

Earth Resources Regulator Extractive Performance Report

2024-25 Q1





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.

Extractive Summary FY2024-25 Q1 (1 July 2024 to 30 Sep 2024)



Work Authorities / Work Plans

6

new work authorities

5

Initial workplan approved for new quarries

55

pending work plan applications

94%

of decisions made within statutory timeframes



Estimated Resource

~20

million tonnes approved (greenfield/variations/admin updates)



Bonds

\$126.8

million bonds held

20

bond assessments completed



Compliance

81

compliance activities

37

enforcements

7

incidents

11

complaints received

Extractive Summary – decision timeframes

What we promised

- Reduce decision timeframes by 15 per cent (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 FY2024/25 Q1

- Granted two new quarries, unlocking 3.6million tonnes of resources
- Four codes of practice quarries were granted
- Five work plans were approved for new quarries unlocking 16 million tonnes of resources.
- Four Administrative Update approval equates to 0.3 million tonnes of additional resources.
- 94% of work pan decisions made within statutory time frame.

What the numbers show

- On target to meet the annual 80 million tonnes of new extractive resources.
- 13% (7 out of 55) of work plan applications are with the regulator for assessment.

Work Authority end-to-end approval

Stage	FY Q1 24/25 Median Days	FY Q1 23/24 Median Days	FY Q1 22/23 Median Days	FY Q1 21/22 Median Days
WA Granted	2	0	1	5
With ERR	142	0	46	106
With Applicant	654	0	0	57
Seek Permit	942	0	896	132
Plan Appr to Bond Received	218	0	1301	462
Bond Received to Grant	54	0	46	34
End to End	2030	0	2478	1027
COP WA Granted	4	0	3	1
COP Submitted to WA Grant	259	0	476	837

Stage Duration of Work Plan Applications



Extractives 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](#))
- Continue to deliver on our commitments in the [Regulatory Practice Strategy for the Rehabilitation of Earth Resources Sites](#)

What we delivered in FY2024/25 Q1

- Assessed over \$21 million in rehabilitation bonds
- 20 bond assessments including 6 initial bonds, 9 further bonds, and 5 bond returns

What the numbers tell us

- Further bonds were primarily a result of work plan variations and transfer of ownership
- One bond increase was finalised totalling \$15.8M following extensive consultation and rehabilitation commitments
- Progressive rehabilitation and more frequent self-assessment can reduce bond amounts held and ensure rehabilitation liability accurately reflects bonds held (see resources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use/rehabilitation for more information)

Bond Assessments Increases

\$166,750

Median Increased amount over four quarters

16 years

Median years since previous bond increase over four quarters

Bond Increase	FY 2023-24 Q2		FY 2023-24 Q3		FY 2023-24 Q4		FY 2024-25 Q1		Rolling Total	
	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount	No. bond Assessed	Amount
Transfer	1	\$57,000	2	\$707,000	3	\$198,500	2	\$15,855,000	8	\$16,817,500
Work Authority Area Extension			3	\$671,500	1	\$1,506,000			4	\$2,177,500
Work Plan Variation	4	\$819,200	1	\$31,500	6	\$2,836,250	5	\$2,458,500	16	\$6,145,450
s79A							1	\$2,768,500	1	\$2,768,500
Scheduled / Annual Review							1	\$493,000	1	\$493,000
Total Increases	5	\$876,200	6	\$1,410,000	10	\$4,540,750	9	\$21,575,000	30	\$28,401,950

Bonds

903

number of bonds held (inc ceased quarries)

\$126.8

million

Bond Assessment	FY24/25 Q1	FY23/24 Q1
Sites bond assessed	20	16
Total bond assessed amount (\$m)	\$22.4	\$2.4

Extractives summary – compliance

What we promised

- Compliance actions that protect the environment, members of the public, land, property and infrastructure ([Towards 2030: Resources Victoria Strategy](#))

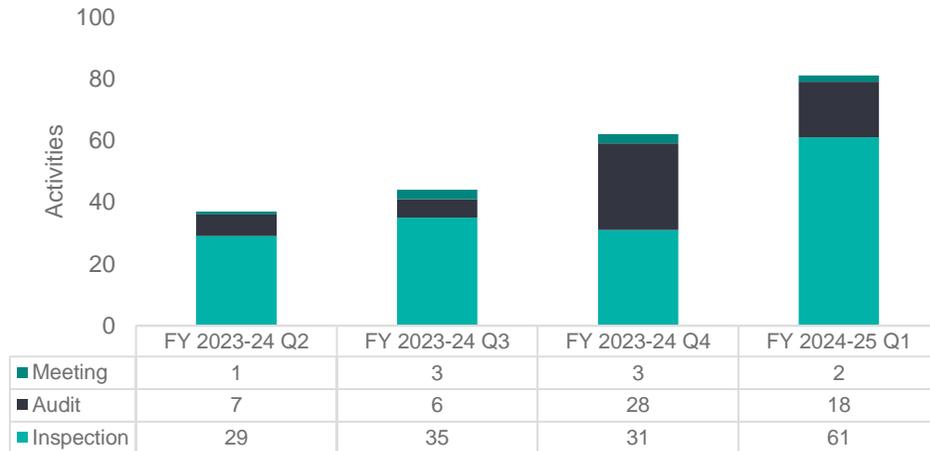
What we delivered in FY2024/25 Q1

- Increased number of inspections.
- Greater focus on inspections rather than audits to progress compliance priority focus areas more quickly
- Continued communications on actions including [regulatory actions webpage](#)

