
Quarterly business activities report

October to December 2025

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Activities at a glance



Key activities

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

- release of 20 instructional and safety videos on the NSW Resources [YouTube channel](#)
- release of the Resources Regulator's annual report 2024–25
- release of the Fires on mobile plant annual report 2024–25
- Two safety alerts regarding a double fatality after the unintended initiation of an explosive device, and a finger amputation injury while using an improvised battery source to energise a hydraulic solenoid
- Three safety bulletins concerning the unauthorised alteration, interference and failures of diesel engine systems, bypassing lanyard safety systems, and late reporting of psychosocial incidents
- Three fact sheets covering progressive rehabilitation, safe use of electronic detonators, and Schedule 11 hazardous chemical notifications.

Other publications included:

- Quarterly safety report for Q1 FY 2026
- Quarterly business activities report for Q1 FY 2026
- release of the Mining and Competence Board's annual report 2024–25
- release of the NSW Mine Safety Advisory Council annual report 2024–25
- 8 editions of the Weekly Incident Summary
- 6 editions of Mine Safety News
- 2 editions of Exploration and Mining Rehabilitation News

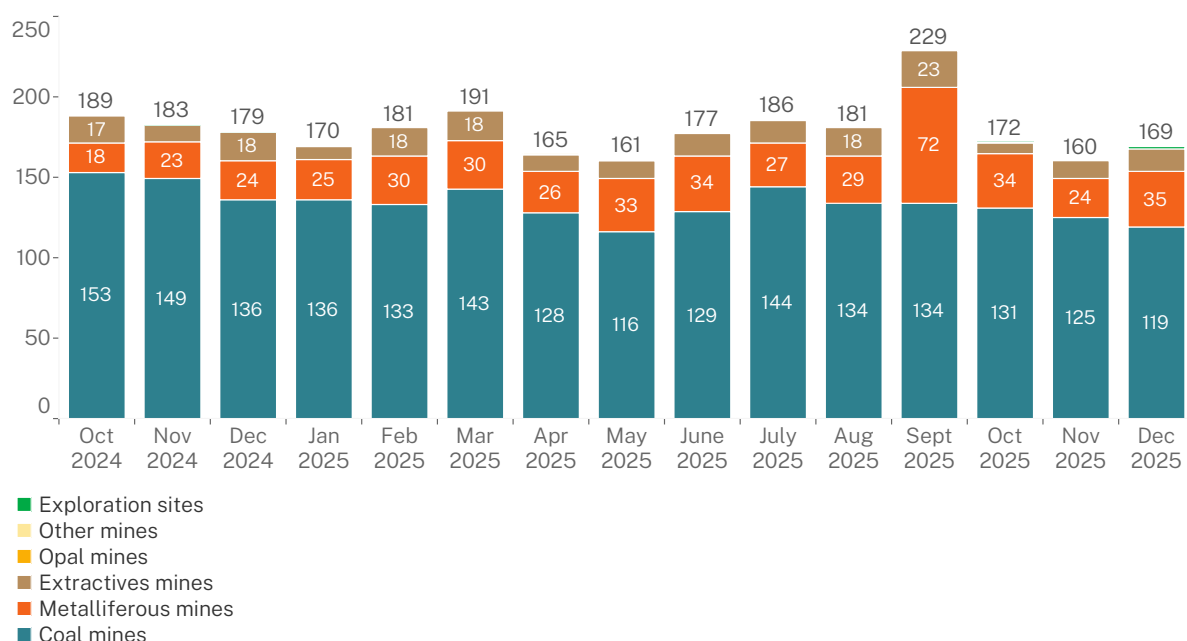
For more activities refer to [Mine Safety News](#) and [Exploration and Mining Rehabilitation News](#).

Work health and safety activities

Safety incident notifications

Note: increases in incident notifications received in any month may relate to incidents that occurred in earlier periods.

Safety incidents by date notified and sector



Note: the notable increase in incidents notified in FY2026 Q1 relates to notifications from a single mine in response to an internal audit conducted by the mine and includes some incidents that occurred in earlier periods.

Details of safety incidents this quarter where mines were directed to investigate

Principal hazard/control plan	Coal mines	Metalliferous mines	Extractives mines	Exploration sites	Total
Fire or explosion	25	6	0	1	32
Mechanical engineering control plan	21	8	1	0	30
Health control plan	14	2	0	0	16
Roads or other vehicle operating areas	5	4	2	1	12
Electrical engineering control plan	8	2	0	0	10
Air quality or dust or other airborne contaminants	5	3	0	0	8

Principal hazard/control plan	Coal mines	Metalliferous mines	Extractives mines	Exploration sites	Total
Ground or strata failure	5	3	0	0	8
Explosives control plan	6	0	1	0	7
Not applicable	0	2	0	0	2
Ventilation control plan	1	0	0	0	1
Total	90	30	4	2	126

Details of safety incidents where inspectors were deployed this quarter

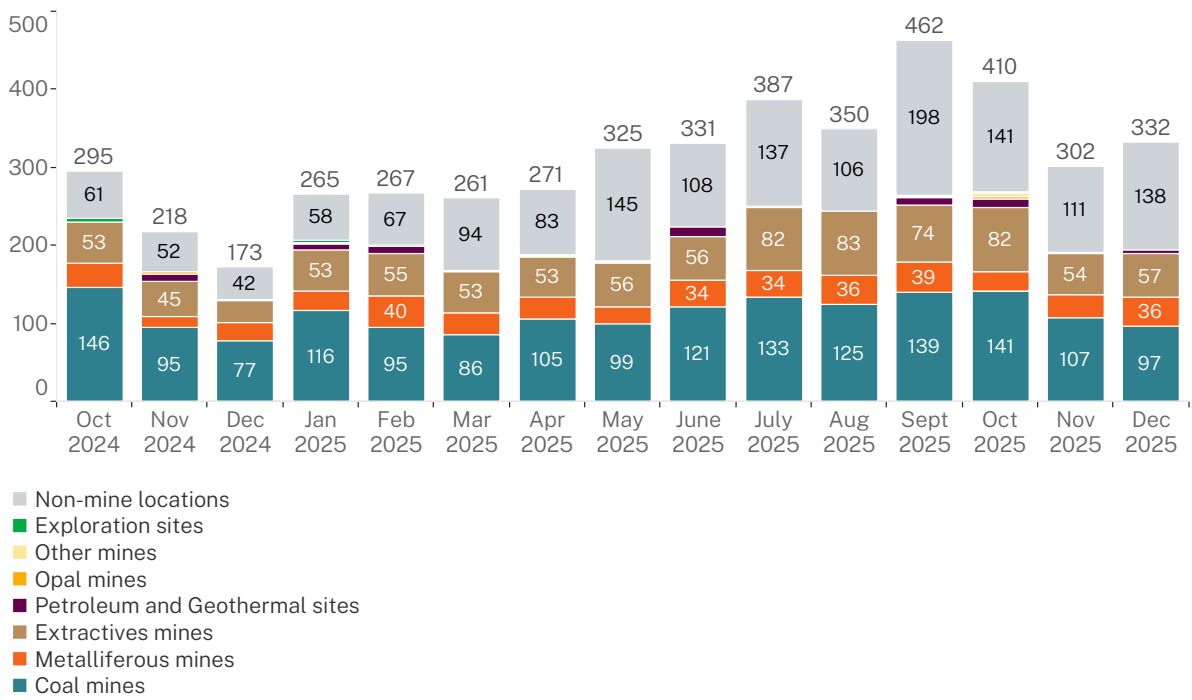
Date notified	Reporting sector	Principal hazard/control plan	Incident description
10 Oct	Coal mines	Fire or explosion	Fire on the off-walk side bearing of a conveyor roller set
15 Oct	Large mines – Metalliferous and Quarries	Ground or strata failure	Wall failure occurred above a sleeping shot
23 Oct	Coal mines	Fire or explosion	Hand-held battery tool ignited after being left on machine during recommissioning run test
28 Oct	Large mines – Metalliferous and Quarries	Fire or explosion	Unintended initiation of explosives underground resulted in 2 fatalities
3 Nov	Large mines – Metalliferous and Quarries	Fire or explosion	During drilling, a jumbo operator has initiated remnant primer in the butt of a previous shot hole resulting in windscreen damage to the vehicle
5 Nov	Coal mines	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	Haul truck and dozer collided whilst reversing at the dump
6 Nov	Large mines – Metalliferous and Quarries	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	3.5 tonne liquid ammonium nitrate emulsion slipped off integrated tool handler vehicle forks after the chain holding the pod failed, causing emulsion to leak from the pod
18 Nov	Coal mines	Mechanical engineering control plan	Light Vehicle rolled away after the driver (sole occupant) alighted from it, travelling down a slight grade and then over a bench edge of approximately 7 metres
20 Nov	Large mines – Metalliferous and Quarries	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	Worker's foot was caught between Agi truck and spraymech during shotcrete preparations
24 Nov	Small mines – Metalliferous, Quarries and Other Gemstones	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	Loader bucket collided with grader cabin, tearing it off several mounts
29 Nov	Coal mines	Ground or strata failure	Coal burst occurred at #151 shield approximately 8m from tailgate roadway on longwall face
30 Nov	Coal mines	Ground or strata failure	Coal burst occurred on longwall while shearing into the tailgate
2 Dec	Large mines – Metalliferous and Quarries	Fire or explosion	Fire occurred on self-cleaning magnet in the 4390 PC2-3 collection conveyor area underground

