

# **Licensing and Approvals**

# Major Resource Projects – Works Approval Applications



In Quarter 1, 2016–17 (the quarter):

- The Department of Environment Regulation (DER) decided 100 per cent (of two total) of major resource projects works approvals applications within 60 working days.
- Three new applications were received and three applications were not decided by the end the quarter.
- The average time for decisions was 51 working days.

### Major Resource Projects – Licence Applications



In the quarter:

- DER decided 100 per cent (of three total) of major resource projects licence applications within 60 working days.
- One new application was received and two applications were not decided by the end of the quarter.
- The average time for decisions was 50 working days.

### Other Projects - Works Approval Applications



#### In the quarter:

- DER decided 100 per cent (of eight total) of other project works approvals applications within 60 working days.
- 21 new applications were received and 28 applications were not decided by the end of the quarter.
- The average time for decisions was 42 working days.

# Other Projects – Licence Applications



#### In the quarter:

- DER decided 100 per cent (of nine total) of other project licences applications within 60 working days.
- 15 new applications were received and 38 applications were not decided by the end of the quarter.
- The average time for decisions was 42 working days.

### **Native Vegetation Clearing Permit Applications**

In this Quarterly Report and thereafter, native vegetation clearing permit application data is reported in working days.

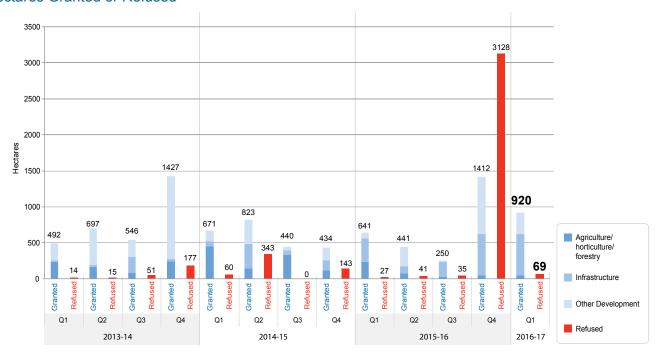
#### **Applications Decided**



#### In the quarter:

- DER decided 76 per cent (of 129 total) of native vegetation clearing permit applications within 60 working days.
- 137 new applications were received and 130 applications were not decided by the end of the quarter.
- The average time for decisions was 46 working days.

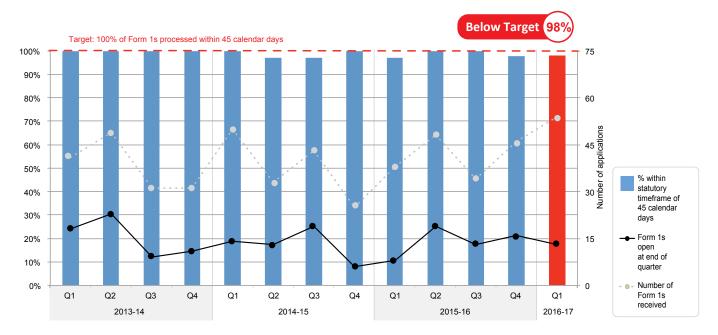
#### **Hectares Granted or Refused**



#### In the quarter:

There were 69 hectares refused (five applications) and 920 hectares granted (91 applications).

#### **Contaminated Sites**

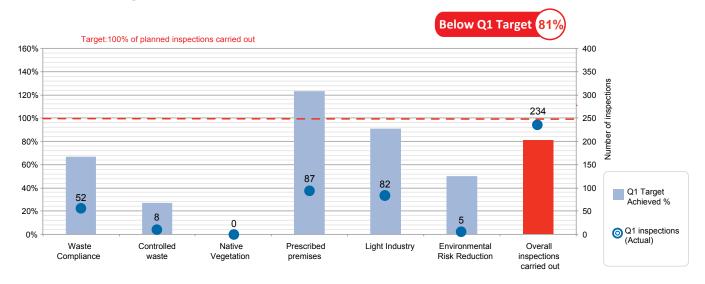


#### In the quarter:

- DER processed 98 per cent (of 57 total) of Form 1s within 45 calendar days.
- 54 new Form 1s were received and 13 were not decided by the end of the quarter.
- One Form 1 exceeded the timeframe this quarter by two days.

# Compliance and Enforcement

# Compliance Program 2016-17



#### In the quarter:

• DER carried out a total of 81 per cent (234) of the targeted inspections (289).