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Compliance
Activities

66
Unique Work
Authorities

Compliance activities

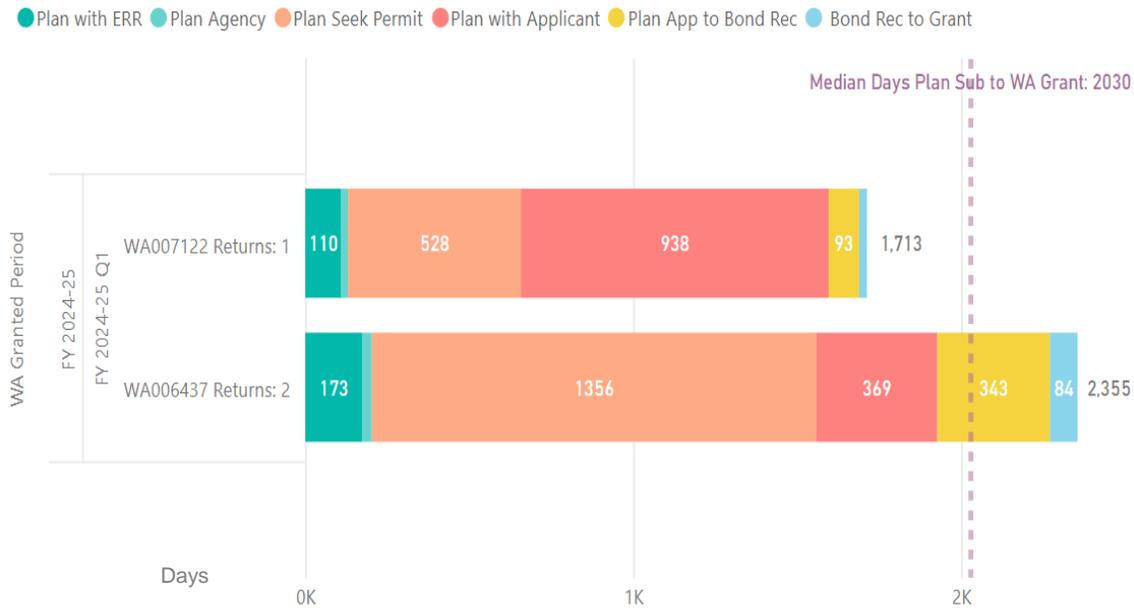


What the numbers tell us

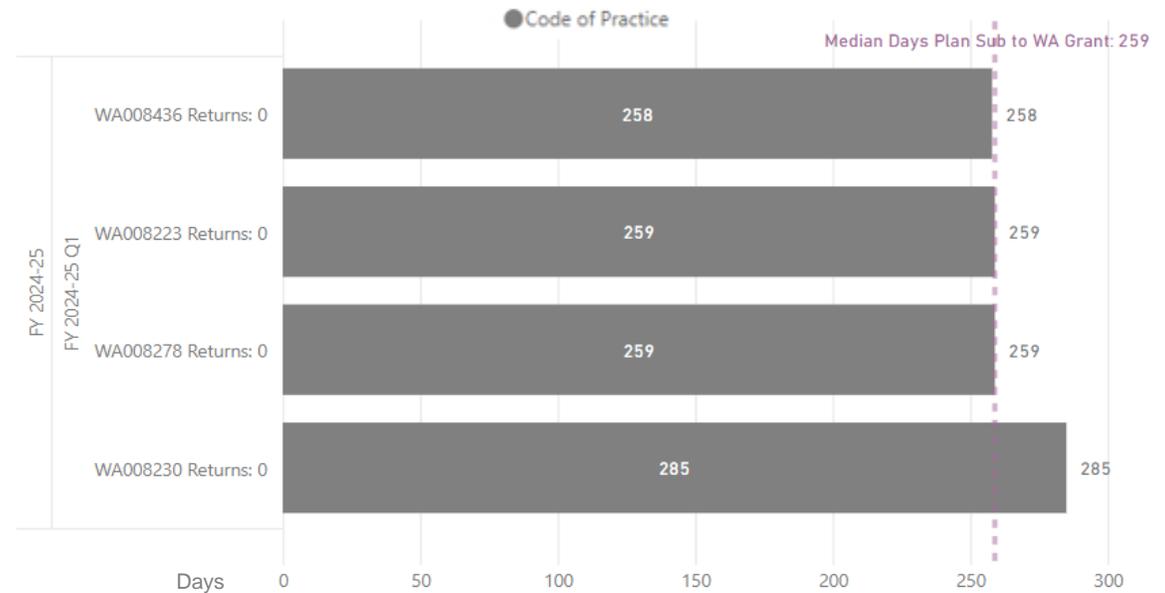
- Marked improvement in annual returns/reports compliance.
 - In Q1, 4 infringement notices and 10 written instructions were issued.
- Some ongoing site compliance issues.
 - Increased focus on follow up and targeted inspections at sites with priority aspects as per the [2024-25 compliance priorities](#) (over-extraction, tailing/slimes, rehabilitation, community reports)
- Proactive community engagement needed by all sites
 - 11 community complaints received in Q1 FY24/25 were related to 9 unique tenements.
 - Increased site community engagement to identify issues of concern early to provide information and take corrective action

Extractive Work Authorities Granted in FY2024-25 (01 Jul 2024 to 30 Sep 2024)