Date notified	Reporting sector	Principal hazard/control plan	Incident description
11 Dec	Coal mines	Ground or strata failure	Bench collapsed under a 5600 excavator
12 Dec	Small mines – Metalliferous, Quarries and Other Gemstones	No related principal mining hazard or principal control plan	Worker standing on the platform of a jaw crusher was impacted on the head and legs by a rock-breaking implement which fell from a digger
15 Dec	Large mines – Metalliferous and Quarries	Ground or strata failure	2.0 seismic event occurred resulting in breach of ground support
Total			16

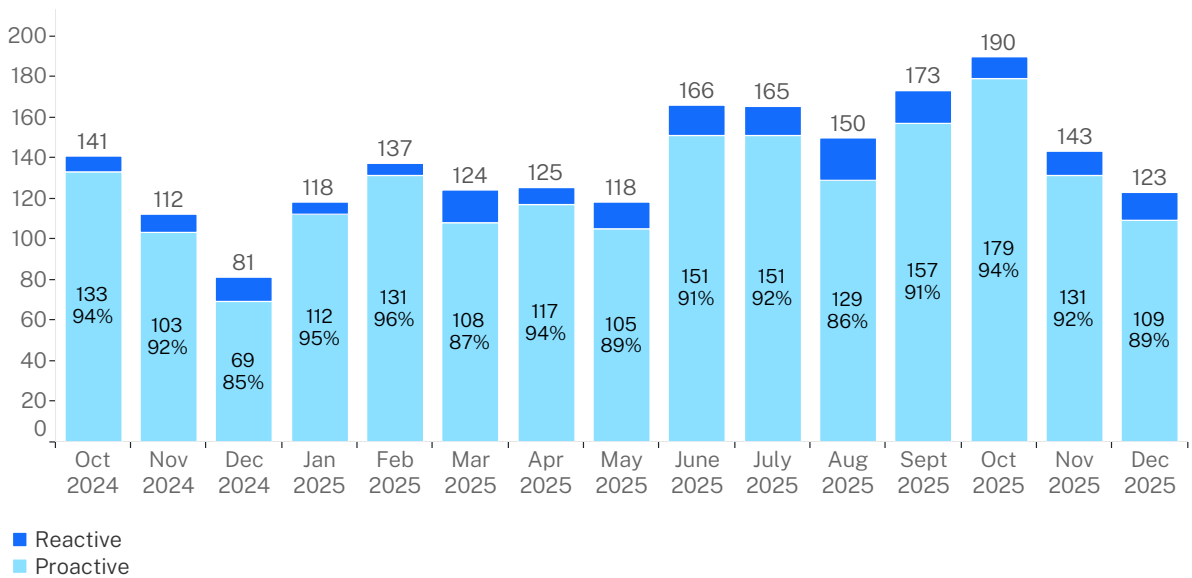


Safety assessments

Safety assessments conducted by sector

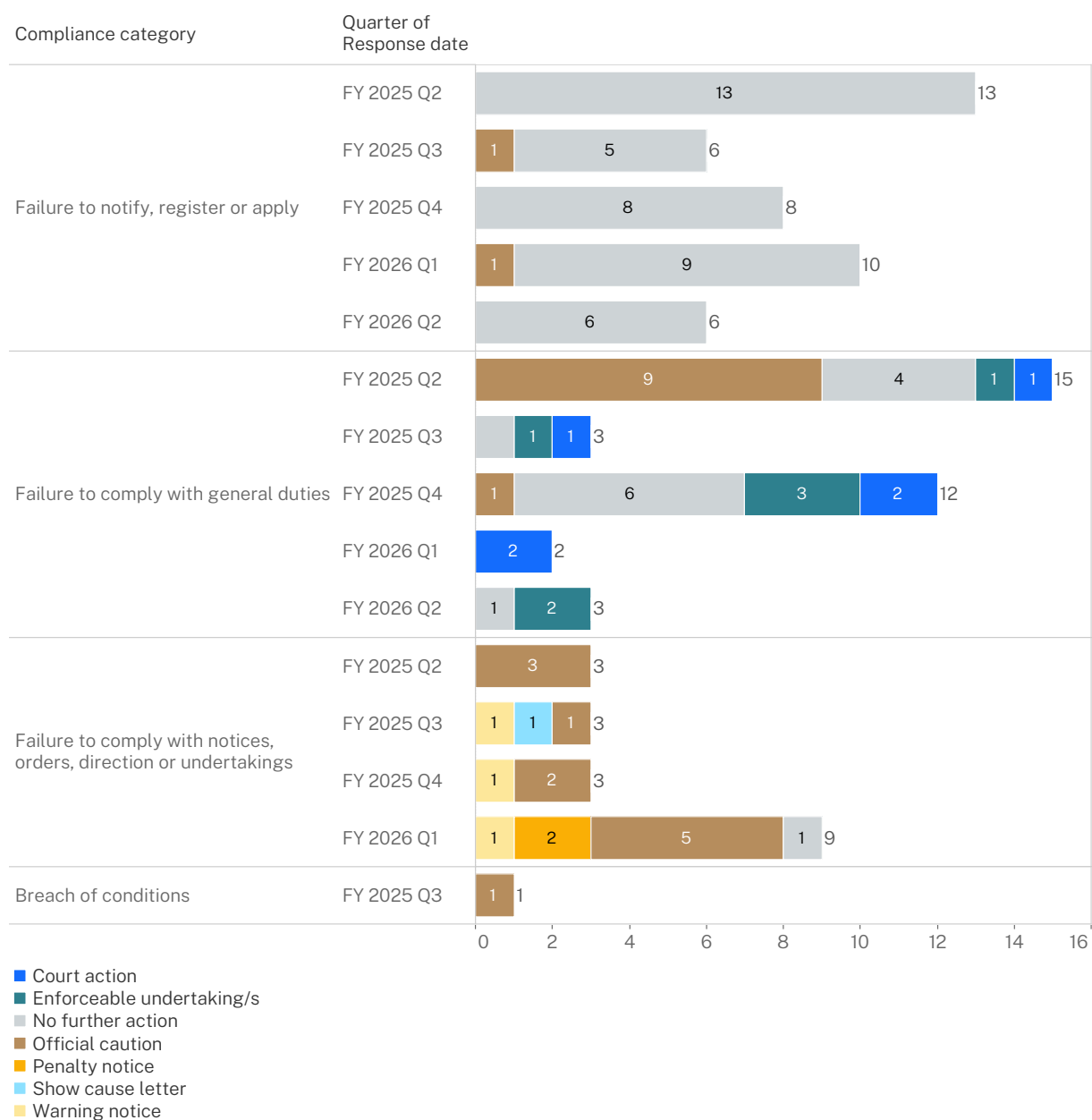


Proactive and reactive safety site assessments conducted

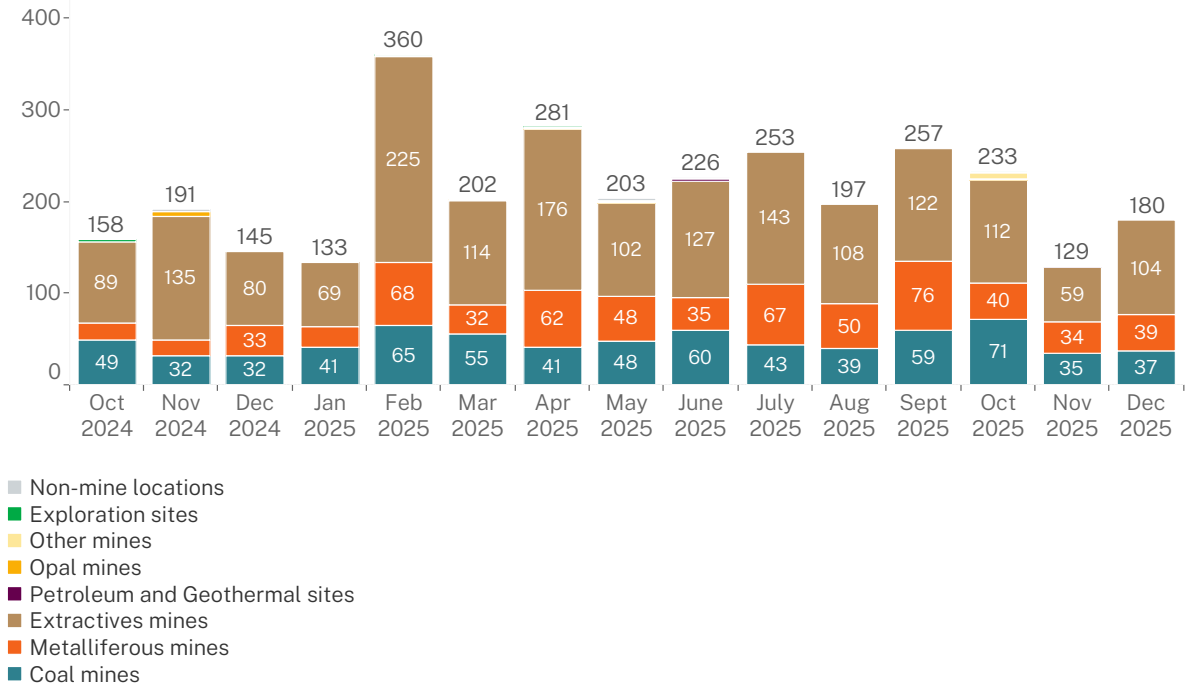


Safety compliance and enforcement activities

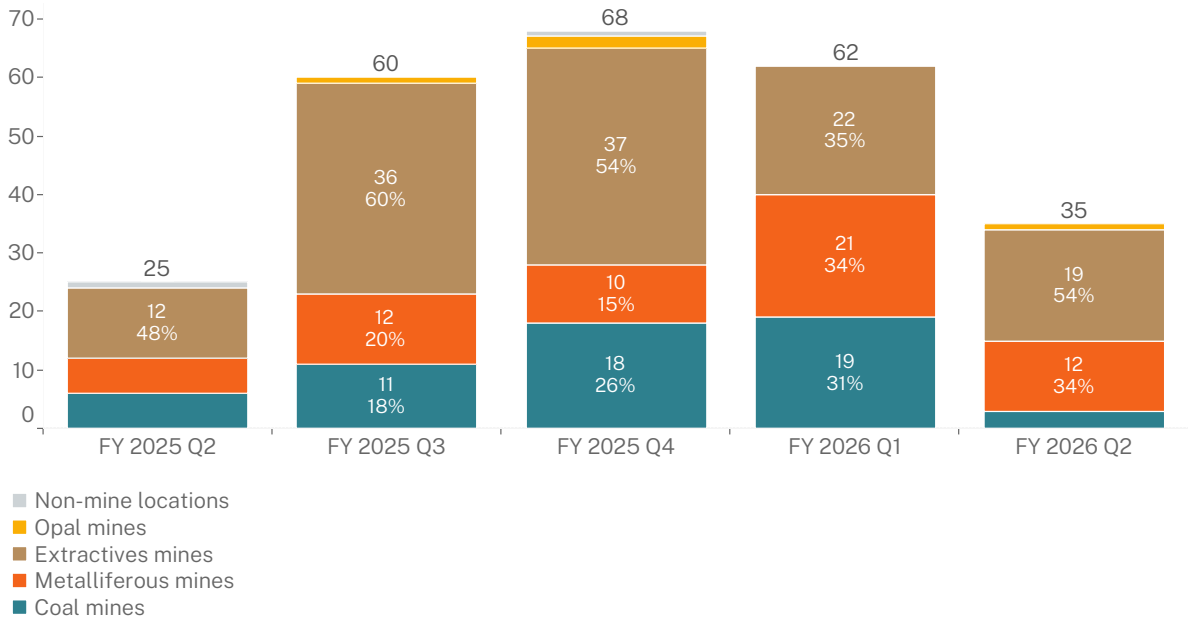
Safety non-compliance by category and response



Safety statutory notices issued by sector



Safety prohibition notices issued by sector



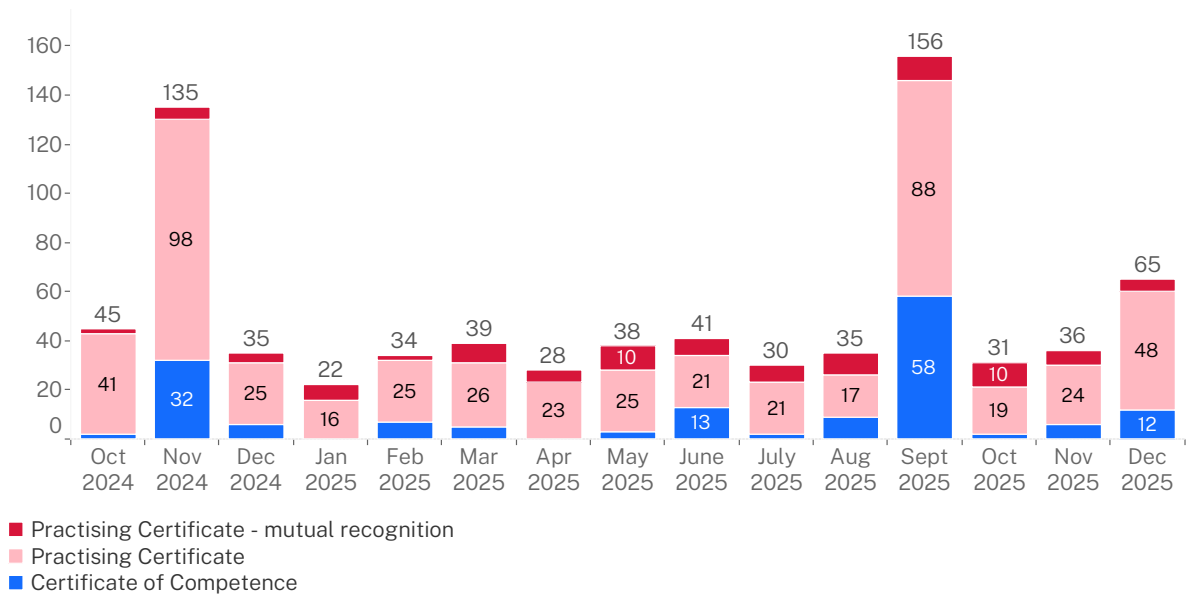
Details of safety prohibition notices issued this quarter