#### **Controlled Waste Licences**



#### In the quarter:

 118 new controlled waste licence applications were received, with 98 per cent assessed within the 30 day statutory timeframe

### **Enforcement Activity**



#### In the quarter:

- DER finalised 99 per cent (of 354 total) of investigations within 60 working days.
- There were 765 new matters recorded and 411 open at the end of the quarter.
- The average time taken to finalise matters was eight days.

# Appendix 1 – Additional Data

# Major Resource Projects

Made Assessed Assessed		2015–16				
Works Approvals Applications	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1		
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	37	19	3 <sup>1</sup>	2		
No. of applications received	4	0	3	3		
No. of applications granted	21	7	3	2		
No. of applications refused	0	0	0	0		
No. of applications withdrawn	1	2	0	0		
No. of applications declined to deal	0	1	1	0		
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	19	82,1	2	3		
Average time for decision (working days)	73	72	35	51		
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working day timeframe (target = 100% of applications decided)	76%	86%	100%	100%		
		2015–16				
Licence Applications	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1		
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	15³	16	74	46		
No. of applications received	5	2	6	1		
No. of applications granted	4	7	1	3		
No. of applications refused	0	0	0	0		
No. of applications withdrawn	0	1	1	0		
No. of applications declined to deal	0	0	0	0		
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	16	85,4	11 <sup>6</sup>	2		
Average time for decision (working days)	85	40	34	50		
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working day timeframe	50%	100%	100%	100%		

# Other Projects

		2016–17		
Works Approvals Applications	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	54	56	31¹	18 <sup>7</sup>
No. of applications received	30	15	11	21
No. of applications granted	16	36	21	7
No. of applications refused	0	0	0	0
No. of applications withdrawn	5	7	2	3
No. of applications declined to deal	7	2	2	1
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	56	26¹	17 <sup>7</sup>	28
Average time for decision (working days)	62	82	46	42
Percentage of applications that were finalised within 60 working day timeframe (target = 80% of applications finalised)	63%	58%	86%	100%
Process A silvertion		2015–16		2016–17
Licence Applications	Q2	2015–16 Q3	Q4	2016–17 Q1
Licence Applications  No. of applications carried over from previous periods	Q2 33 <sup>3</sup>	1	Q4 21 <sup>4</sup>	
		Q3		Q1
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	33³	Q3 28	214	Q1 33 <sup>6,8</sup>
No. of applications carried over from previous periods  No. of applications received	33 <sup>3</sup> 14	Q3 28 15	21 <sup>4</sup> 17	Q1 33 <sup>6,8</sup> 15
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1	In Q4 2015-16, five major project works approvals applications from Q3 were re-categorised to other projects.	5	In Q3 2015-16, two database records with no application lodged were excluded.
2	In Q3 2015-16, one major project works approval application was re-categorised to other projects.	6	In Q1 2016-17, seven major licence applications from Q4 were re-categorised to other projects.
3	In Q2 2015-16, one major project licence application carried over from Q1 was re-categorised to major resource project.	7	In Q1 2016-17, one other works approval application was identified, that wasn't reported in Q4.
4	In Q4 2015-16, one major project licence application carried over from Q3 was re-categorised to other projects.	8	In Q1 2016-17, two other licence applications were identified, that weren't reported in Q4.

# Licence and Works Approval - Applications for Amendment

The following revised target time frames now apply for applications for amendment:

- . Major Amendments those which may adversely affect the risk of the premises: 80% of applications finalised within 60 working days; and
- Minor Amendments those which do not adversely affect the risks of the premises: 80% of applications finalised within 40 working days.

The previous financial year's data on amendments are available in previous Quarterly Performance Reports.

#### Major Amendments (60 working days)

Works approval amondment applications	2016–17
Works approval amendment applications	Q1
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	1
No. of applications received	2
No. of applications determined	1
No. of of open applications as of end of quarter	2
Average time for decision (working days)	120
Percentage of applications that were finalised within timeframe of 60 working days (target = 80% of of applications finalised)	0%
Licence amendment applications	2016–17
Licence amendment applications	2016–17 Q1
Licence amendment applications  No. of applications carried over from previous periods	
	Q1
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	Q1 34
No. of applications carried over from previous periods  No. of applications received	Q1 34 30
No. of applications carried over from previous periods  No. of applications received  No. of applications determined	Q1 34 30 21

### Minor Amendments (40 working days)

	2016–17
Works approval amendment applications	Q1
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	16
No. of applications received	13
No. of applications determined	18
No. of of open applications as of end of quarter	11
Average time for decision (working days)	33
Percentage of applications that were finalised within timeframe of 40 working days (target = 80% of of applications finalised)	89%
Licence amendment applications	2016–17
Licence amendment applications	2016–17 Q1
Licence amendment applications  No. of applications carried over from previous periods	
	Q1
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	Q1 91
No. of applications carried over from previous periods  No. of applications received	Q1 91 68
No. of applications carried over from previous periods  No. of applications received  No. of applications determined	Q1 91 68 71