Work Authority End to End Approval



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



6

Work Authorities Granted

3.6 Million Tonnes Resources Estimate

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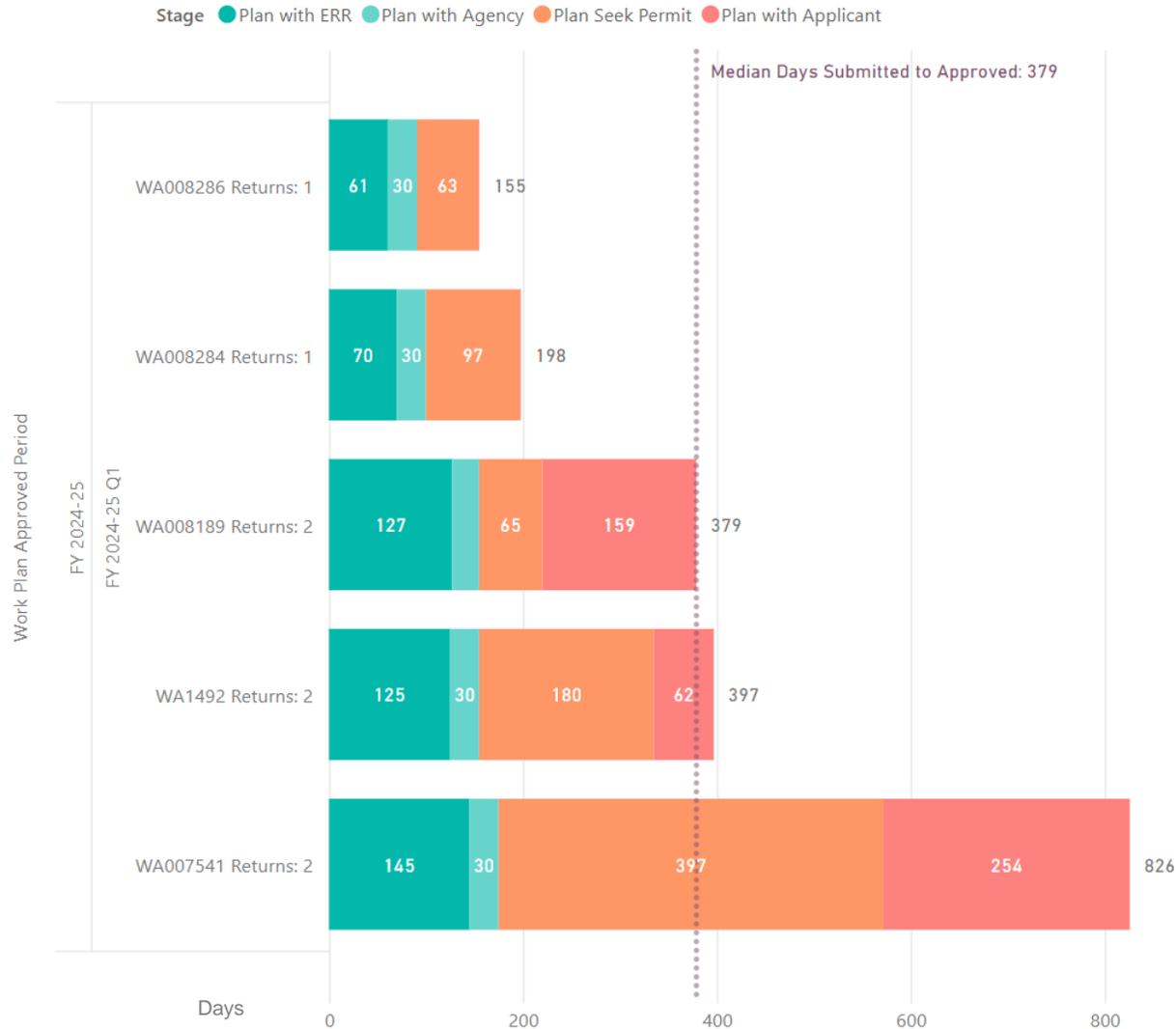
Geographic location

Tenement	Area Ha	Km from GPO	RV Region	Primary LGA
WA006437	30.6	29.3	North	Whittlesea
WA007122	65	504.9	North	Mildura
WA008223	5	489	North	Mildura
WA008230	5	497.8	North	Mildura
WA008278	5	513.8	North	Mildura
WA008436	5	205.2	West	Northern Grampians

- In Q1 two new quarries (under a work plan) were granted unlocking 3.6 tonnes of resources. The median end to end time was 2030 days. The time to seek a planning permit, time with the applicant were factors in the high end to end time.
- Four quarries were granted under a code of practice in the period.

Pipeline – Initial work plan approved for new quarries

Work Plan Submitted to Approval



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Work plan approved for new quarries