Issued to PCBU	Mine location	Prohibited activity
Individual	Grants Road Sand Quarry	The McCloskey Screen is not to be operated apart from using the travelling function on the machine
Metromix Pty Ltd	Teralba Quarry	The entry of any mobile equipment or vehicles onto the crest of the slimes / water balance pond
Individual	Betts Granite & Earth Moving	Use of screening plant Mark 2 Screen
Individual	Galong Limestone Mine	Operation of the mobile VSI plant for the purpose of crushing limestone
Tritton Resources Pty Ltd	Murrawombie Copper Mine	Access below the Murrawombie pit northern stage 2 cut-back high wall and on to the 50-150-004 shot exclusion zone, except for those activities covered by the WRAC 17/10/2025
Rusty Civil & Earthworks Pty Ltd	Metz Quarry	Operation of the Findlay triple deck screen
Tastex Pty Ltd	Pineleigh Quarry	Operation of the rock saw
Tritton Resources Pty Ltd	Murrawombie Copper Mine	Access below the Murrawombie pit northern stage 2 cut-back high wall and on to the 50-150-004 shot exclusion zone, except for activities covered in signed WRAC_22102025(4)
Tritton Resources Pty Ltd	Murrawombie Copper Mine	Access below the Murrawombie pit northern stage 2 cut-back high wall and on to the 50-150-004 shot exclusion zone, except for activities covered in signed Risk assessment RL161-shot 5150-004 WRAC_11112025.
Gortap Pty Ltd	Leesville Mine	The Chieftan mobile Powerscreen on site is not to be operated for production purposes
Gortap Pty Ltd	Leesville Mine	The Terex Pegson cone on site is not to be operated for production purposes
Gortap Pty Ltd	Leesville Mine	The Striker mobile jaw crusher on site is not to be operated for production purposes
Gortap Pty Ltd	Leesville Mine	The mobile stacker on site is not to be operated for production purposes
Narromine Shire Council	Fairview Pit	The mobile crushing and screening train, made up of a Striker crusher, Fintec screen (unit MM097) and Screenmaster stacker (unit SMC216) is not to be used for production purposes
Endeavour Coal Pty Ltd	Appin Mine Ventilation and Access Project	The use of the shotcrete kibble if the dry concrete flow becomes blocked
Tancoal Australia Ltd	Mount Thorley Coal Processing Plants	Use of a Ø7.1mm lifting chain for the purpose of rotating a product drum at the CHPP using the 5t overhead crane
Individual	MC0063301	Personnel entering the mines workings from the access ladders
Polymetals (Endeavor) Pty Ltd	Endeavor Mine	The use, handling, transport or disposal of ballistic disc projectiles
Perilya Broken Hill Ltd	Southern Operations	The use, handling, transport or disposal of ballistic disc projectiles

Issued to PCBU	Mine location	Prohibited activity
Hera Resources Pty Ltd	Federation Mine Project	No development drilling practices undertaken by mine operators that are not consistent with the mines safe work instructions "Development Drilling 2594-OPS-SWI-00001" and "Identification and Treatment of Misfires 2594-OPS-SWI-00007"
Hera Resources Pty Ltd	Federation Mine Project	Operating in the 1100 ODE 30 until there is effective communication
Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd	Tomingley Gold Mine	Transporting liquid ammonium nitrate emulsion in a container pod (4T ANE Transfer unit) using the tines on an integrated tool handler
Evolution Mining Ltd	Cowal Gold Mine	Manual activation of the return airway regulator/s without confirmed manual isolation
High Quality Sands Pty Ltd	High Quality Sands Pty Ltd - Raleigh	Removing guards to undertake belt tracking and maintenance tasks when the plant is not isolated
Perilya Broken Hill Ltd	Southern Operations	Operation, use or alteration of Normet Remote Shotcrete Unit No. TR043
Moolarben Coal Operations Pty Ltd	Moolarben Coal Operations - Underground	The operation of rubber tyred vehicles (RTVs) along the main travel road from 25ct C heading North Mains panel inbye to 48ct C heading North Mains panel in greater than second gear
Johnstone Concrete & Quarries Pty Ltd	Runnymede Quarry	Front End Loaders being driven with the bucket in the raised position so that it obstructs the vision of the operator
Andy's Earthworks Pty Ltd	Sydney Sandstone Quarry	Operation of contractor's screen GG017
Corkhill Bros Sales Pty Ltd	Corkhill Bros Pty Ltd - Bredbo - Billilिंगra	Operation of the Precision mobile stacker on site for production purposes
Corkhill Bros Sales Pty Ltd	Corkhill Bros Pty Ltd - Bredbo - Billilिंगra	Operation of the Chieftan 2100 mobile Powerscreen on site for production purposes
Regional Quarries Australia Pty Ltd	Bylong Quarry	Drilling on the bench where the next blast is planned to occur
Regional Quarries Australia Pty Ltd	Bylong Quarry	Loading of explosive product into the drill holes on the bench where the next blast is planned
Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd	Teven Quarry	Mining activities on level 5 of the western side of the quarry
Cadia Holdings Pty Ltd	Cadia East Underground	Use of Loader 26 (CAT R3000H) in service production
Evolution Mining Ltd	Cowal Gold Mine	Access to the ramp above and the areas below the failed rock mass
Total		35

