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Activities at a glance



Key activities

The Resources Regulator's key activities during the quarter included:

- release of the Annual Mine Safety Performance report for 2023-24
- 3 investigation information releases concerning incidents involving a serious injury whilst working on an unguarded conveyor, a polyurethane ground stabiliser fire, and a haul truck and excavator collision.
- 2 safety bulletins about blasting notifications and an underground vehicle interaction with high-voltage cables
- 2 fact sheets covering exposure to respirable crystalline silica and schedule of fees for items of plant
- release of 113 videos, including a large volume of historical videos covering various topics from previous Mining Engineering Managers Safety Seminars and Electrical Engineering Managers Safety Seminars on the Regulator's [YouTube channel](#)

Other publications included:

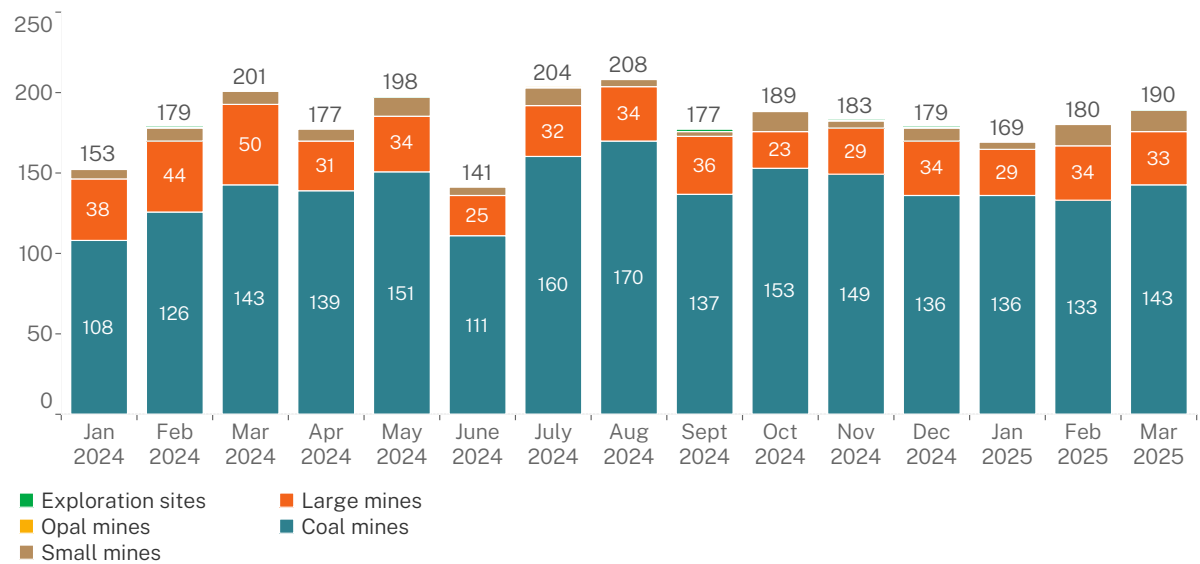
- Quarterly safety report for Q2 FY 2025
- Quarterly business activities report for Q2 FY 2025
- 12 editions of the Weekly incident summary
- 6 editions of Mine Safety News
- 1 edition of Exploration and Mining Rehabilitation News

For more activities refer to [Mine Safety News](#) and [Exploration and Mining Rehabilitation News](#).

Work health and safety activities

Safety incident notifications

Safety incidents by date notified and sector

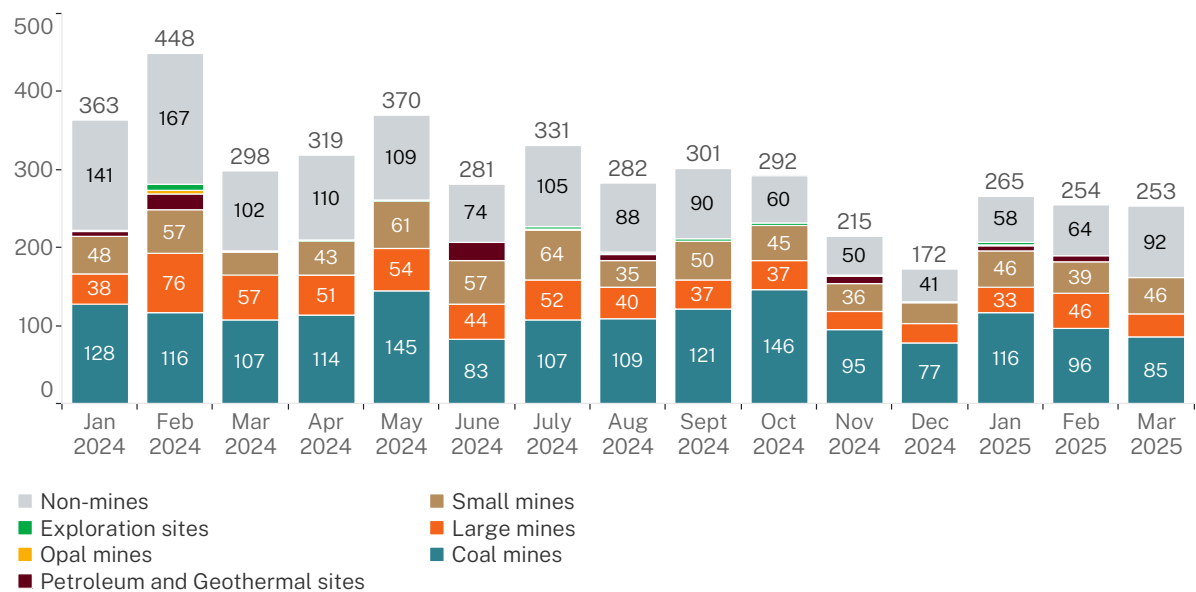


Details of safety incidents where inspectors were deployed this quarter

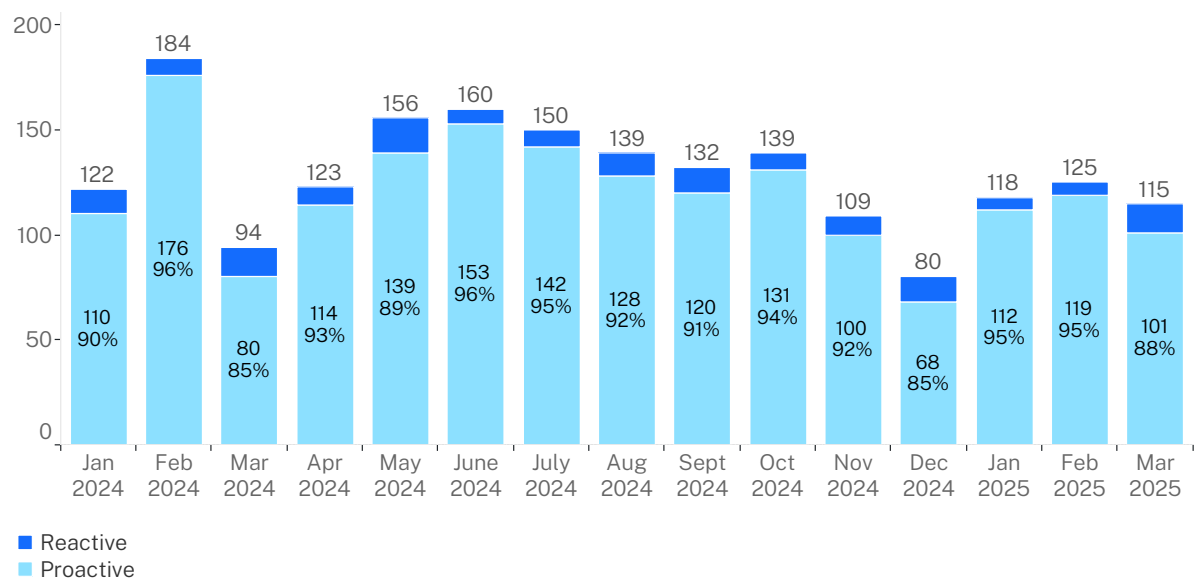
Date notified	Reporting sector	Hazard	Incident
6 Jan	Large mines – metalliferous and quarries	Inundation or inrush of any substance	Inrush of water from 24-level ramp to 25-level platform
13 Jan	Large mines – metalliferous and quarries	No related principal mining hazard or principal control plan	Smoke and fumes during planned rehabilitation job on haulage shaft
15 Jan	Coal mines	No related principal mining hazard or principal control plan	Contractor suffered soft-tissue hand injury when caught by coal rib slump during installation task
20 Jan	Coal mines	Ground or strata failure	Roof fall underground
12 Feb	Large mines – metalliferous and quarries	Fire or explosion	Underground fire – pallets, vent bag and poly ignited with no apparent source
15 Feb	Coal mines	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	Scraper slid 57 metres before colliding with haul truck
20 Feb	Coal mines	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	Rear dump truck reversed into excavator
21 Feb	Coal mines	No related principal mining hazard or principal control plan	Large stone fell and hit timber jacks before rolling onto platform of continuous miner
26 Feb	Coal mines	Ground or strata failure	Coalburst moved continuous miner
6 Mar	Large mines – metalliferous and quarries	Electrical engineering control plan	Apprentice received an electric shock during maintenance task
9 Mar	Large mines – metalliferous and quarries	Ground or strata failure	Supported cut came down onto jumbo
11 Mar	Coal mines	Mechanical engineering control plan	Strut piston collapsed during maintenance
12 Mar	Coal mines	No related principal mining hazard or principal control plan	Contract worker suffered heart attack whilst overseeing repairs
21 Mar	Coal mines	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	Light vehicle lost control and rolled on haul road
21 Mar	Exploration sites (excluding petroleum and geothermal)	No related principal mining hazard or principal control plan	Worker found unresponsive beside their vehicle upon arrival at work
22 Mar	Coal mines	No related principal mining hazard or principal control plan	Surface electrician suffered suspected fatal heart attack
27 Mar	Small mines – metalliferous, quarries and other gemstones	Mechanical engineering control plan	Haul truck lost power on ramp resulting in a 30-metre rollback
Total			17

