



2025/26 Q1 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY & PERFORMANCE METRICS REPORT

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Introduction



Welcome to the Planning and Development – Development Activity Report for Q1 of the 2025/26 financial year.

The content of this report provides a summary of development activities in the residential and commercial segments of the local development industry.

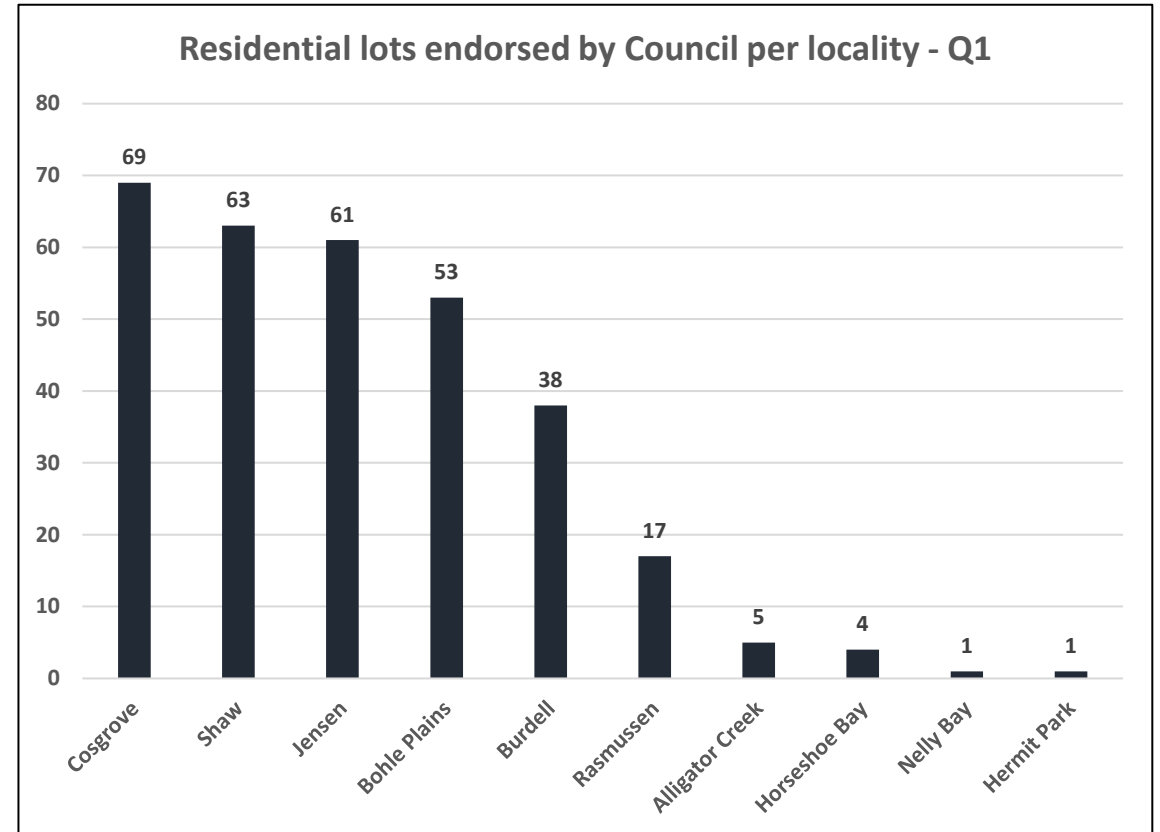
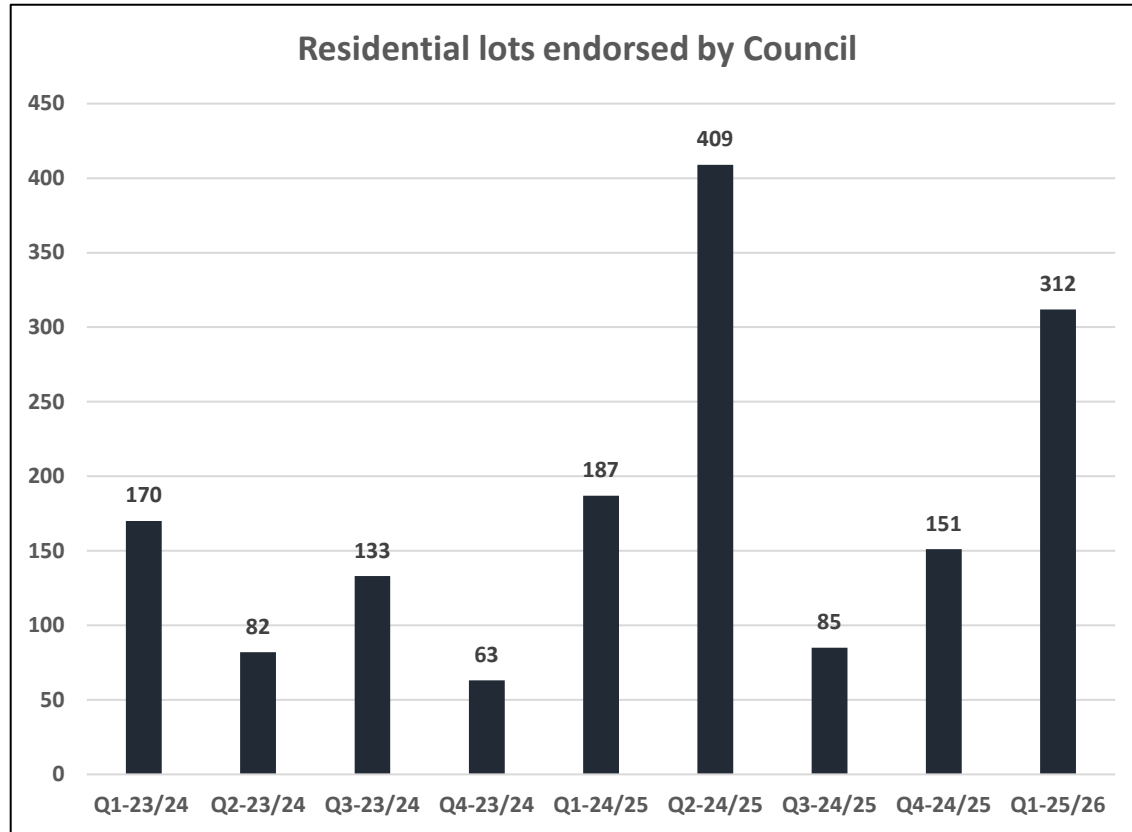
The report shows activity volumes of applications received for assessment and the Council assessment performance.