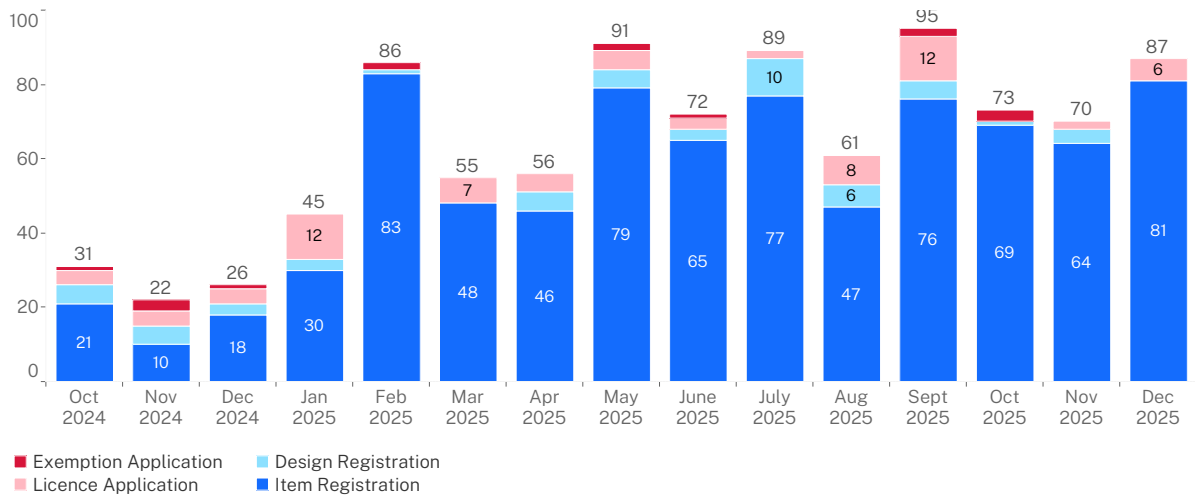
Mining competencies activities

Competence and practising certificates granted

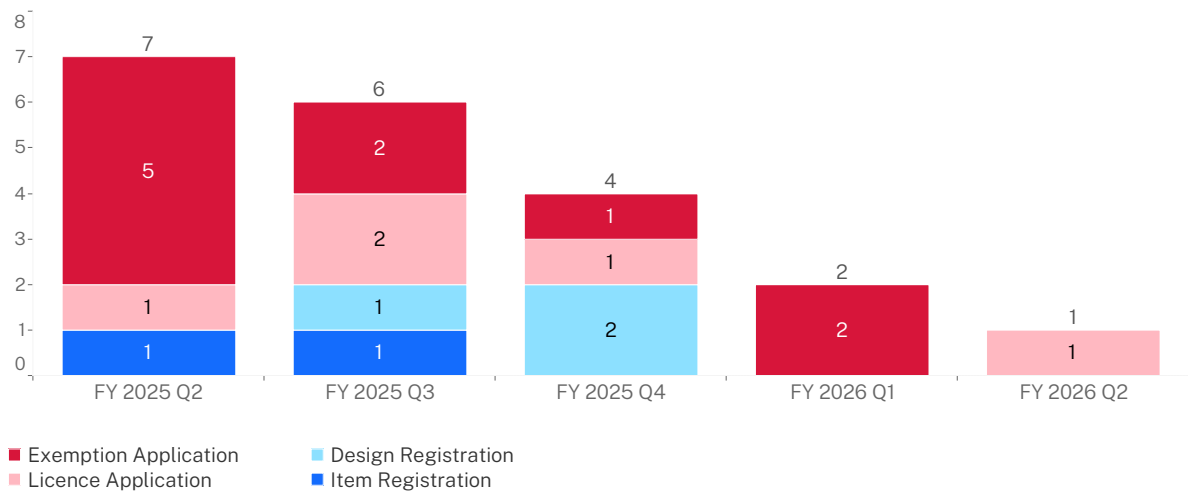


Mining authorisation activities

Exemptions, licences, design registrations and item registrations granted

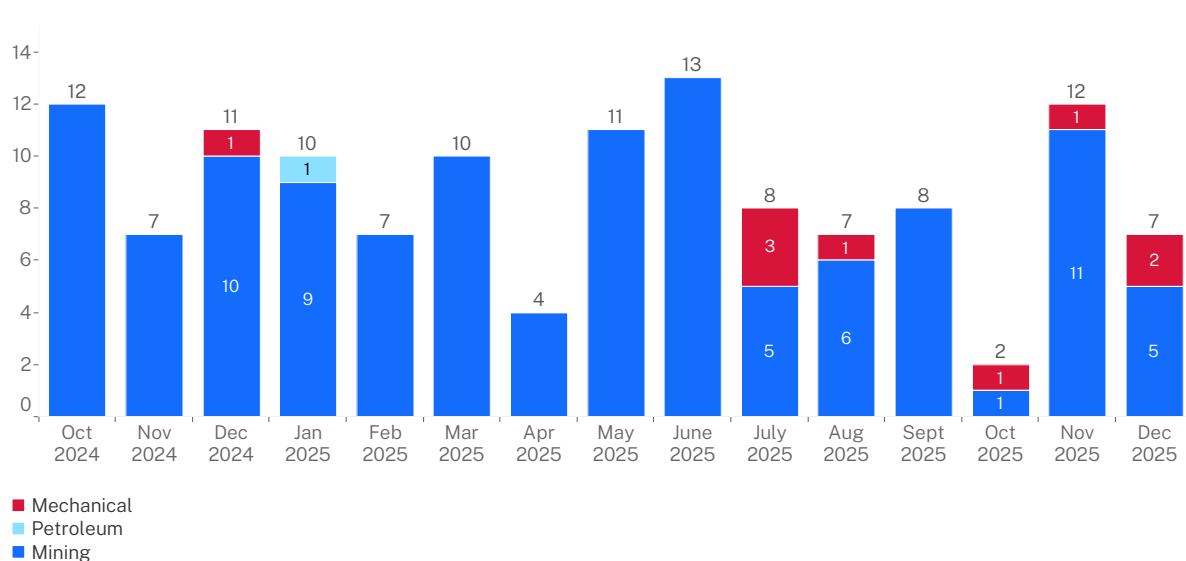


Exemptions, licences, design registrations and item registrations not granted



High-risk activity notifications

High-risk activity notifications received by engineering discipline



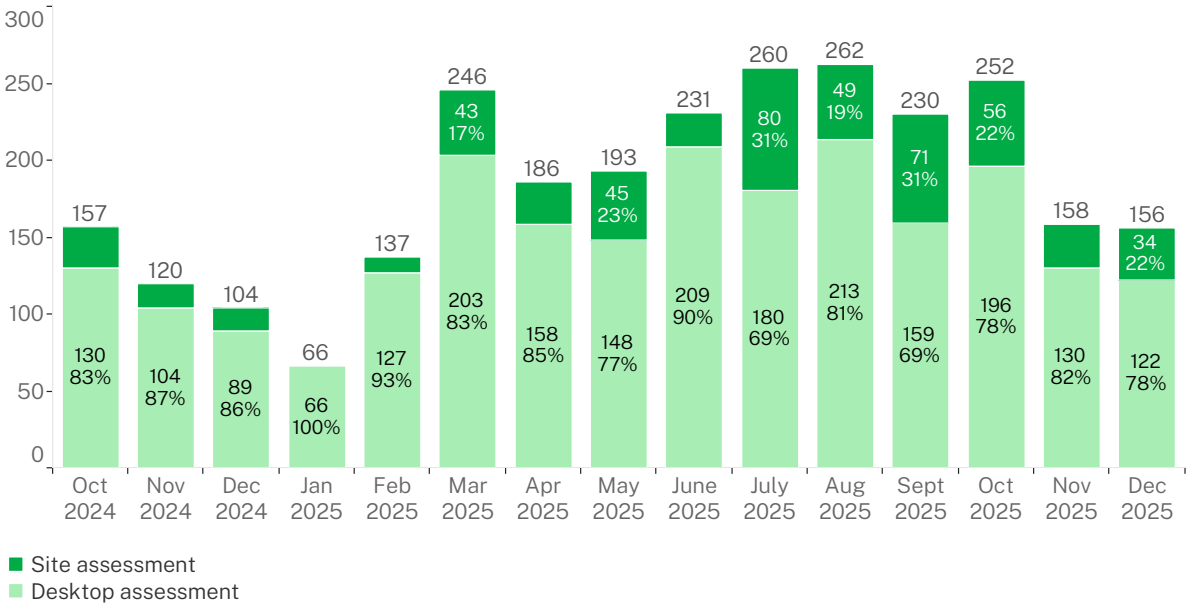
Details of high-risk activity notifications received this quarter

Legislation	Type of high risk activity	Number
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 7	Raise boring	2
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 9(2)(b)	Inrush control zone	1
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 12	Sealing	4
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 13	Hot work	2
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 16	Formation of a pillar	3
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 17(3)(a)	Secondary extraction	2
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 17(3)(b)	Pillar extraction	1
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 20(1)(a)	Explosion	1
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 23	Diesel engines	2
WHS(MPS) Reg 2022 Sch 3 s 38	Tailings storage facility	2
Total		20

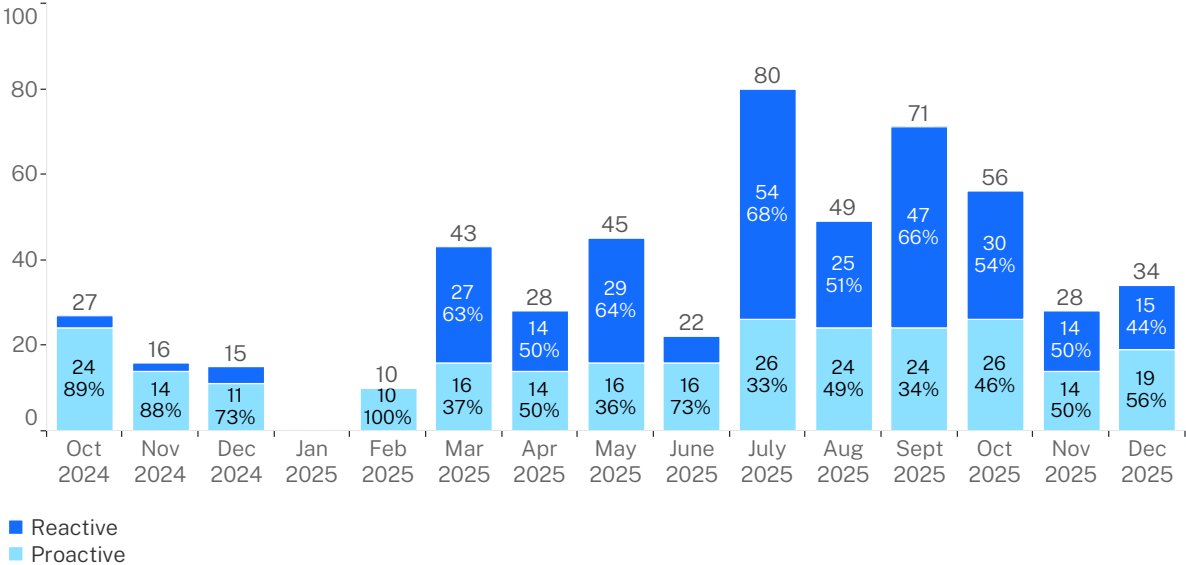
Mining Act 1992 and Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 activities