Safety assessments

Safety assessments conducted by sector

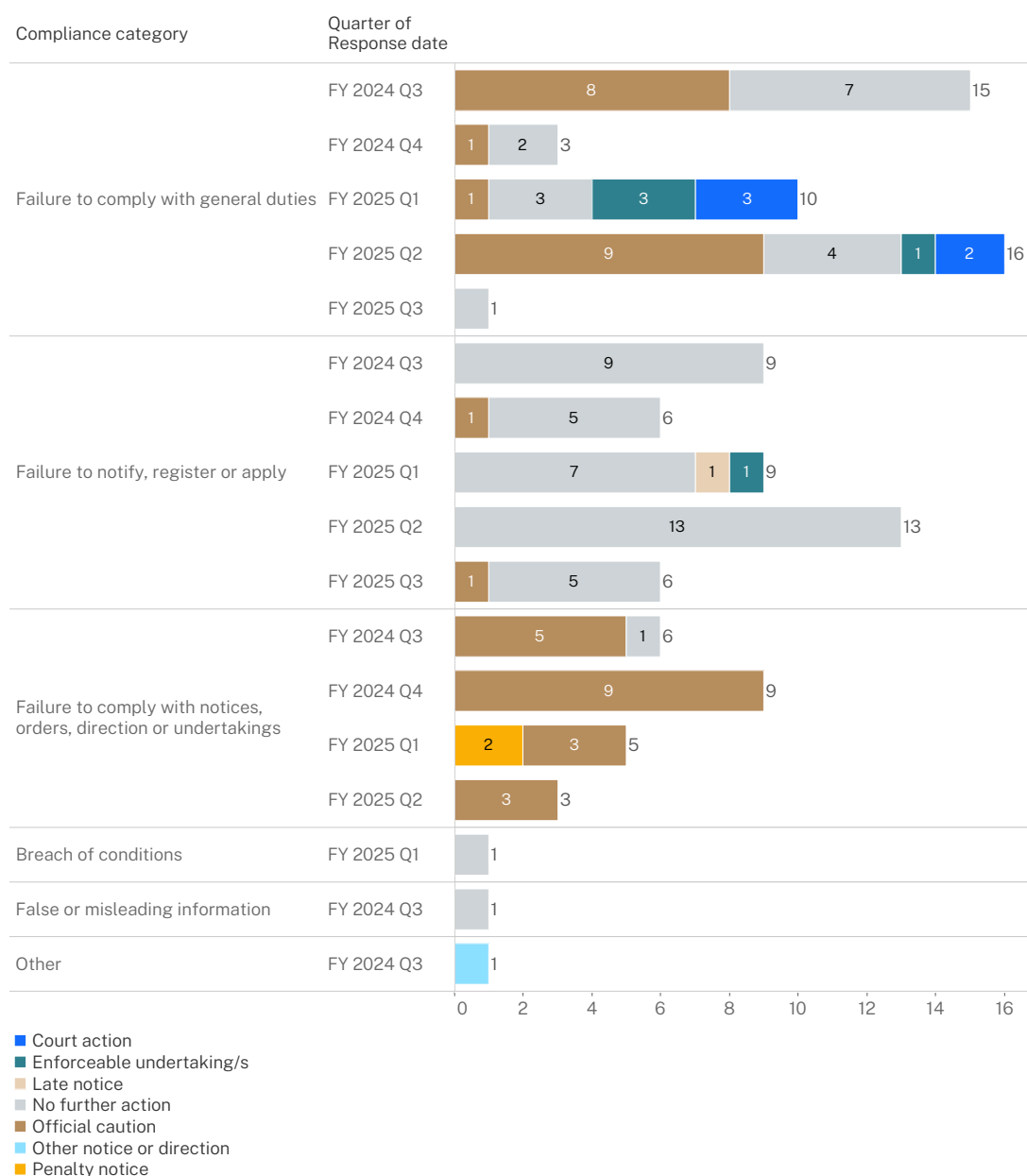


Proactive and reactive safety site assessments conducted



Safety compliance and enforcement activities

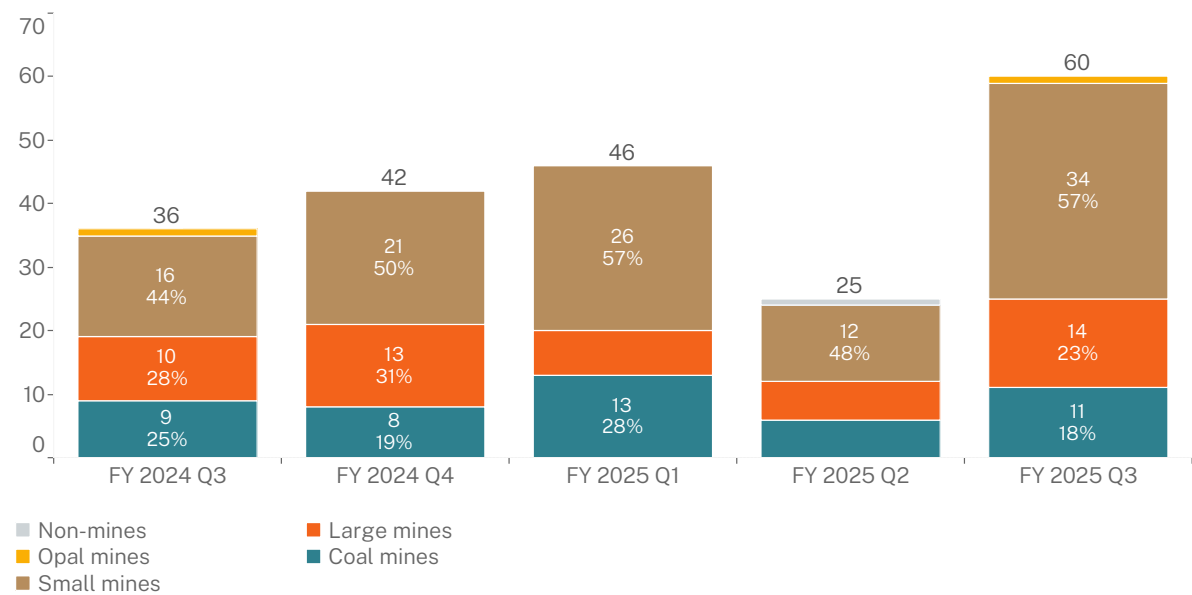
Safety non-compliance by category and response