16.0 Million Tonnes
Resources Estimate

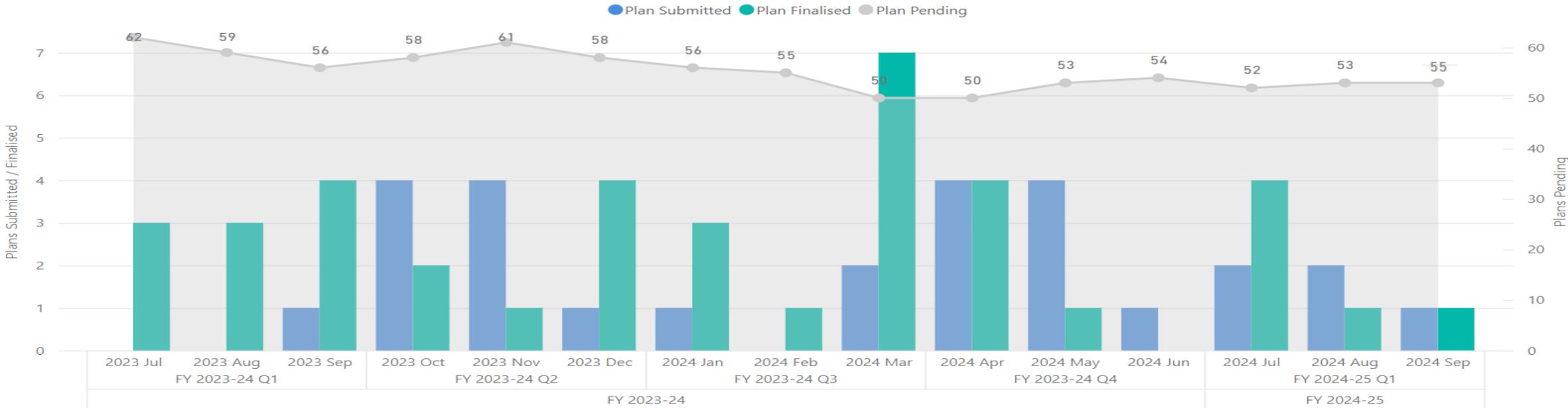
Geographic location

Tenement	Area Ha	Km from GPO	RV Region	Primary LGA
WA008286	97.3	446	North	Mildura
WA008284	294	393	North	Mildura
WA008189	8.8	177	East	Wellington
WA1492*	4.9	323	North	Yarriambiack
WA007541	114.6	79	East	Cardinia

- In Q1 four work plans were approved for new quarries, the application for the work authority had not yet been finalised.
- One work plan was approved to change from a code of practice operation to a full quarry operation.

Extractive Work Plan Applications In the System (30 Sep 2024)

Work Plan Summary by Status

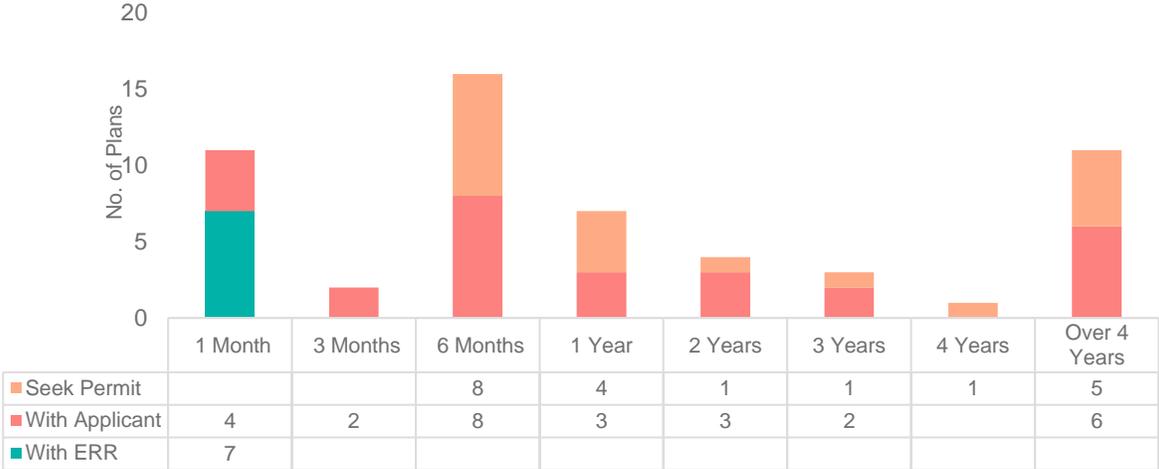


Status: Submitted | finalised (Approved, Withdrawn, Refused) | Pending (work plan submitted yet to be finalised)

Work Plan Application Stage

Stage	No. Plans
With Applicant	28
Seeking Planning Permit	20
With ERR for Assessment	7
Work Plan Applications	55

Stage Duration of Work Plan Applications

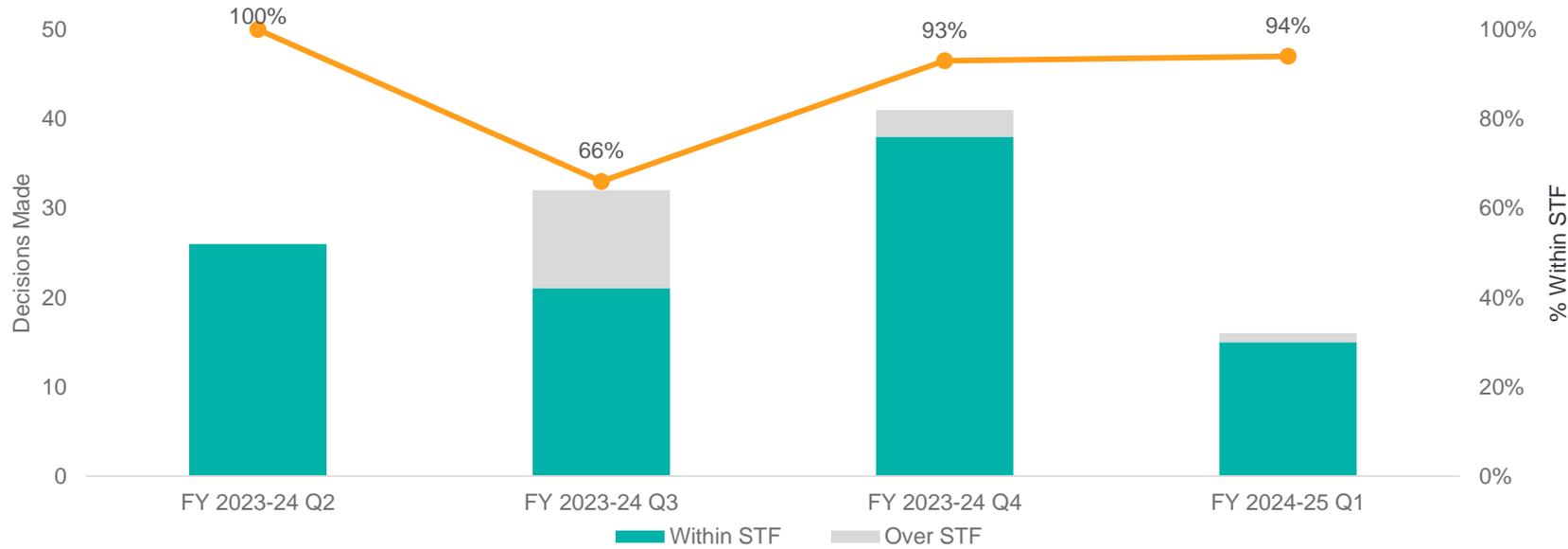


- At the end of FY 24-25 Q1 there were 55 work plans pending of which 11 work plans have been with the applicant or in the process to seek a planning permit for over four years.