Mining Act and Petroleum (Onshore) Act assessments

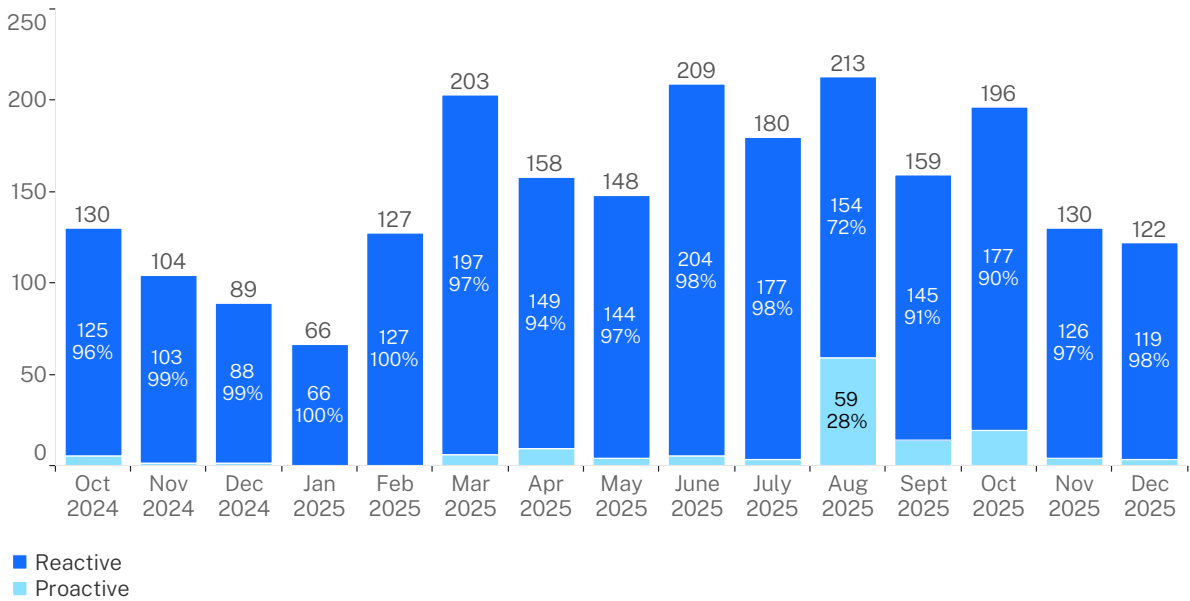
Assessments conducted by category



Site assessments conducted by nature



Desktop assessments conducted by nature

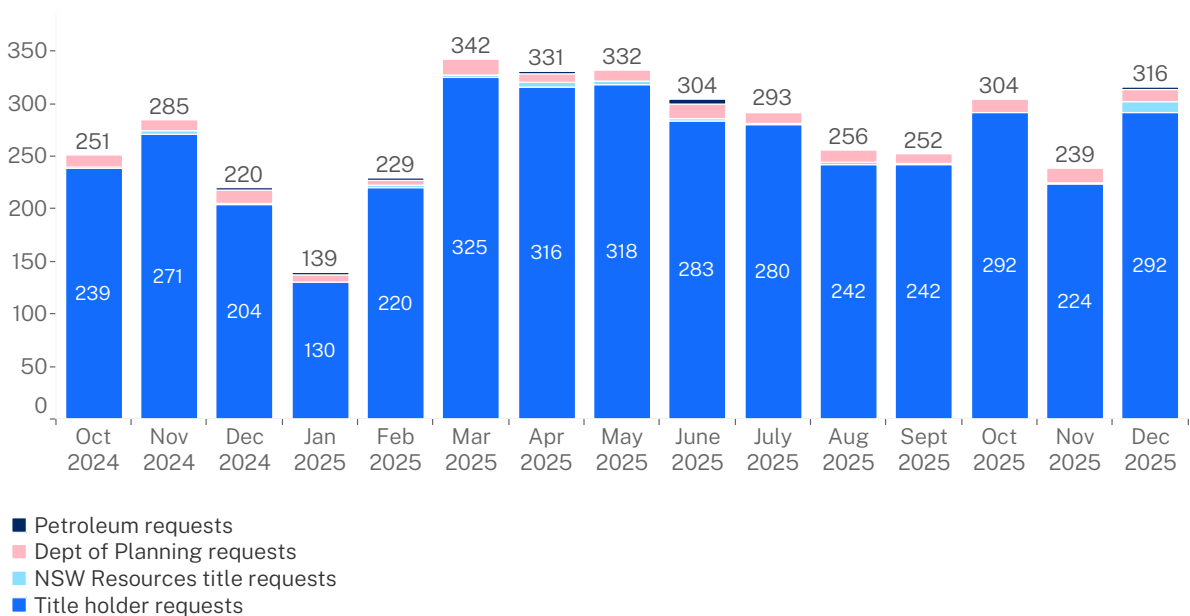


Mining Act and Petroleum (Onshore) Act requests for service

Requests for service include requests from title holders, other branches within NSW Resources 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 NSW *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.

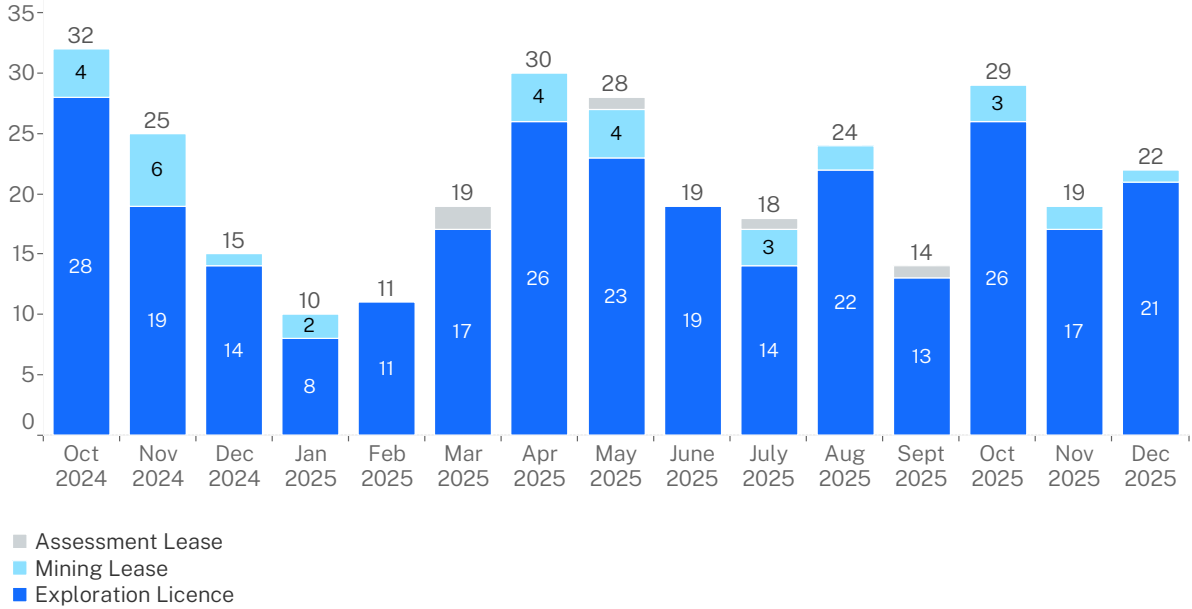
Mining Act requests for service actioned