Safety statutory notices issued by sector



Safety prohibition notices issued by sector



Details of safety prohibition notices issued this quarter

Issued to PCBU	Mine location	Prohibited activity
Clarence Coal Pty Ltd	Clarence Colliery	Formation of intersections leading to unsupported cut-outs (known on site as free hits) in advancing development panels
Dubbo Regional Council	Wellington Caves and Phosphate Mine	Workers or tourist entering the phosphate chamber
Walker Quarries Pty Ltd	Wallerawang Quarry	Reclaiming stockpiles from below without sufficient bunding to restrict access onto the stockpile when reclaiming
Perilya Broken Hill Ltd	Southern Operations	Entry of persons to the underground portions of the mine for any purpose other than the inspection and treatment of 23L shaft fire
Delta Power & Energy (Chain Valley) Pty Ltd	Chain Valley Colliery	Operation of the Air track bolting unit 004 at Chain Valley Colliery
K Enterprises Pty Ltd	Blue Mountains Sandstone (Yellow Rock Quarry)	Operation of the primary block saw for cutting excavated materials
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K Enterprises Pty Ltd	Blue Mountains Sandstone (Yellow Rock Quarry)	Operation of the robotic saw
Perilya Broken Hill Ltd	Southern Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting any work on Cell 4 without edge protection, excepting any works required to maintain or establish a safe work environment Point 1 does not prohibit any activities required to establish edge protection to the existing site standard on Cell 4
Broken Hill Operations Pty Ltd	Rasp Mine	Placing tailings in Kintore above the 10266 m RL without constructing the Kintore decline stage 2 bulkhead
Perilya Broken Hill Ltd	Southern Operations	Construction work on cell 4 without sufficient controls in place for monitoring the integrity of the cell 3 and 4 embankments
Gosford Quarries Pty Ltd	Debenham Road Quarry - Pattons (Gosford Quarries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating the Terex Pegson XA400 mobile jaw crusher until the protection guarding is reinstalled Accessing the ladderway with the non-operating self-closing gate Accessing the jaw hopper inspection platform other than for the purpose of carrying out repairs
E B Mawsons & Sons Pty Ltd	Wallerobie Quarry	Operation of the Komatsu rear dump truck HD325-6 #RD4005 for any mining or production related purpose
Endeavour Coal Pty Ltd	Appin Colliery	Operation of the rope winch located at the Maingate corner of LW710B
Wambo Coal Pty Ltd	Wambo Coal Handling & Preparation Plant	Operating the 11kV Switchboard when supplied by both main transformers with the switchboard bus tie closed
Rocky Point Quarries Pty Ltd	Rocky Point Quarry	Accessing the rear deck area on the Caterpillar 315C Excavator where there are no safety guard/hand rails present
Gunlake Quarries Pty Ltd	Gunlake Quarry	No entry to confined spaces at the mine
Cobar Management Pty Ltd	CSA Mine	Constructing the tailings dam embankment without edge protection to protect workers
Rusty Civil & Earthworks Pty Ltd	Metz Quarry	Operation of the mobile crushing and screening plant

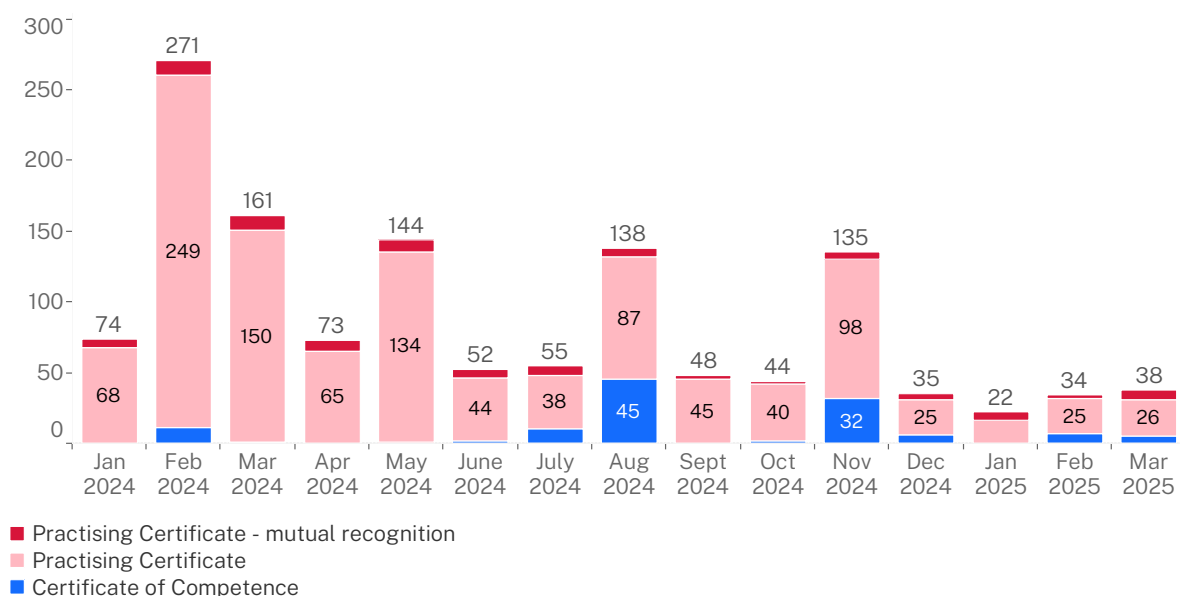
Issued to PCBU	Mine location	Prohibited activity
Polymetals (Endeavor) Pty Ltd	Endeavor Mine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessing on, above and below the Endeavor Tailings Storage Facility (the Dam) Accessing any downstream area of the Northern embankment wall of the Tailings Storage facility (sections A and B) that is likely to be inundated by a worst case dam embankment breach
Polymetals (Endeavor) Pty Ltd	Endeavor Mine	Accessing the crest road of the decant pond and evaporation pond without sufficient edge protection to protect vehicles
Dencol Transport Pty Ltd	Glenavy Sands	Cleaning out under the wash plant stacker unless all guards are in place and positive isolation is attained
Central West Sand Pty Ltd	Central West Sand Pty Ltd	Operation of the W5 32 EzyStak stacking conveyor or S-100 Mobile Screen
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	Racecourse No 1	All on-site mining activities (blasting, digging, processing and loading)
Evolution Mining Ltd	Cowal Gold Mine	Operation of CTZ0083 Normet
R.K. Murdoch Pty Ltd	Buckaroo Mine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of EWP without appropriate training, qualifications or authorisation Use of chainsaw without appropriate training, qualifications or authorisation
Stoneco Pty Ltd	Timor Limestone Quarry	Operation of the belt feeder to the crushing plant
Stoneco Pty Ltd	Timor Limestone Quarry	Operation of the electric winch over the hammer mill
P F Formation Pty Ltd	P F Formation - Pit 4	Operation of the OM Crusher
T.J. & R.F. Fordham Pty Ltd T/A Nepean Quarries	Nepean Quarry - Brownlow Hill	Use of the wheel loaders to loadout the stockpile of material on pit floor
T.J. & R.F. Fordham Pty Ltd T/A Nepean Quarries	Nepean Quarry - Brownlow Hill	Use of the Trackstack Stacker Conveyor 8042T
Tocumwal Construction Materials Pty Ltd	The Rocks Quarry (hard rock quarry, also known as Smithers)	Operation of the McCloskey C44 Mobile Cone Crusher (Unit -013)
Stoneco Pty Ltd	Timor Limestone Quarry	Operation of the Volvo EC330B excavator on site either at a quarry face where there is a risk of rocks falling on to the cabin or on benches where there is a risk of the machine overturning
Individual	The Rocks	Any commercial mining activity at the quarry
Mangoola Coal Operations Pty Ltd	Mangoola Coal Mine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessing the crest of the TD4 embankment in the area of the cracking Accessing below the TD4 decant sump pump facilities without sufficient monitoring.
Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd	Wilpinjong Coal Mine	Undertaking construction activities in the future TD7 tailings area until a risk assessment has been completed
Mt Arthur Coal Pty Ltd	Mt Arthur North - (incl CHPP)	The cleaning of material from the trays of haul trucks using an excavator
Clarence Coal Pty Ltd	Clarence Colliery	Operation of 805 conveyor