RV periodically contact 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 if the department can provide any assistance to progress.

Work Plan Decisions Made Within Statutory Time Frame (STF)

Annual Summary - Work Plan Decision Time Frames



Annual Summary - Work Plan Decision Time Frames

Decisions Time frame	FY 2023-24 Q2	FY 2023-24 Q3	FY 2023-24 Q4	FY 2024-25 Q1
Within STF	26	21	38	15
Over STF	0	11	3	1
Total	26	32	41	16
% Within STF	100%	66%	93%	94%

FY24/25 Q1 Decision Outcomes

Outcomes	Within STF	Over STF	Q1 Total
Return to Applicant	7	1	8
Agency Referral Outcome	1	0	1
Work Plan Approved	5	0	5
Agency Referral	2	0	2
Total Outcomes	15	1	16

- In Q1, 94% of decisions were made within statutory time frame (15 out of 16) from 15 unique work plans.
- Five decisions were for the approval of the work plans

Work Plan Administrative Updates by Notification

Annual Summary - Work Plan Updates by Stage

Extractive Industries	FY 2023-24 Q2	FY 2023-24 Q3	FY 2023-24 Q4	FY 2024-25 Q1	Rolling Total
Notifications Received	6	4	7	9	26
Notifications Acknowledged	2	3	6	4	15
Notifications Rejected / Withdrawn	3	4	1	5	13

4 Administrative Updates Acknowledged

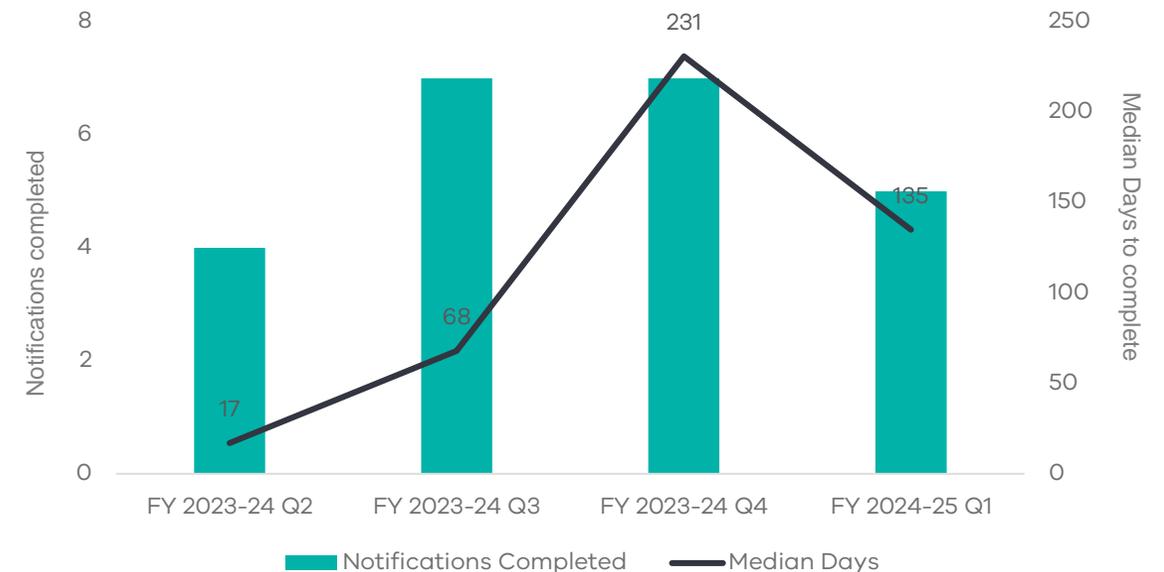
- In Q1 there were four administrative updates acknowledged unlocking 0.3 million tonnes of resources.