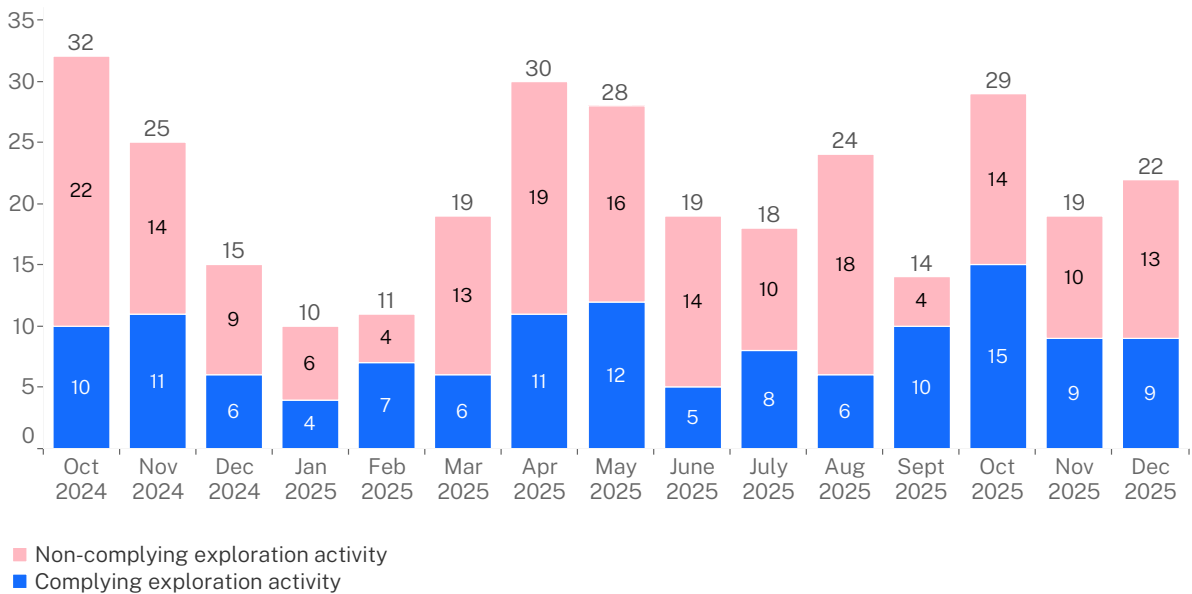
Assessable Prospecting Operation applications

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

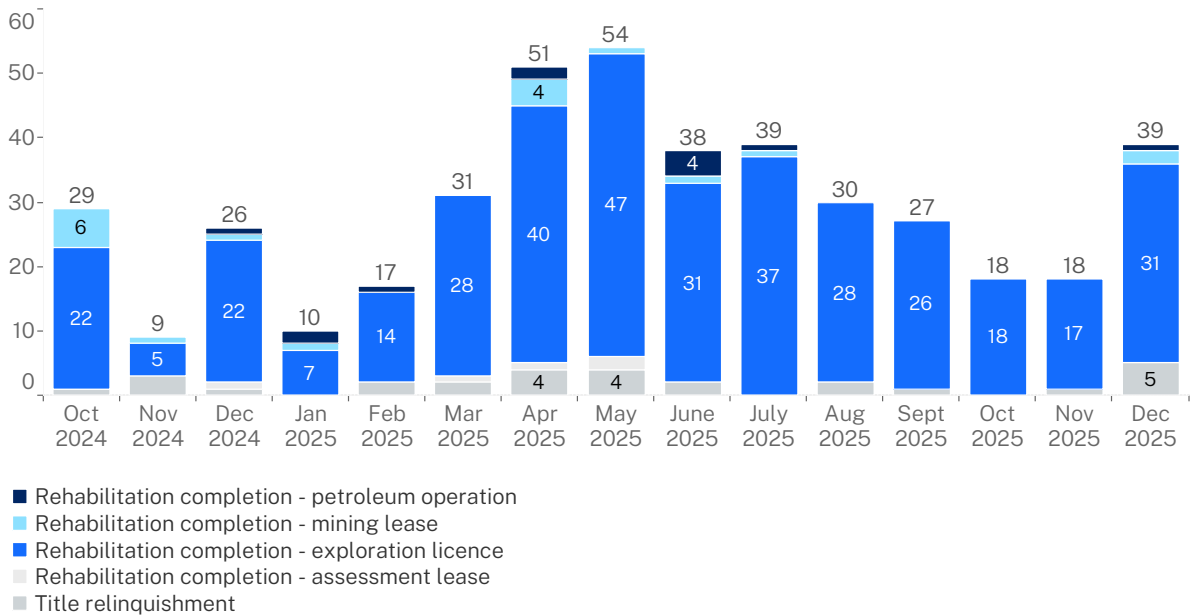


Assessable Prospecting Operation applications actioned by complying/non-complying exploration activity



Rehabilitation completion determinations

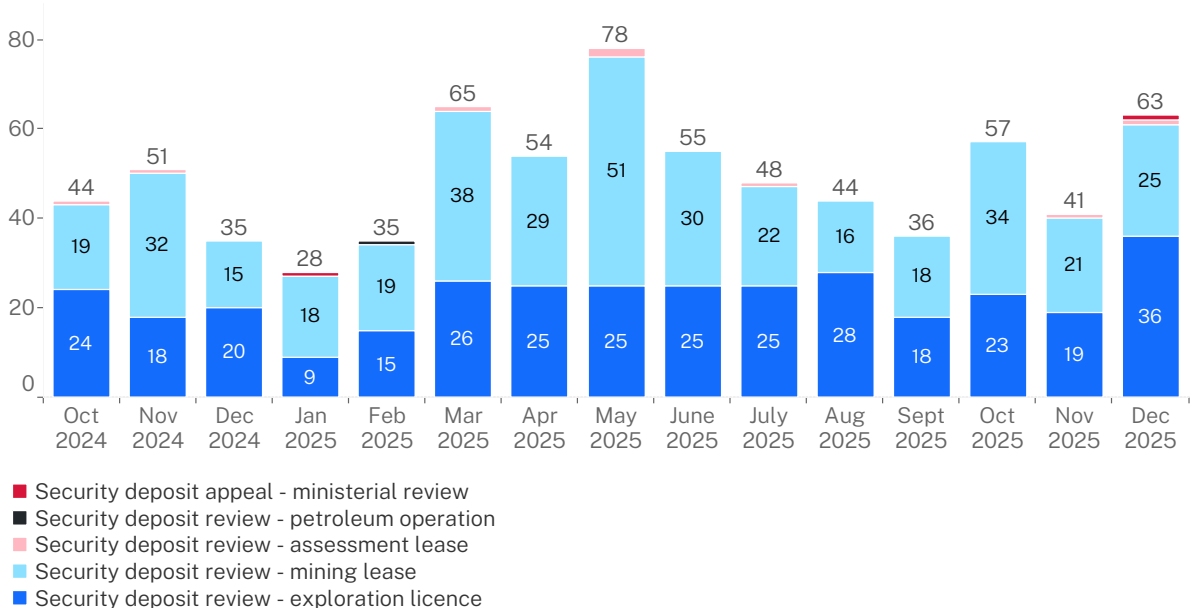
Mining Act rehabilitation completion actioned



Rehabilitation security deposit reviews

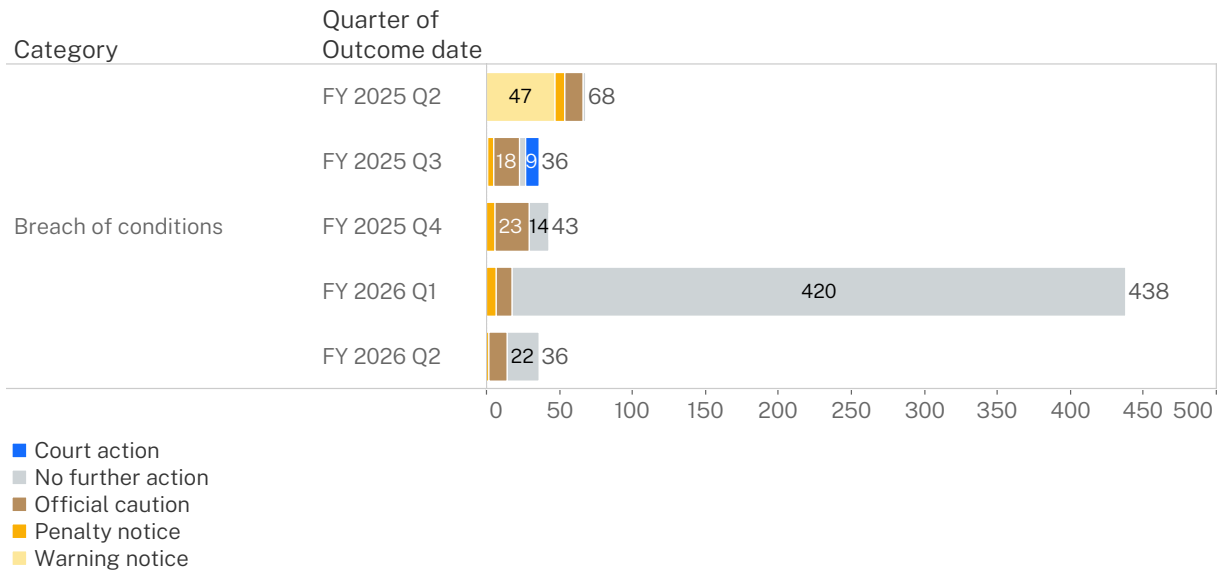
Our inspectors regularly assess the surface disturbance (or proposed disturbance) of a mine or exploration site to calculate the security deposit. This is known as the assessed deposit. Once the assessed deposit is determined, title administrators within NSW Resources responsible will vary the condition 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 assessed