Issued to PCBU	Mine location	Prohibited activity
Clarence Coal Pty Ltd	Clarence Colliery	Unaccompanied pedestrian access through the 805-conveyor walkway at the cut through
Tharwa Sand Pty Ltd	Tharwa Sands -Murrumbidgee Dredging Operations	The operation of the screening plant
Tritton Resources Pty Ltd	North East Mine	Workers and maintenance personnel proceeding past the two yellow gates at the top of access ramp to the open edge of the water storage catchment area in the Hartman's open cut on foot or in vehicles
Individual	MC54659	The hoist must not be used to raise or lower person(s)
Springvale Coal Pty Ltd	Springvale Mine Underground Operation	Removal of hydraulic isolation on the longwall face
Bald Hill Quarry Pty Ltd	Bald Hill Jugiong Quarry	Operation of the pad-foot roller on the inner pit clay lining in the waste disposal area until suitable hard controls are installed or constructed
Evolution Mining Ltd	Cowal Gold Mine	Accessing the D0690_ODN15 drive except for those activities involved into the investigation of the 690-N15 ground fall
Hilltops Council	Browns Pit (Rugby Road, Hilltops Council)	Working the high face at the mine with mobile plant that is not fit for purpose
Thiess Pty Ltd	Mt Arthur South (Thiess Pty Ltd)	Any maintenance or repair activity involving the charge valve on any CAT 777 or CAT 775 Truck strut.
Macquarie Valley Rock & Sand Pty Ltd	Baker's Pit	Use of the mobile crushing and screening equipment on site
Individual	Muller Quarry	The loading out of stockpiled material from the 40ml roadbase stockpile with the Caterpillar 924k front end loader
Macquarie Valley Rock & Sand Pty Ltd	Browning Sand Quarry	Use of the sand screw conveyor
Hodgson Quarries and Plant Pty Ltd	Hodgson Quarries & Plant Pty Ltd	Operation of the screening plant conveyor (under the feed hopper)
Benedict Industries Pty Ltd	Benedict Sands - Cowra Quartz	Operation of the M100 Conveyor
Benedict Industries Pty Ltd	Benedict Sands - Cowra Quartz	Tracking of the Crusher in Conveyor belt
Benedict Industries Pty Ltd	Benedict Sands - Cowra Quartz	Tracking of the Crusher out Conveyor belt
Benedict Industries Pty Ltd	Benedict Sands - Cowra Quartz	Tipping material off the dump on the southern side of the North Pit
Benedict Industries Pty Ltd	Benedict Sands - Cowra Quartz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tipping material off a dump/edge with a truck • Tipping material off the dump on the eastern side of the North Pit
Perilya Broken Hill Ltd	Southern Operations	Use of Greenlink XPF24-2863 Frankengrout 2-part ERA chemical
Individual	Taylor's Quarry	Any mining activities on site

Issued to PCBU	Mine location	Prohibited activity
Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd	Holcim - Boambee Quarry	<p>The use or operation of the mine operators' two (2) mine CAT 769 dump trucks, except for the purpose of completing an investigation and review of control measures, prior to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Directions in Part E of this notice being complied with; and a person who completed the safety critical systems of a CAT 769 dump truck confirming the trucks are safe to be put back to use
Tarago Operations Pty Ltd	Woodlawn Mine S(C&PL)L 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of the Magdrill and any equipment involved in the supply of electricity to the Magdrill involved in the reported incident IncNot:0048839 The use of any electrical equipment located or stored within the GRES workshop igloo until it can be tested and controls put in place to prevent exposure to rain water
Total		60

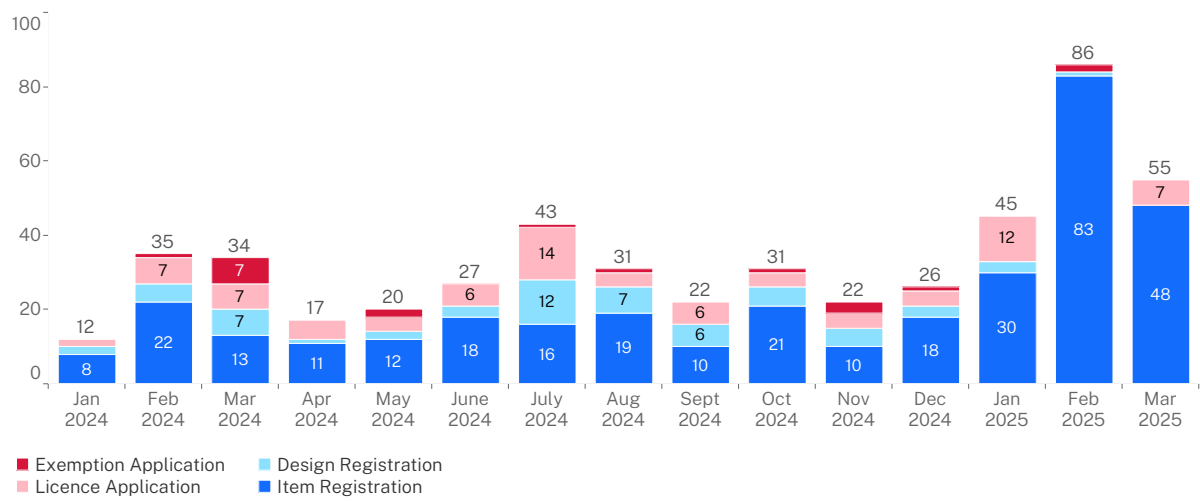
Mining competencies activities

Competence and practising certificates granted



Mining authorisation activities

Exemptions, licences, design registrations and item registrations granted

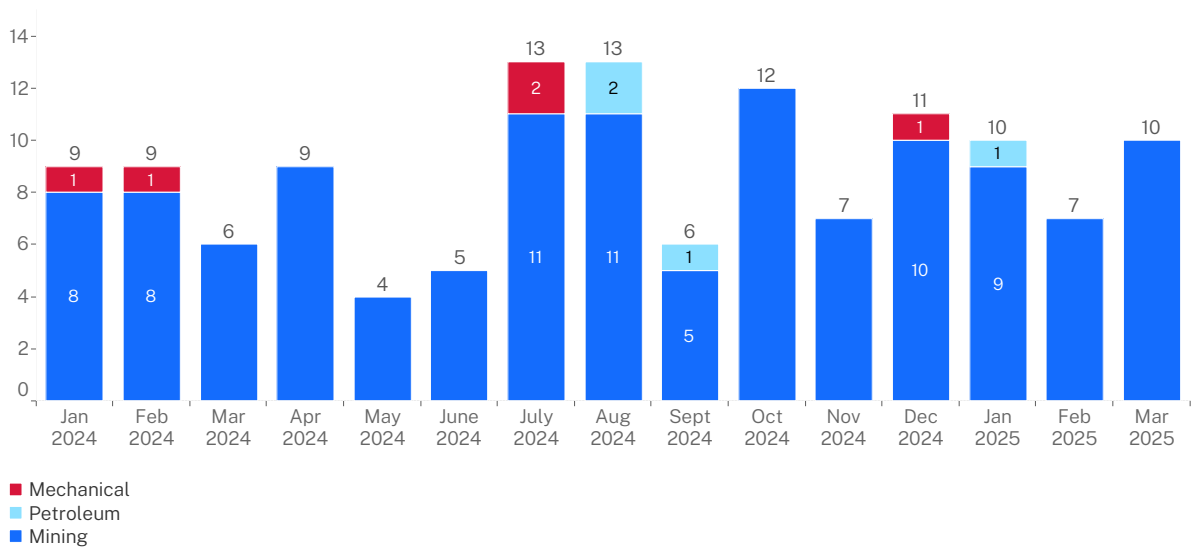


Exemption applications refused this quarter

Applicant	Type	Regulation provisions
Andrew Kennedy	Mining	Schedule 10 –Part 5 –Section 31 –Quarry manager –Sub-section (2)
Gunnedah Shire Council	Mining	Schedule 10 –Part 5 –Section 31 –Quarry manager –Sub-section (2)
Total		2