0.3 Million Tonnes Resources Estimate

Administrative Updates by Notification



Notifications Completed and Median Days

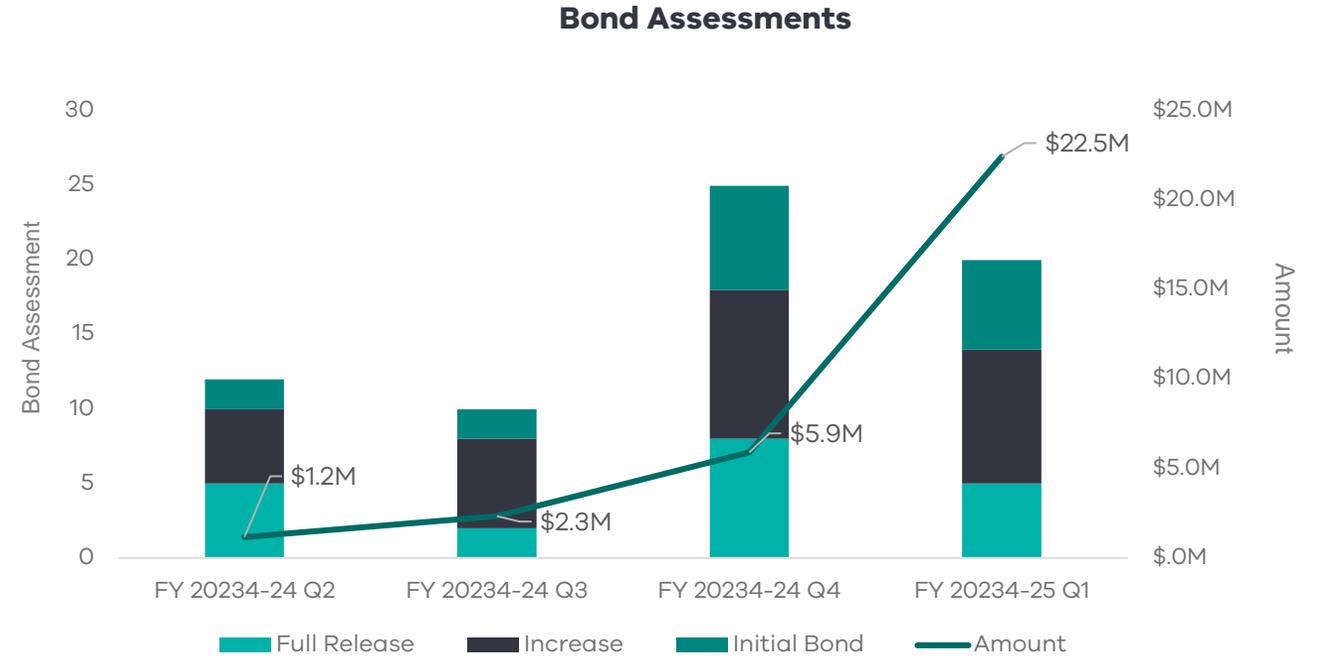


Work Authority Bonds

903
total bonds held

\$126.8 million
Value of bonds
(at 30 Sep 2024)

- In Q1, 20 bond assessments were conducted totalling a value of ~\$22.5M,
 - Over half of the of the further bonds were a result of work plan variations approved in the previous quarter.
 - Six initial bonds reflected the granting of work authorities in the quarter.
 - Five bond releases across the state following successful completion of rehabilitation commitments
- Link to website bond information and public bonds dashboard:
[Rehabilitation - Resources Victoria](#)



Annual Summary - Bond Assessments

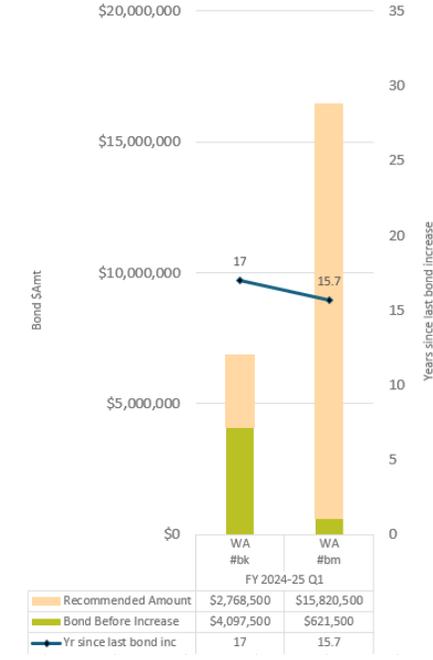
Bond Assessment	FY 2023-24 Q2		FY 2023-24 Q3		FY 2023-24 Q4		FY 2024-25 Q1		Rolling Total	
	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount	Assessed	Amount
Bond Increase	5	\$876,200	6	\$1,410,000	10	\$4,540,750	9	\$21,575,000	30	\$28,401,950
Initial Bond	2	\$80,500	2	\$923,000	7	\$1,320,500	6	\$788,500	17	\$3,112,500
Bond Release	5	\$212,500	2	\$8,500	8	\$43,500	5	\$89,800	20	\$354,300
Total Assessments	12	\$1,169,200	10	\$2,341,500	25	\$5,904,750	20	\$22,453,300	67	\$31,868,750

Work Authority Bond Increase

Bond Increase fig 1



Bond Increase fig 2



\$166,750

Median Increased amount

16 years

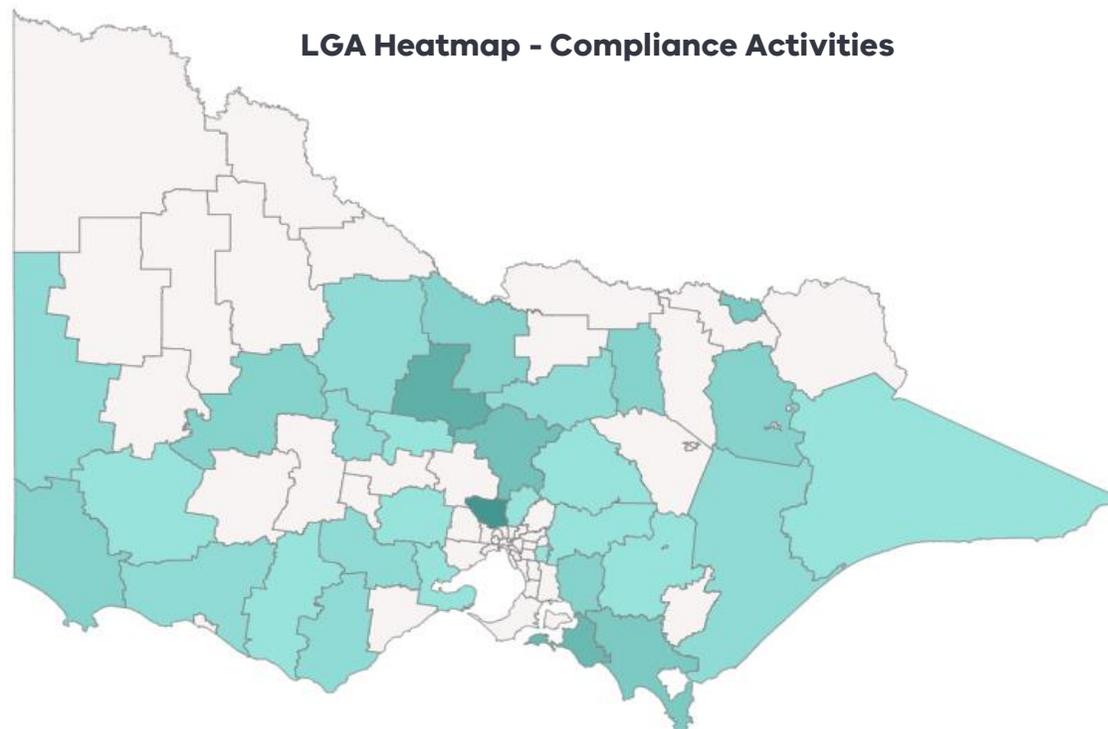
Median years since previous bond increase