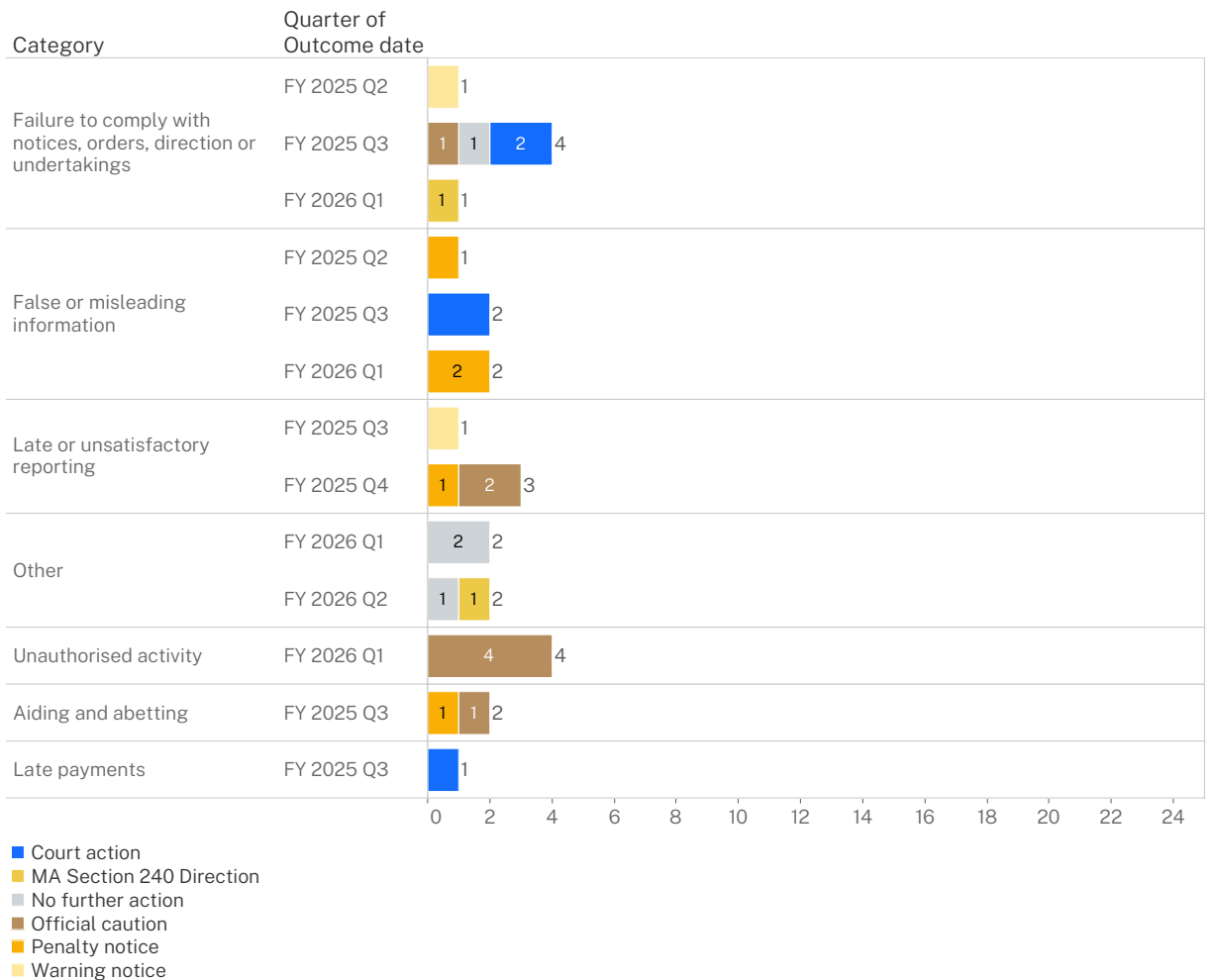
Mining Act compliance and enforcement activities

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

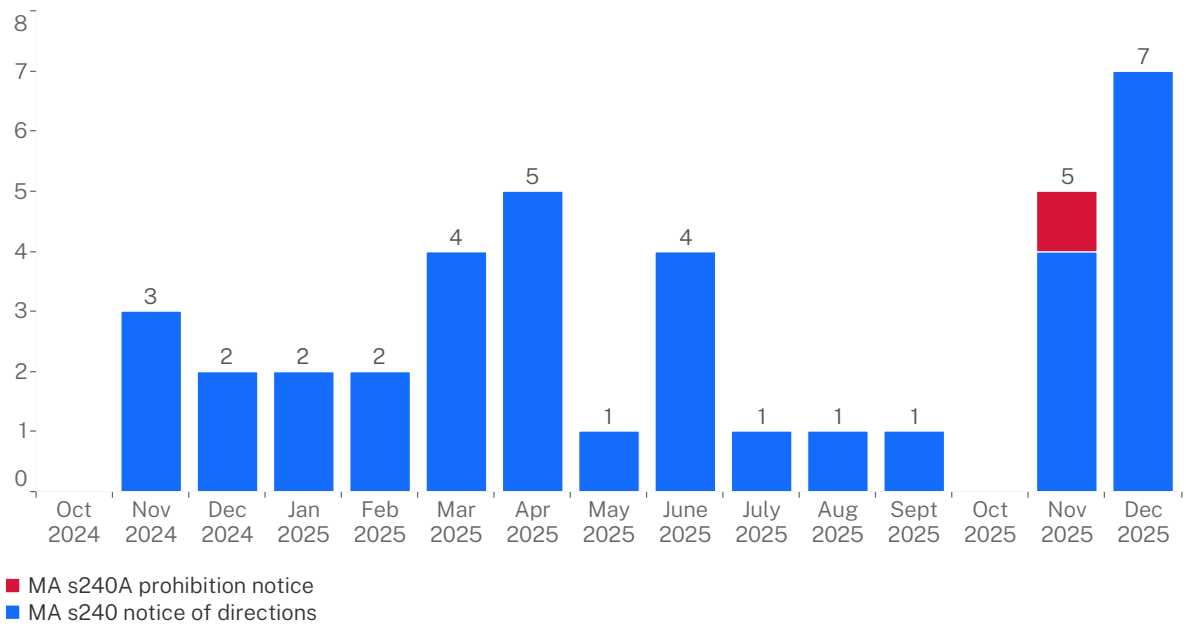


Note: in FY2026 Q1, 410 of the 420 non-compliances with an outcome of sustained and no further action relate to self-reported offences by a single mine.

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
TRG Underground Coal Blasting	Committee meeting	1
AS/NZS 2290.3 Review Project	Committee meeting	1
0502-ANCOLD	Committee meeting	2
Mining Engineering Industry Committee	CE-005 WG Mtg 28 Revision of AS 2187.1 meeting	4
Total		8

External education and engagement activities

Workshops and information sessions

Type of activity	Location	Detail	Number
Seminar	Sydney	Mining Safety Seminar	1
Seminar	Sydney	Electrical Engineering Safety Seminar	1
Forum	Dubbo	Mechanical Engineering Forum – METEX	1
Forum	Hunter Valley	Mechanical Engineering Forum – Open Cut	1
Forum	Penrith	Mechanical Engineering Forum – Underground	1
Forum	Newcastle	Forests NSW – Surface Operations	1
Webinar	Online	Surface ROVOA TRG	3
Webinar	Online	Rehabilitation Cost Estimate Tool	1
Total			10

Publications and alerts

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

Type	Number
Enforceable undertakings	1
Exam papers	2
Exploration and Mining Rehabilitation News	2
Fact sheets	3
Guidance material	4
Investigation information release	1
Mine Safety News	6
Reports	15
Safety alert	2
Safety bulletin	3
Video	20
Weekly incident summary	8
Total	67

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