High-risk activity notifications

High-risk activity notifications received by engineering discipline



Details of high-risk activity notifications received this quarter

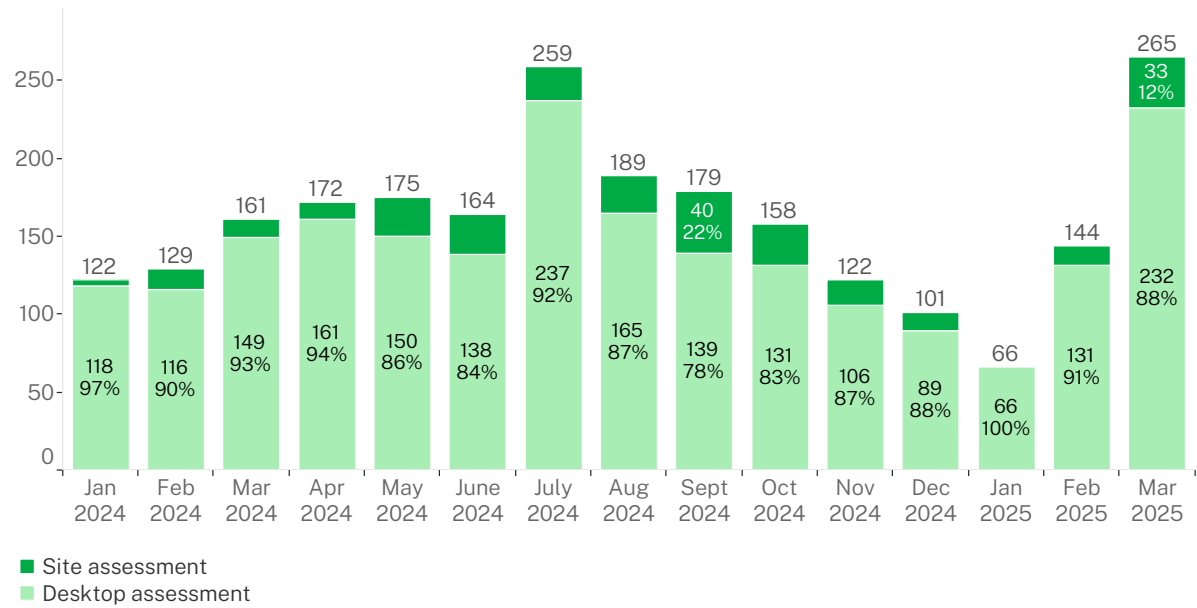
Legislation*	Type of high risk activity	Number
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 3	Winding systems	2
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 5	Development of new mine entry	1
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 7	Raise boring	1
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 9(2)(a)	Working in inrush control zone	2
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 9(2)(b)	Working in inrush control zone	3
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 10	Roadway without intersection	2
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 13	Hot work in hazardous zone	3
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 14	Underground roadway	2
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 16	Formation of a pillar	2
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 17(3)(a)	Secondary extraction	1
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 17(3)(d)	Pillar reduction	1
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 31	Barrier mining	3
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 34	Well workover	1
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 38	Tailings storage facility	3
Total		27

* Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2022.

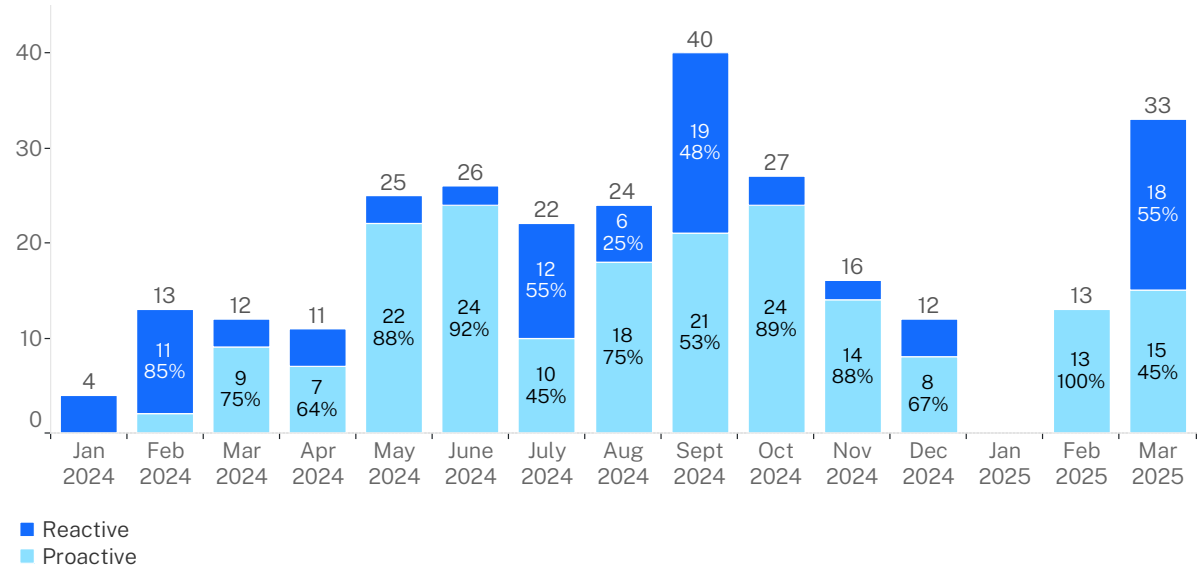
Mining Act 1992 and Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 activities

Mining Act and Petroleum (Onshore) Act assessments

Assessments conducted by category

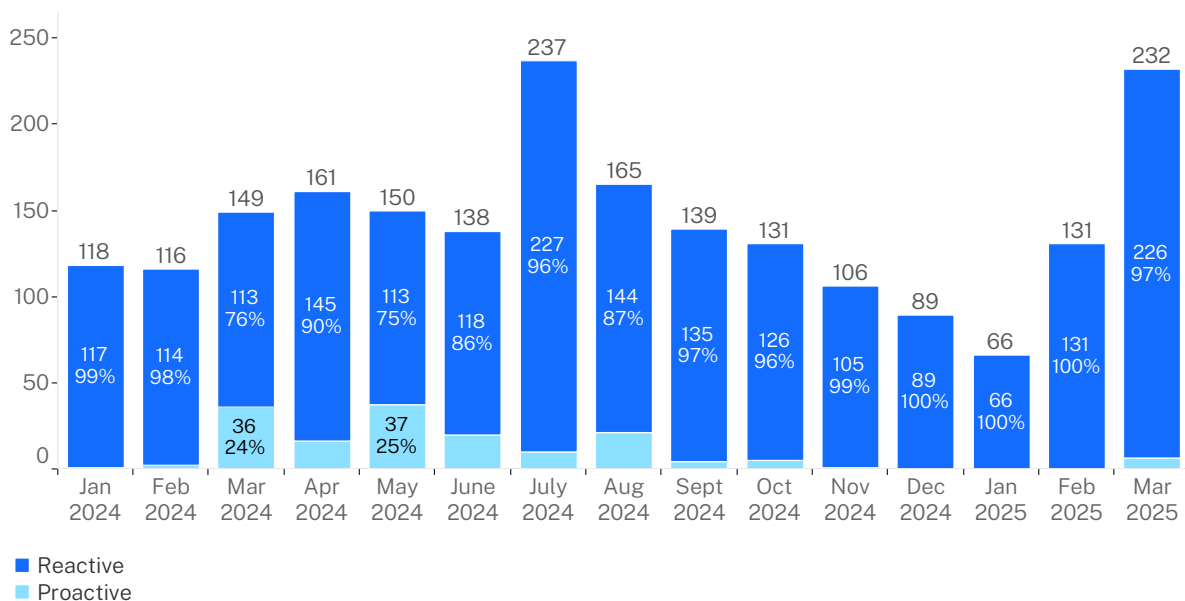


Site assessments conducted by nature



Note: assessments related to applications now appear as reactive.