# Native Vegetation Clearing Permit Applications

Applications		2016–17		
Applications	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	180	173	181	122
No. of applications received	95	96	128	137
No. of decisions on applications	102	88	183	129
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	173	181	122	130
Average time for decision (calendar days minus time in 'stop-the-clock')	54	48	55	46
No. of decisions that were subject to 'stop-the-clock'	60	64	37	42
Average time in 'stop-the-clock' for decisions in calendar days	45	54	53	31
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working day timeframe (target = 80% of applications decided)	47%	65%	62%	76%

# Number of Hectares Granted (G) or Refused (R)

Purpose		2015–16						2016–17		
		Q2		C	Q3		)4	C	Q1	
		G	R	G	R	G	R	G	R	
Agriculture/horticulture/forestry	Hectares	71	41	21	32	49	3,056	49	40	
Applications	8	3	4	1	12	18	6	1		
Infrastructure (includes local government and utilities)	Hectares	105	0	280	0	569	30	575	0	
	Applications	40	0	36	0	48	4	44	0	
Other Development (includes mining not assessed under DMP delegation,	Hectares	265	0	21	3	794	42	296	29	
basic raw materials, and all other purposes such as fire hazard reduction and fence line clearing)	Applications	33	0	16	1	52	10	41	4	
Total Hectares		441	41	321	35	1,413	3,128	920	69	
Total Applications		81	3	56	2	112	32	91	5	

# **Contaminated Sites**

Form 1s		2016–17		
FUIII 15	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
No. of Form 1s Carried over from previous quarter	8	19	13	16
No. of Form 1s received	48	34	46	54
No. of Form 1s processed within statutory 45 calendar days	37	40	42	56
No. of Form 1s open at end of quarter	19	13	16	13
Exceeding statutory 45 calendar days	0	0	1	1
Percentage of Form 1s that were processed within the statutory timeframe of 45 calendar days (target = 100% Form 1s processed)	100%	100%	98%	98%

### Contaminated Sites - Additional Data

# Classified Sites and Parcels (at 30 September 2016)

Classified Sites and Parcels (at 30 September 2016)	Sites	Parcels
Contaminated - remediation required	296	775
Contaminated - restricted use	97	266
Remediated for restricted use	430	3,637
Possibly contaminated - investigation required	1,427	3,241
Decontaminated	454	7,455
Not contaminated - unrestricted use	330	5,661
Report not substantiated	319	1,256
Total	3,353	22,291

#### Mandatory Auditor's Reports (MARs)

Mandatory Auditor's Reports (MARs)		2016–17		
Manualory Additor 5 Reports (MARS)	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
No. of MARs carried over from previous quarter	4	5	5	11
No. of MARs received in quarter	20	8	16	19
No. of MARs processed by DER only* in quarter	8	4	7	11
Total No. of MARs processed in quarter	19	8	10	23
No. of MARs open at end of quarter	5	5	11	7
Average time for MARs processed by DER only (days)	19	16	20	22
Percentage of MARs processed by DER only within 21 day (3 week) target	100%	100%	71%	54%

<sup>\*</sup> Where MARs require specialist technical advice, such as in relation to asbestos, radiological contamination or quantitative human health risk assessment, these MARs are referred to other relevant agencies.

# Compliance Programs 2016-17

Inspection program	Program description	Q1 inspections (Actual)	Q1 inspections (Target)	2016–17 inspections (Actual)	2016–17 inspections (Target)	Q1 Target achieved
Waste Compliance Program	Landfills and associated waste industries	52	78	52	312	67%
Controlled Waste Compliance Program	Controlled waste carriers, drivers, vehicles and tanks, and waste facilities	8	30	8	120	27%
Native Vegetation Compliance Program	Clearing of native vegetation	0	10	0	40	0%
Prescribed Premises Compliance Program (PPCP)	Risk based inspections undertaken across 995 prescribed premises	87	71	87	284	123%
Pollution Response Activities	Light Industry Program	82	90	82	360	91%
	Environmental Risk Reduction Program	5	10	5	40	50%
Total		234	289	234	1,156	81%

The <u>Annual Review and Compliance Program 2016-17</u> outlines DER's key review and compliance priorities for the 2016-17 financial year. From Quarter 2, 2016-17, program data will be available and reported in the Regulatory Performance Dashboard.