

Regulatory Services – Water

Water Licensing

State-wide summary of in force (active) instruments, by risk category

Q2 2017-18	# By Instrument Type					Total
	SWL	Permit	GWL	CAW	AGR	
Low	738	69	3113	286	12	3686
Medium	198	5	2885	19	1	3125
High	377	5	4741	436	1	5893
Unassigned	1	210	1	0	69	317
Total	1314	289	10740	741	83	13167

SWL = surface water licence

Permit = permit to interfere with beds and banks of a watercourse

GWL = groundwater licence

CAW = licence to construct and alter a well

AGR = agreement to take water

Water licence and permit applications by risk category – Target 80% of applications processed within KPI timeframe

Water Licence and Permit Applications – Low Risk	2017-18	
	Q1	Q2
No. of applications received	425	518
No. of applications processed	458	636
Percentage of applications processed within 65 working days (target = 80% of applications processed within 65 working days)	79%	57%
Water Licence and Permit Applications – Medium Risk	2017-18	
	Q1	Q2
No. of applications received	22	37
No. of applications processed	33	57
Percentage of applications processed within 75 working days (target = 80% of applications processed within 75 working days)	61%	44%
Water Licence and Permit Applications – High Risk	2017-18	
	Q1	Q2
No. of applications received	34	46
No. of applications processed	58	81
Percentage of applications processed within 95 working days (target = 80% of applications processed within 95 working days)	60%	36%
Applications awaiting assignment of risk level at close of quarter	254	248

Water licence and permit applications currently under assessment for greater than 65 working days – Target ≤350 applications

Under Assessment	Instrument Application Type							Total
	2017-18	Agreement	Amend	New	Renewal	Trade	Transfer	
Q1	24	54	238	53	24	17	165	575
Q2	16	58	207	49	29	36	95	490

Excludes applications awaiting further information from applicant or external agency.

Department Amend = Amendments initiated by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

Land Use Planning

Land use planning advice requests, by category

2017-18	Advice request category					Total
	Environmental Protection Assessment	Land Use Activity	Land Use Change	Mining and Petroleum	Reports and Policies	
Q2	7	110	87	43	55	302

Land use planning advice requests, by type – Target 95% statutory responses finalised within 35 working days

Advice Request Type	2017-18
	Q2
No. of statutory referrals	242
No. of non-statutory referrals	60
Total no. of referrals	302
Percentage of statutory responses finalised within 35 working days (target = 95% of statutory responses finalised within 35 working days statutory timeframe)	98%

Regulatory Services – Environment

State-wide summary of in force (active) instruments

2017-18	# By Instrument Type		
	Licence	Works Approval	Clearing Permits
Quarter 2	1017	378	1043

Licence and Works Approvals

Major resource projects – applications

Works Approvals Applications	2016-17				2017-18	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
No. of applications accepted	3	1	0	0	3	2
No. of applications decided	2	1	3	0	1	1
No. of applications withdrawn/declined	0	0	2	0	0	0
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	3	3	1	0	3*	4
Average time for decision (working days)	64	58	44	0	60	49
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working days (target = 100% of applications decided)	N/A	100%	100%	N/A	100%	100%

Licence Applications	2016-17				2017-18	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
No. of applications accepted	1	2	0	1	0	0
No. of applications decided	3	0	0	0	0	0
No. of applications withdrawn/declined	0	0	2	0	0	0
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	2	4	5	6	4**	5
Average time for decision (working days)	58	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working days (target = 100% of applications decided)	67%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Due to additional data integrity checks the number of applications open and therefore carried over from Q4 is 1 resulting in 3 open applications at the end of this quarter.

** Due to additional data integrity checks the number of applications open and therefore carried over from Q4 is 2 resulting in 4 open applications at the end of this quarter.

Other projects applications

Works Approvals Applications	2016-17				2017-18	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
No. of applications accepted	17	30	11	23	26	17
No. of applications decided	7	15	11	15	20	18
No. of applications withdrawn/declined	3	2	4	2	2	6
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	28	43	40	49	55*	48
Average time for decision (working days)	50	79	64	64	83	65
Percentage of applications that were finalised within 60 working days (target = 80% of applications finalised)	86%	60%	30%	60%	45%	56%
Licence Applications	2016-17				2017-18	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
No. of applications accepted	14	31	15	29	21	20
No. of applications decided	9	11	8	9	9	22
No. of applications withdrawn/declined	1	0	3	2	9	9
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	38	58	66	86	98**	87
Average time for decision (working days)	48	74	113	36	46	63
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working days (target = 80% of applications decided)	78%	55%	25%	89%	78%	59%

* Due to additional data integrity checks the number of applications open and therefore carried over from Q4 is 51 resulting in 55 open applications at the end of this quarter.

** Due to additional data integrity checks the number of applications open and therefore carried over from Q4 is 95 resulting in 98 open applications at the end of this quarter.

Amendment applications

Works approval amendment applications	2016-17				2017-18	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
No. of applications accepted	15	16	11	12	11	12
No. of applications decided	19	9	12	10	7	12
No. of applications withdrawn/ declined	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	13	12	9	10	13*	13
Average time for decision (working days)	37	26	35	27	43	24
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working days (target = 80% of applications finalised)	84%	89%	75%	80%	71%	92%
Licence amendment applications	2016-17				2017-18	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
No. of applications accepted	98	107	63	55	75	70
No. of applications decided	92	72	83	52	55	62
No. of applications withdrawn/ declined	0	0	9	3	0	3
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	131	161	117	121	152**	157
Average time for decision (working days)	71	107	55	56	54	73
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working days (target = 80% of applications finalised)	45%	35%	63%	67%	71%	61%

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** Due to additional data integrity checks the number of applications open and therefore carried over from Q4 is 132 resulting in 152 open applications at the end of this quarter.