Bond Increase	FY 2023-24 Q2		FY 2023-24 Q3		FY 2023-24 Q4		FY 2024-25 Q1		Rolling Total	
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- In FY24/25 Q1 there were nine further bond assessed totalling \$21.5M.
- The median years since previous bond increase reflects the work to address the historic backlog
- One annual review was undertaken demonstrating commitment to only hold bonds which reflect actual rehabilitation liability

Compliance Activities FY2024-25 Q1

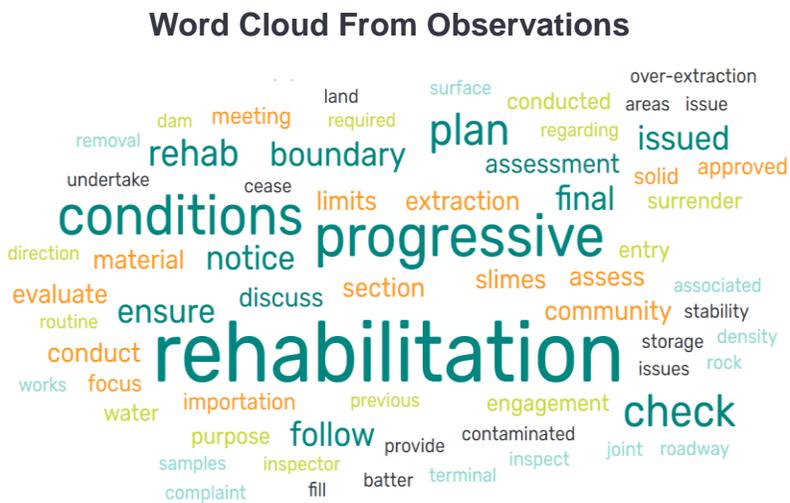
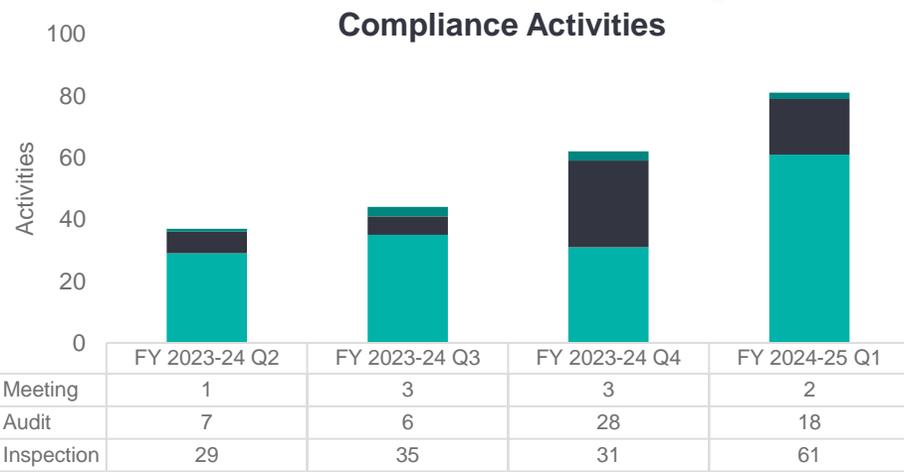
LGA	Audit	Inspection	Meeting	Q1 Total
Alpine		3		3
Bass Coast	2	4		6
Baw Baw		1		1
Benalla		3		3
Campaspe		3		3
Cardinia	2	1		3
Central Goldfields		2		2
Colac Otway		2		2
Corangamite	1			1
East Gippsland		1		1
Glenelg		3		3
Golden Plains		2		2
Greater Bendigo	1	5	1	7
Greater Geelong		1		1
Hume		10		10
Knox		1		1
Loddon	1	1		2
Mitchell	2	3		5
Moorabool		1		1
Mount Alexander			1	1
Moyne		2		2
Murrindindi		1		1
Northern Grampians	1	2		3
South Gippsland	2	2		4
Southern Grampians		1		1
Strathbogie	1	1		2
Wellington	1	1		2
West Wimmera		2		2
Whittlesea		1		1
Wodonga	3	1		4
Yarra Ranges	1			1
Total Activities	18	60	3	81



81
Compliance Activities

66
Unique Work Authorities

- In Q1 81 compliance activities were conducted on 66 sites.



