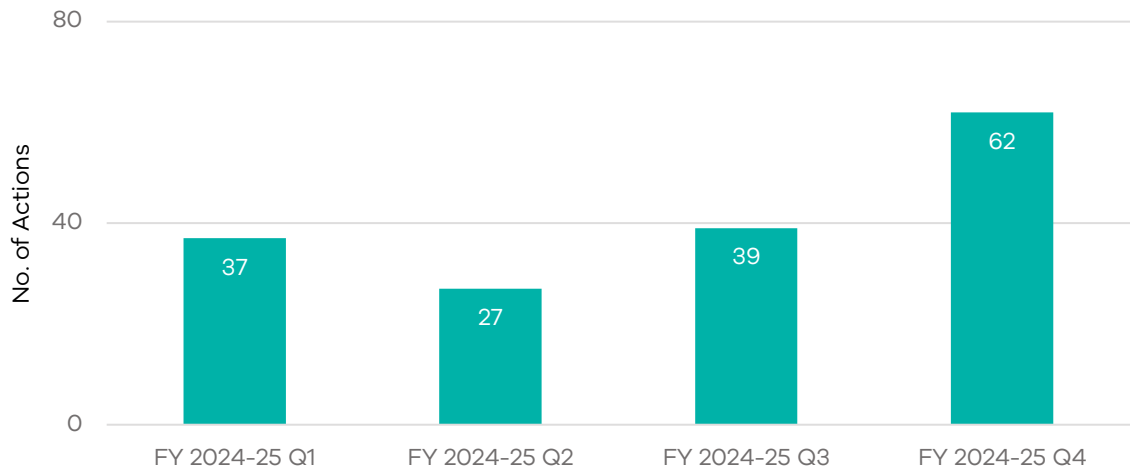
S110 / S110A Notices

Reasons for notice	FY 2024-25 Q1	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2024-25
Work Without Licence or Consents	4	4		2	10
Waste and Redundant Plan	2	2	1	3	8
Rehabilitation of Site	2			4	6
Authorised Activity Compliance	4	2			6
Tailings and Slime Management	1	1	1	3	6
Tenement Boundaries	4				4
Hazardous Materials Management			2	1	3
Buffer Zones				3	3
Slope Stability		1	1		2
Noxious Weeds, Plants and Pests				2	2
Water Dams		2			2
Ground Disturbance	1				1
Noise Emissions	1				1
Total notices issued	19	12	5	18	54

Enforcement

Compliance Actions	FY 2024-25 Q1	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2024-25
Infringement Notice	4				4
Direction	1			1	2
Actions	5	0	0	1	6

Quarterly Summary – Compliance Actions



More information on regulatory actions can be found here [Regulatory actions - Resources Victoria](#)

Compliance Incidents FY 2024-25

Incidents	FY 2024-25 Q1	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2024-25
Slope Stability	1	1		1	3
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration	2	1			3
Other (Not Specified Above)	1	2			3
Fire Precautions & Risk Control		1	1		2
Groundwater Impacts			1		1
Rehabilitation of Site	1				1
Complaints Management			1		1
Environmental Incident Notification			1		1
Public Safety & Site Security		1			1
Buffer Zones	1				1
Total Incidents	6	6	4	1	17
Unique sites	4	5	4	1	12

- In FY 24/25 there were 17 incidents from 12 unique sites

Community Complaints FY 2024-25

Complaints	FY 2024-25 Q1	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2024-25
Dust Emissions	2	4	5	1	12
Noise Emissions	3		2	3	8
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration		1	3	3	7
Work without License or Consents	1	2	1	1	5
Other (Not Specified Above)	1	1	1	1	4
Working Hours		2		1	3
Native Vegetation & Fauna		1	1		2
Impacts Outside Tenement Site	2				2
Waste & Redundant Plant	1				1
Waterway Quality & Aquatic Habitat			1		1
Rehabilitation of Site				1	1
Water Dams	1				1
Buffer Zones		1			1
Public Safety & Site Security	1				1
Drainage, Erosion & Discharge	1				1
Groundwater Impacts				1	1
Total Complaints Received	13	12	14	12	51
Unique Tenements	10	7	13	11	31
Unique Informants	10	11	12	12	43

Compliance Community Reference Group Attendance FY 2024-25

Tenement	Tenement Holder	LGA	FY 2024-25 Q1	FY 2024-25 Q2	FY 2024-25 Q3	FY 2024-25 Q4	FY 2024-25
WA385	Heidelberg Materials Australia Pty Ltd	Knox	2			1	3
WA82	Boral Resources (Vic) Pty Ltd	Moorabool	1	1		1	3
WA104	Bourke Pty Ltd	Corangamite	1		1		2
WA158	Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd	Colac Otway	1		1		2
WA102	Boral Resources (Vic) Pty Ltd	Whittlesea		1			1
WA188	Davegale Pty Ltd	Greater Geelong		1			1
WA41	Barro Group Pty Ltd	Greater Geelong		1			1
WA532	Sand Supplies Pty Ltd	Bass Coast	1				1
Attendance			6	4	2	2	14

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