Native vegetation clearing

Native vegetation clearing permit applications

Applications	2016-17				2017-18	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
No. of applications carried over from previous periods	122	130	138	161*	181**	190
No. of applications received	137	109	99	116	103	120
No. of decisions on applications	129	101	72	90	94	118
No. of open applications as of end of quarter	130	138	163	187	190	192
Average time for decision (calendar days minus time in 'stop-the-clock')	46	53	48	63	74	74
No. of decisions that were subject to 'stop-the-clock'	42	35	25	33	50	48
Average time in 'stop-the-clock' for decisions in calendar days	31	26	18	59	72	100
Percentage of applications that were decided within 60 working days (target = 80% of applications decided)	76%	74%	74%	57%	47%	44%

* Due to additional data integrity checks the number of applications open and therefore carried over from Q3 is 161.

** Due to additional data integrity checks the number of applications open and therefore carried over from Q4 is 181.

Number of hectares granted (G) or refused (R)

Purpose		2016-17								2017-18			
		Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2	
		G	R	G	R	G	R	G	R	G	R	G	R
Agriculture/horticulture/forestry	Hectares	49	40	515	2762	11	0	291	75	1630	9	1473	140
	Applications	6	1	11	8	3	0	15	2	13	1	17	2
Infrastructure (includes local government and utilities)	Hectares	575	0	219	0	25	0	477	0	286	0	552	0
	Applications	44	0	32	0	26	0	36	0	38	0	50	0
Other Development (includes mining not assessed under DMIRS delegation, basic raw materials, and all other purposes such as fire hazard reduction and fence line clearing)	Hectares	296	29	326	9	55	1	135	0	626	0	580	350
	Applications	41	4	26	4	19	1	20	0	27	0	21	4
Total Hectares		920	69	1060	2771	91	1	903	75	2542	9	2604	490
Total Applications		91	5	69	12	48	1	71	2	78	1	88	6

Compliance and Enforcement

Compliance program activities

Inspection program	Program description	2017-18			
		Q1 Inspections (Actual)	Q2 Inspections (Actual)	Inspections (Target)	Percentage of annual target achieved (%)
Waste Sector Program	Landfill Levy Compliance.	29*	29	150	39
Controlled Waste Program	Controlled waste carriers, drivers, vehicles and tanks, and waste facilities.	13	15	NA	NA
Clearing Regulation Permits	Assessing compliance with clearing permits issued under Part V of the EP Act and the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004.	1	5	NA	NA
Prescribed Premises Compliance Program	Assessing compliance with Licences and Registrations issued under Part V of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> .	17**	60	200	39
Percentage of potential environmental risks identified during compliance monitoring program that are rectified within two months	Number of non-compliances identified in quarter.	25	55	NA	NA
	Number of non-compliances identified in the quarter that were closed in two months.	7	26	NA	NA
	Percentage of non-compliances identified during the quarter that were closed in two months.	28%	47.3%	80%	41.3
Light Industry Program	Joint program with Local Governments targeting light industrial areas.	14	75	N/A	N/A
Environmental Response Program	Includes interagency inspections targeting hazardous materials storage.	1	5	N/A	N/A
Ministerial statements audited	Audits conducted on proposals identified through a risk- based framework.	15	15	60	50
Ministerial statements compliance assessment reports	Compliance assessment reports received during the financial year will be reviewed.	42	40	N/A	100

* The first quarter report identified that 25 waste compliance inspections had been undertaken in that quarter, however subsequent review has identified that 29 inspections were completed in the first quarter.

** The first quarter involves follow-up work to close out non-compliances identified during the previous reporting period and to plan and approve the annual compliance program for the current period. Subsequently the number of compliance inspections undertaken is generally lower during the first quarter.

Enforcement activities

Enforcement Activities	2017-18	
	Q1	Q2
No. of matters received and finalised	583	615
No. of new matters recorded	731	819
No. of investigations closed within 60 working days	622	577
Total investigations closed	1050	724
Percentage of investigations closed within 60 working days (target = 80% of investigations finalised within 60 working days)	59%	80%

Enforcement Actions	2017-18	
	Q2	
No. of letters of warning issued	9	
No. of infringements issued	16	
No. of convictions recorded	4	
No. of modified penalties paid	1	
No. of commenced prosecutions	2	

Pollution response

Pollution Response Activities	2017-18	
	Q1	Q2
No. of incidents	114	96
No. of reports to Pollution Watch	545	750

Controlled Waste licences – new applications received

Controlled Waste Applications	2017-18	
	Q1	Q2
No. of applications received	106	215
Percentage of applications assessed within 30 calendar day statutory timeframe (target = 100% of applications assessed within 30 calendar day statutory timeframe)	100%	100%

Contaminated Sites

Classified sites and parcels (at 31 December 2017)

Classified Sites and Parcels	Sites	Parcels
Contaminated – remediation required	306	876
Contaminated – restricted use	124	319
Remediated for restricted use	538	4065
Possibly contaminated – investigation required	1428	3166
Decontaminated	522	8005
Not contaminated – unrestricted use	358	5783
Report not substantiated	379	1373
Total	3655	23587

Known or suspected contaminated sites reported (Form 1s)

Form 1s	2016-17		2017-18	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
No. of Form 1s carried over from previous quarter	31	6	88	10
No. of Form 1s received	58	207	49	50
No. of Form 1s processed within statutory 45 calendar days	83	125	127	42
No. of Form 1s open at end of quarter	6	88	10	18
No. of Form 1s exceeding statutory 45 calendar days	0	0	0	0
Percentage of Form 1s that were processed within 45 calendar days statutory timeframe (target = 100% of Form 1s processed)	100%	100%	100%	100%