Desktop assessments conducted by nature



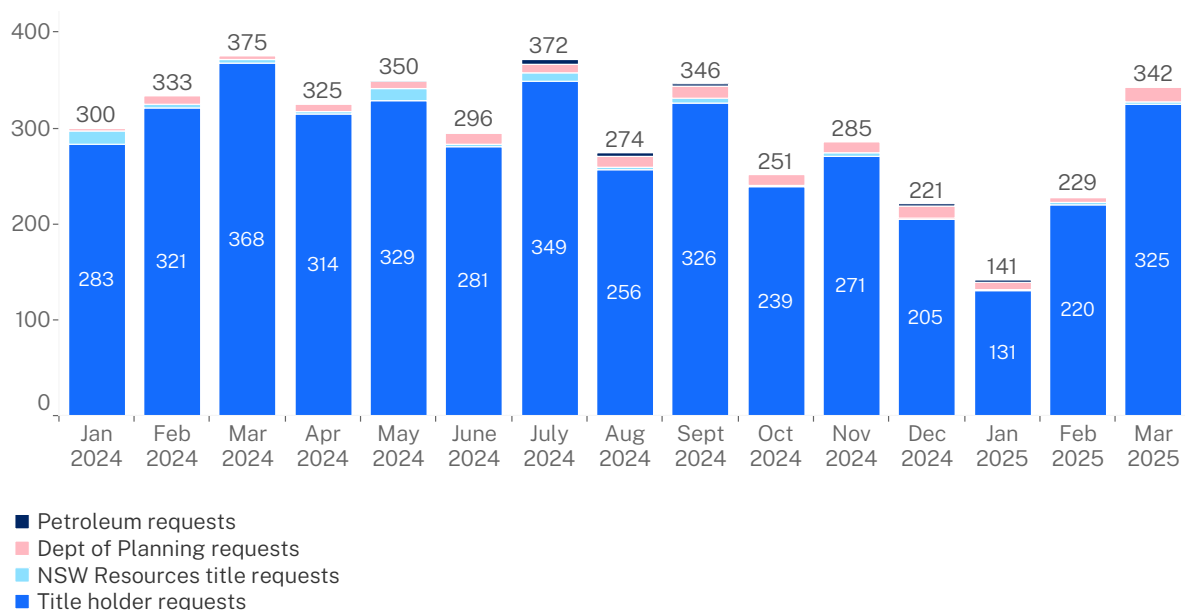
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Mining Act and Petroleum (Onshore) Act requests for service

Requests for service include requests from title holders, other branches within NSW Resources (formerly Mining, Exploration and Geoscience) concerning the administration of mining authorisations, and requests from either the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure or a local consent authority relating to development assessment applications under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Note that requests from petroleum title holders relate to rehabilitation and rehabilitation security deposits. The requirements for petroleum rehabilitation and rehabilitation security deposits come under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*. Whilst the NSW Environment Protection Authority is the lead regulator of petroleum titles, NSW Resources is responsible for the assessment and management of petroleum rehabilitation and rehabilitation security deposits.

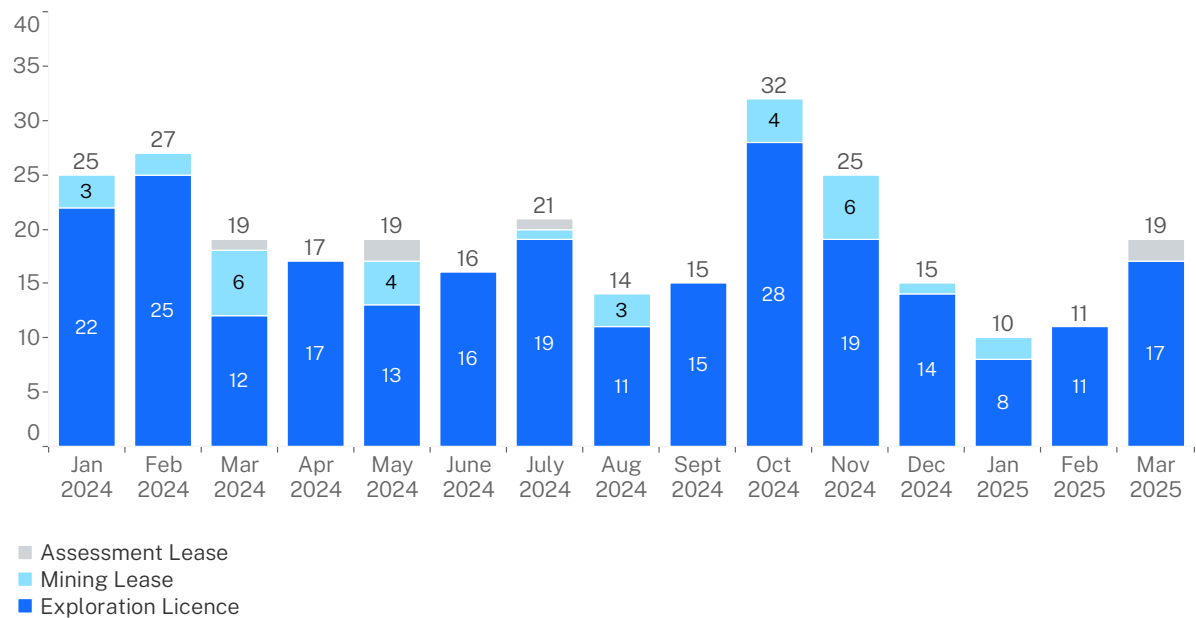
Mining Act requests for service actioned



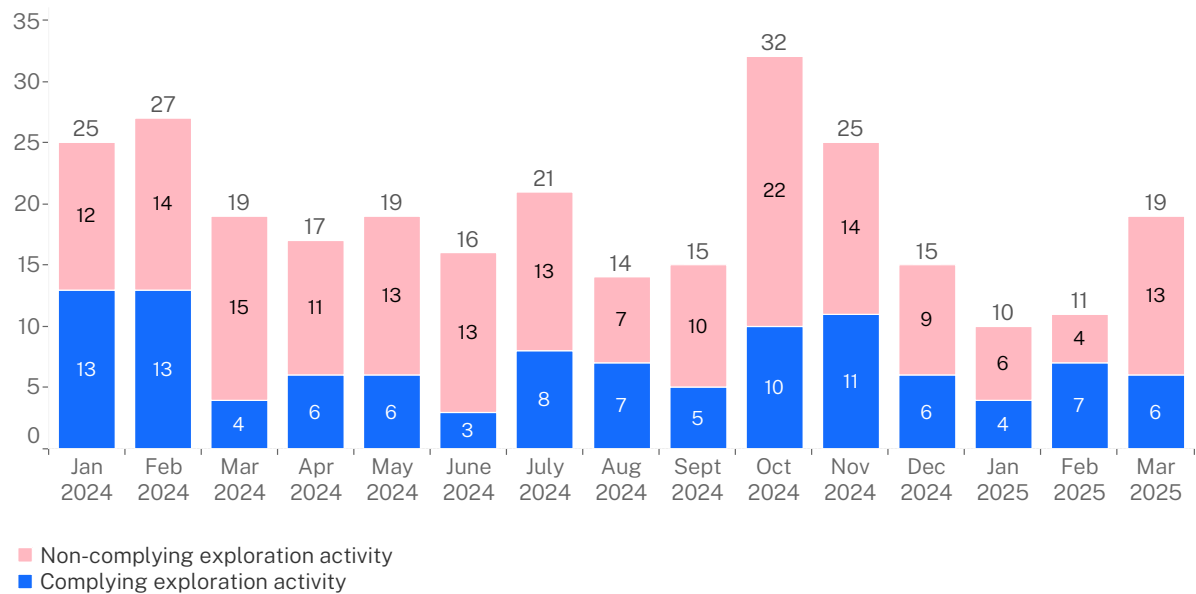
Assessable Prospecting Operation applications

Assessable prospecting operations are any exploration activities that are not an exempt development within the meaning of State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources and Energy) 2021. Applications for assessable prospecting operations are assessed against environmental assessment requirements under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Some activities have been identified as being unlikely to have a significant environmental impact if carried out in a particular manner –referred to as complying exploration activities. Activities that do not meet that criteria are called non-complying exploration activities.