Compliance Actions

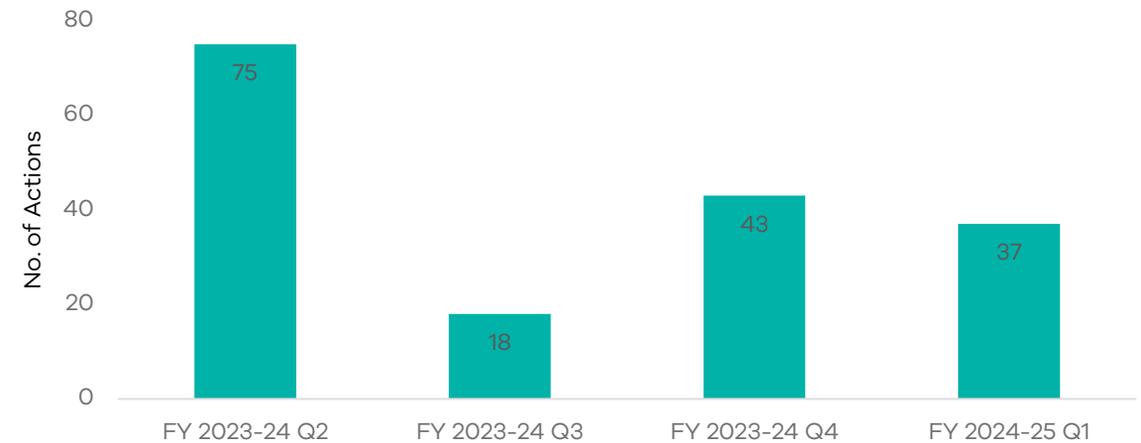
S110 / S110A Notices

Reasons for notice	FY 2023-24 Q2	FY 2023-24 Q3	FY 2023-24 Q4	FY 2024-25 Q1	Rolling Total
Work Without Licence or Consents	1	5	2	5	13
Authorised Activity Compliance	1		7	4	12
Waste and Redundant Plan	1	2	2	3	8
Tenement Boundaries	2			4	6
Buffer Zones	1	4	1		6
Rehabilitation of Site	2	2		2	6
Tailings and Slime Management		1	3	1	5
Slope Stability	1		2		3
Other	2		1		3
Noise Emissions	1			1	2
Hazardous Materials Management	1		1		2
Drainage, Erosion and Discharge	1		1		2
Ground Disturbance	1			1	2
Reporting; Monitoring and Auditing			1		1
Explosives			1		1
Water Dams	1				1
Dust Emissions		1			1
Working Hours	1				1
Top Soil Management			1		1
Groundwater Impacts	1				1
Total notices issued	18	15	23	21	77

Enforcement and Education

Compliance Actions	FY 2023-24 Q2	FY 2023-24 Q3	FY 2023-24 Q4	FY 2024-25 Q1	Rolling Total
Infringement Notice	42	0	0	4	46
Official Warning Letter	12	1	1	1	15
Written Instruction / Education	3	2	17	10	31
Direction	0	0	2	1	3
Total Actions	57	3	20	16	96

Quarterly Summary – Compliance Actions



- There were 37 compliance actions taken in Q1. 21 were remedial or stop work actions (S110/S110A notices).

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

Compliance Incidents

Incidents	FY 2023-24 Q2	FY 2023-24 Q3	FY 2023-24 Q4	FY 2024-25 Q1	Rolling Total
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration			2	2	4
Public Safety & Site Security	2				2
Slope Stability	1			1	2
Environmental Incident Notification		2			2
Fire Precautions & Risk Control			1	1	2
Buffer Zones				1	1
Other (Not Specified Above)				1	1
Waterway Quality & Aquatic Habitat	1				1
Drainage, Erosion & Discharge		1			1
Rehabilitation of Site				1	1
Total Incidents	4	3	3	7	17
Unique sites	4	3	2	5	13 (Unique)

Community Complaints

Complaints	FY 2023-24 Q2	FY 2023-24 Q3	FY 2023-24 Q4	FY 2024-25 Q1	Rolling Total
Explosives Air & Ground Vibration	1	5	5		11
Impacts Outside Tenement Site	1	2	2	2	7
Noise Emissions			3	3	6
Dust Emissions	1	2		2	5
Work without License or Consents		2	1	1	4
Public Safety & Site Security	1		1		2
Working Hours			2		2
Drainage, Erosion & Discharge	1			1	2
Other (Not Specified Above)	2				2
Waterway Quality & Aquatic Habitat	1				1
Community Engagement			1		1
Authorized Activity Compliance	1				1
Waste & Redundant Plant				1	1
Tailings & Slimes Management	1				1
Water Dams				1	1
Total Complaints Received	10	11	15	11	47
Unique Tenements	5	6	8	9	18 (unique)
Unique Informants	8	8	12	9	31 (unique)

Compliance Community Reference Group Attendance

Tenement	Tenement Holder	LGA	FY 2023-24 Q2	FY 2023-24 Q3	FY 2023-24 Q4	FY 2024-25 Q1	Rolling Total
WA158	Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd	Colac Otway		1		1	2
WA174	Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd	Cardinia			1		1
WA188	Davegale Pty Ltd	Greater Geelong	1				1
WA385	Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd	Knox				2	2
WA41	Barro Group Pty Ltd	Greater Geelong		1			1
Multiple	Grantville Quarries Reference Group (multiple sand quarry operators)	Bass Coast				1	1
WA82	Boral Resources (Vic) Pty Ltd	Moorabool	1		1	1	3
Total Attendance			2	2	2	5	11

- ERR attends site lead Reference groups where there is high community interest or issues of significance, but not all Reference groups are attended

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