Assessable Prospecting Operation applications actioned by title type

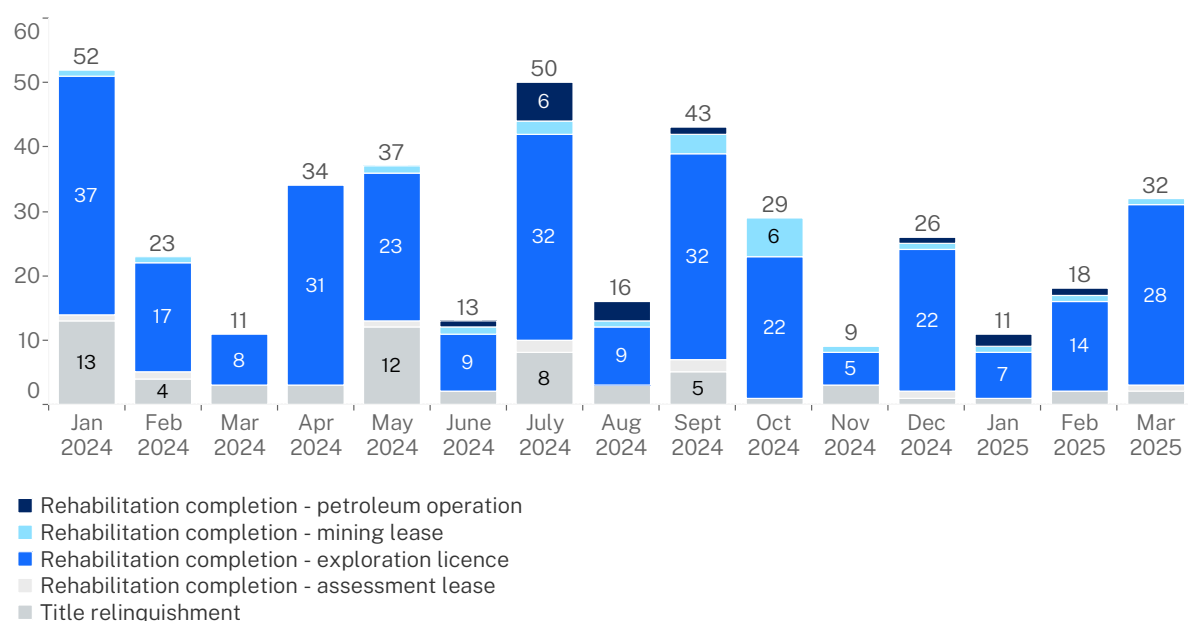


Assessable Prospecting Operation applications actioned by complying/non-complying exploration activity



Rehabilitation completion determinations

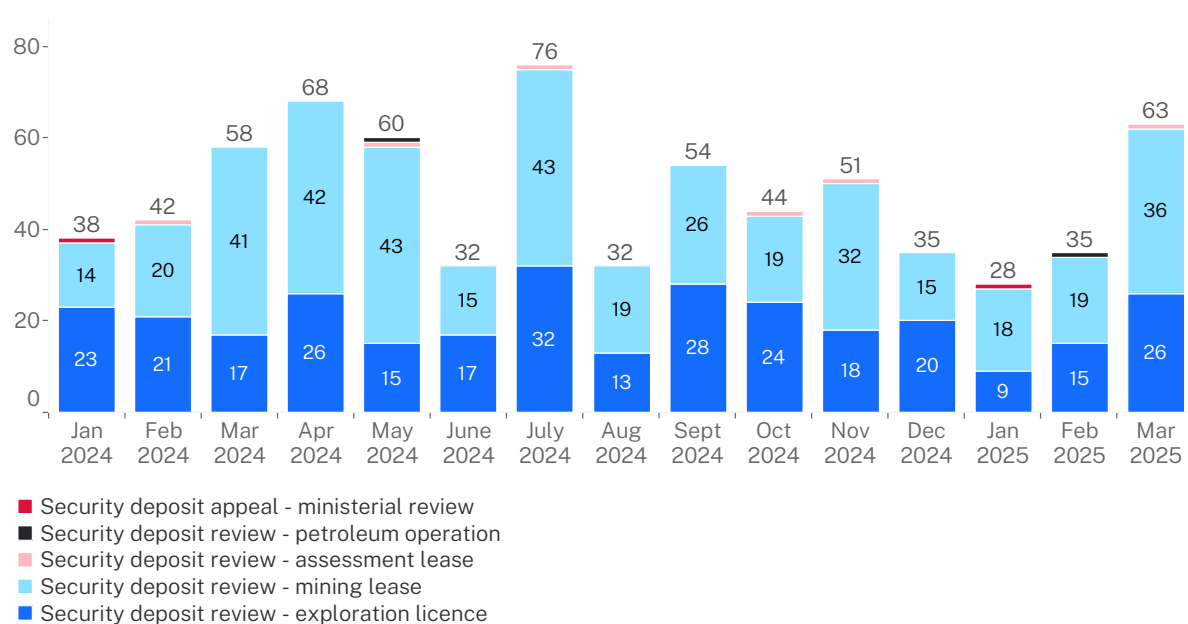
Mining Act rehabilitation completion actioned



Rehabilitation security deposit reviews

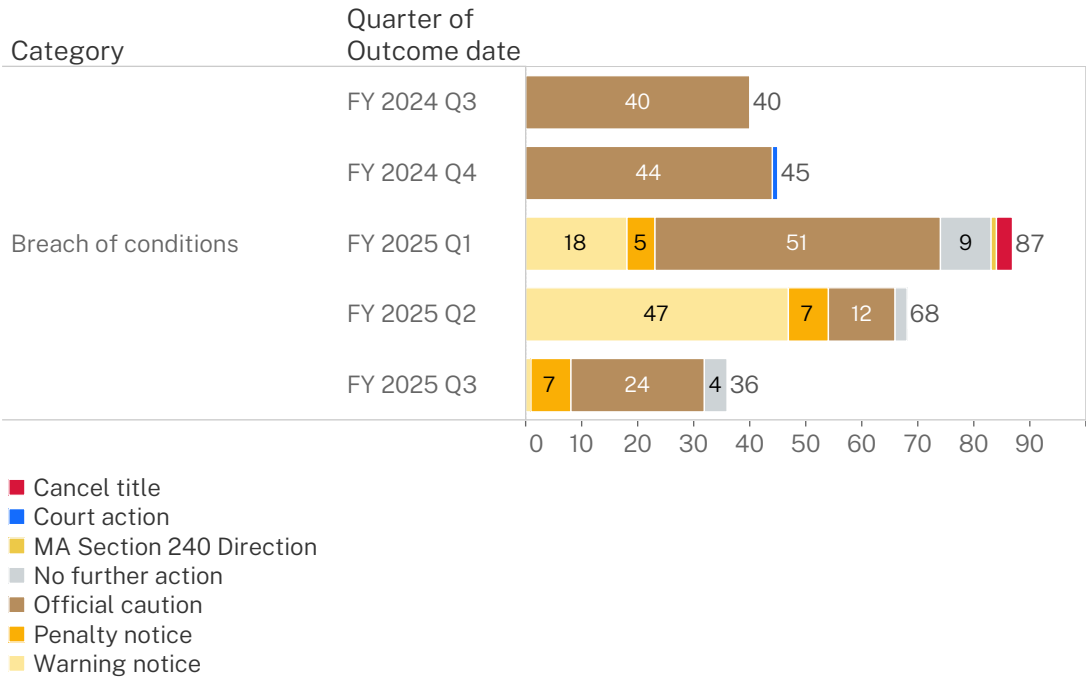
Our inspectors regularly assess the surface disturbance (or proposed disturbance) of a mine or exploration site to calculate the security deposit. This is known as the assessed deposit. Once the assessed deposit is determined, title administrators within NSW Resources responsible will vary the condition of the title and seek the additional funds-or in the case of satisfactory rehabilitation, returns some or all of the security deposit. For petroleum titles, input on the surface disturbance is also sought from the EPA, the lead regulator of petroleum titles in NSW.

Rehabilitation security deposit reviews completed

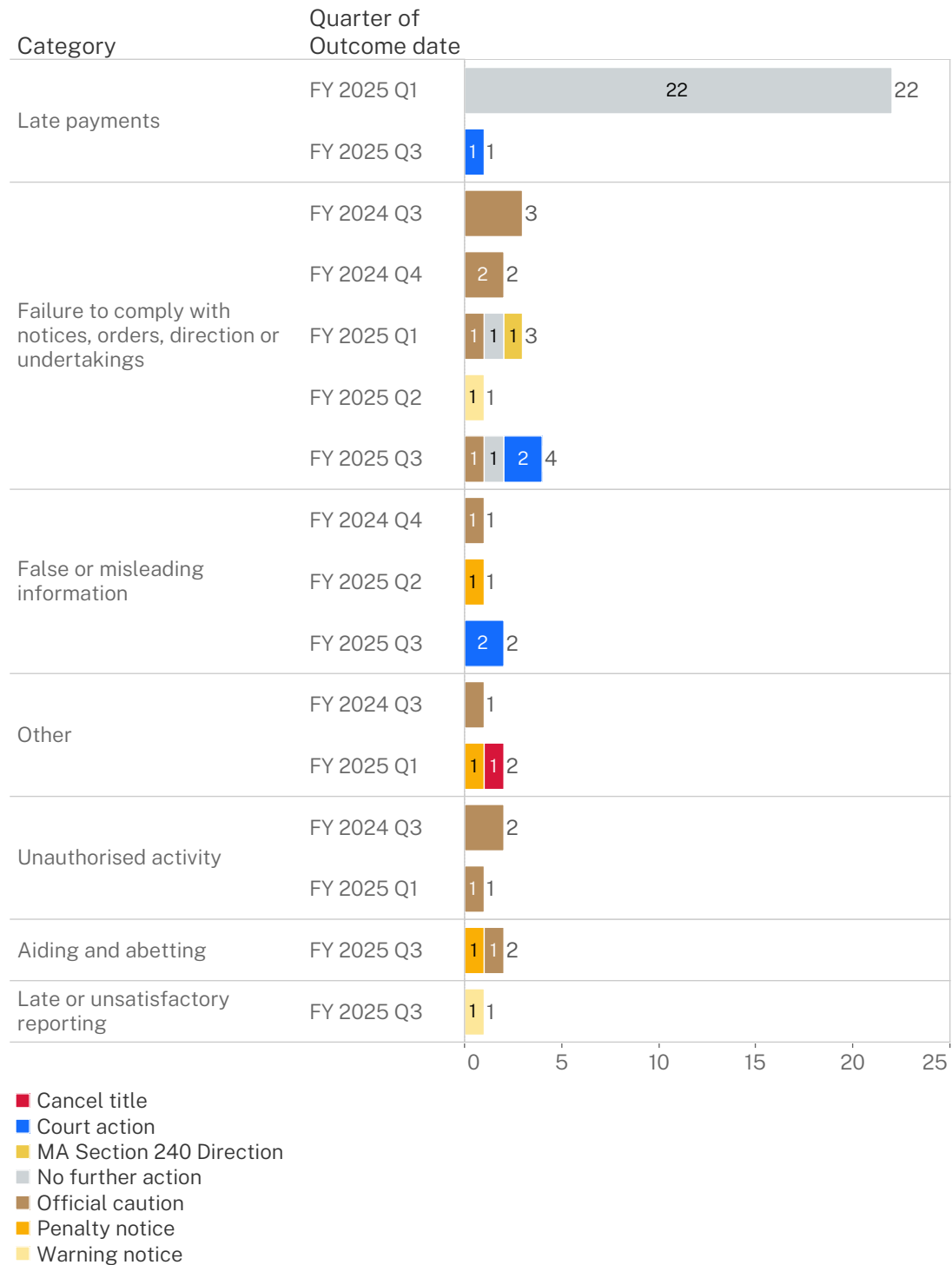


Mining Act and Petroleum (Onshore) Act compliance and enforcement activities

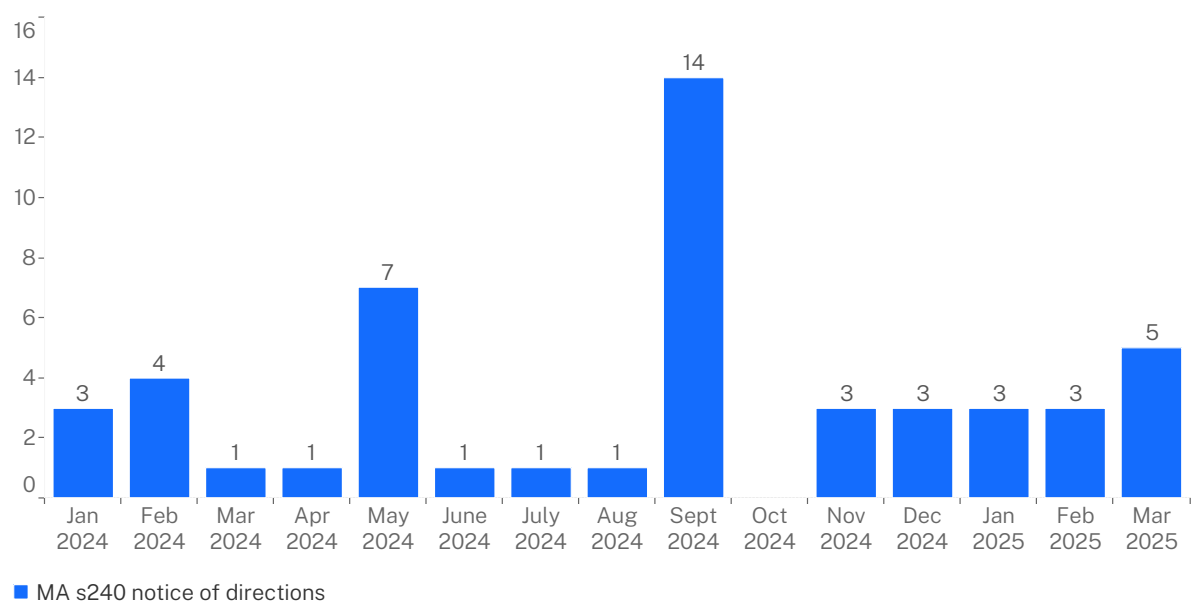
Non-compliance by category and response – category is breach of conditions



Non-compliance by category and response – category is other than breach of conditions



Notices issued by notice type



Industry engagement activities

Committees and other industry body involvement

Attendance as committee members

Committee/body	Detail	Number
Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD) meeting	Tailings dam breaches and ANCOLD guidelines	2
Competency Inspectors	Inspectors meeting 2024/25	3
Electrical Standards Committee	Committee meeting	1
Engineers Australia	AI solutions for geotechnical and mechanical engineering	1
Explosives Control Plan Working Group	Review meeting	1
Mining Standards Committee	Committee meeting	5
Mining Engineering Industry Committee	CE-005 WG Mtg 28 Revision of AS 2187.1 meeting	3
Total		16

External education and engagement activities

Workshops and information sessions

Type of activity	Location	Detail	Number
Forum	Ballina	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Dubbo	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Griffith	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Mulwala	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Narooma	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Newcastle	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Orange	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Port Macquarie	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Queanbeyan	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Tamworth	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Tumut	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Wagga Wagga	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Windsor	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Forum	Wollongong	Small Mines Roadshow	1
Workshop	Armidale	Forests NSW quarry legislation	1
Workshop	Armidale	Safework NSW tunneling activities	1
Total			16

Publications and alerts

Media releases, newsletters, safety alerts and bulletins, and other publications

Type	Number
Enforceable undertakings	2
Exploration and Mining Rehabilitation News	1
Fact sheets	2
Forms	2
Guidance material	5
Investigation information release	3
Mine Safety News	6
Reports	22
Safety bulletin	2
Video	113
Weekly incident summary	12
Total	170

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