1. Residential Development Activity



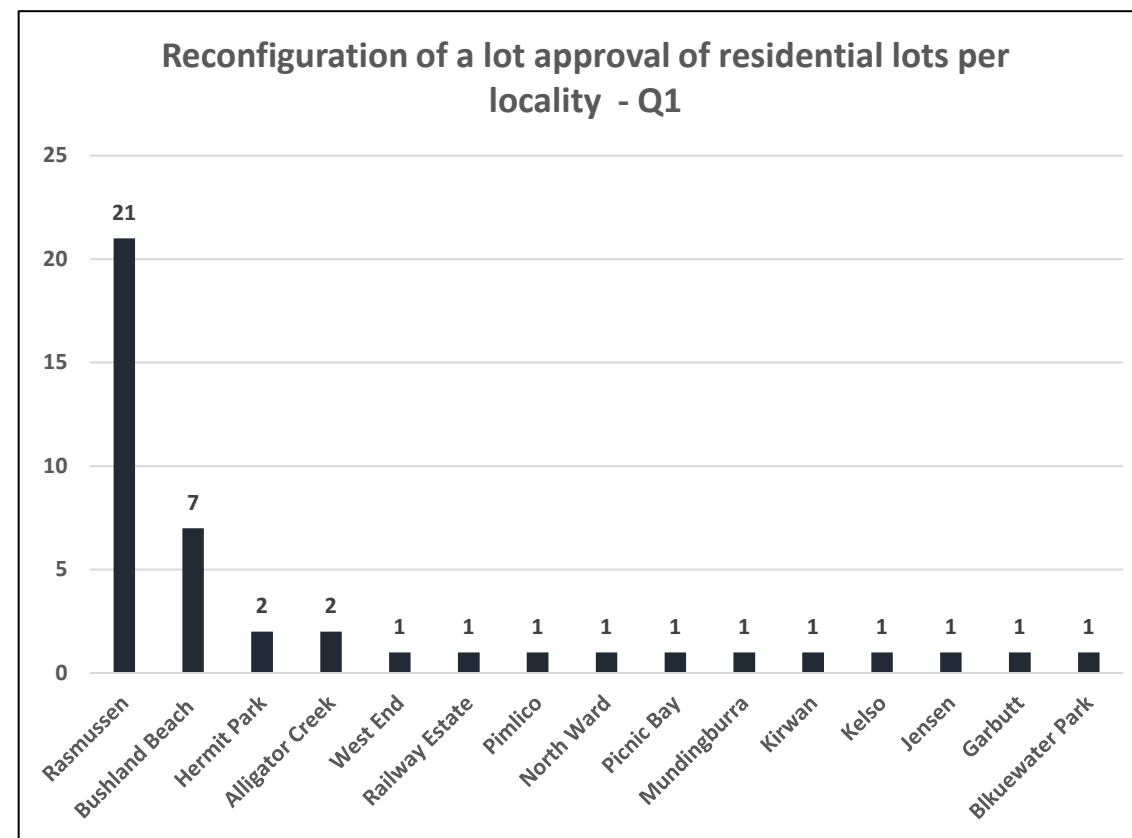
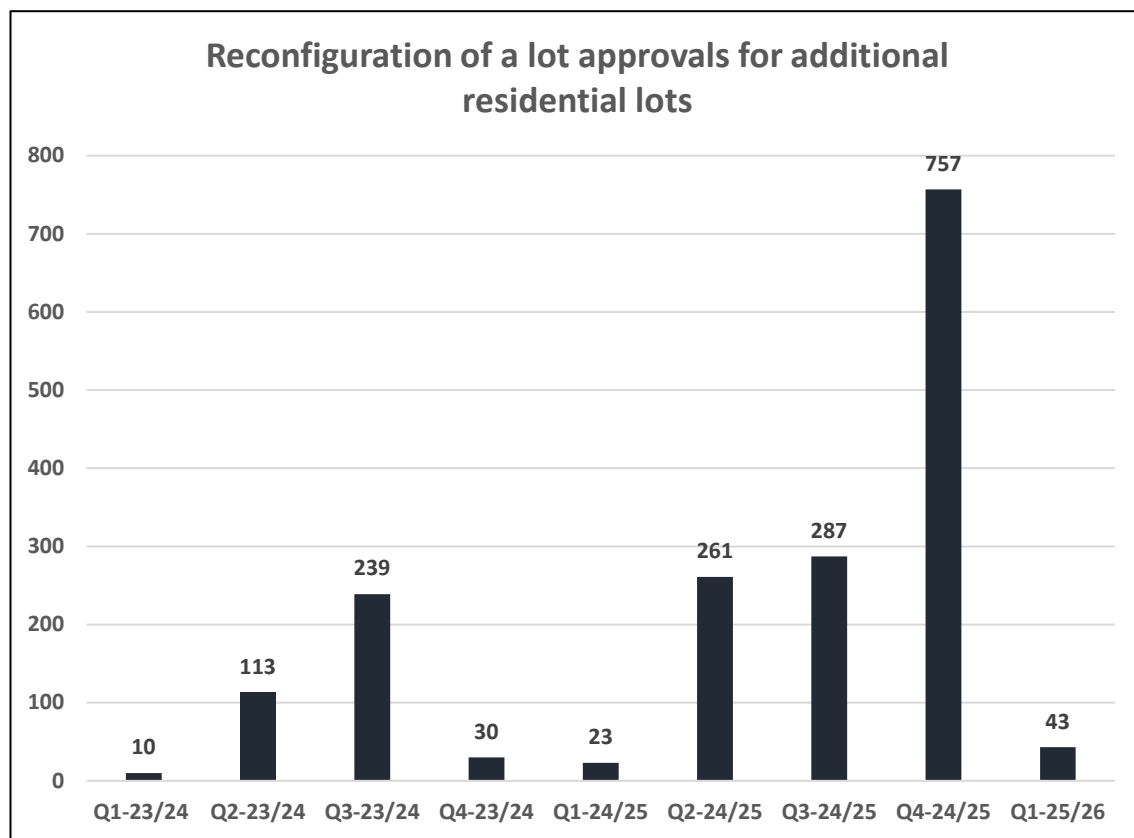
1.1 Residential lots endorsed

The charts below represent the residential lots endorsed by Council via Plan of Survey approvals and related locality.



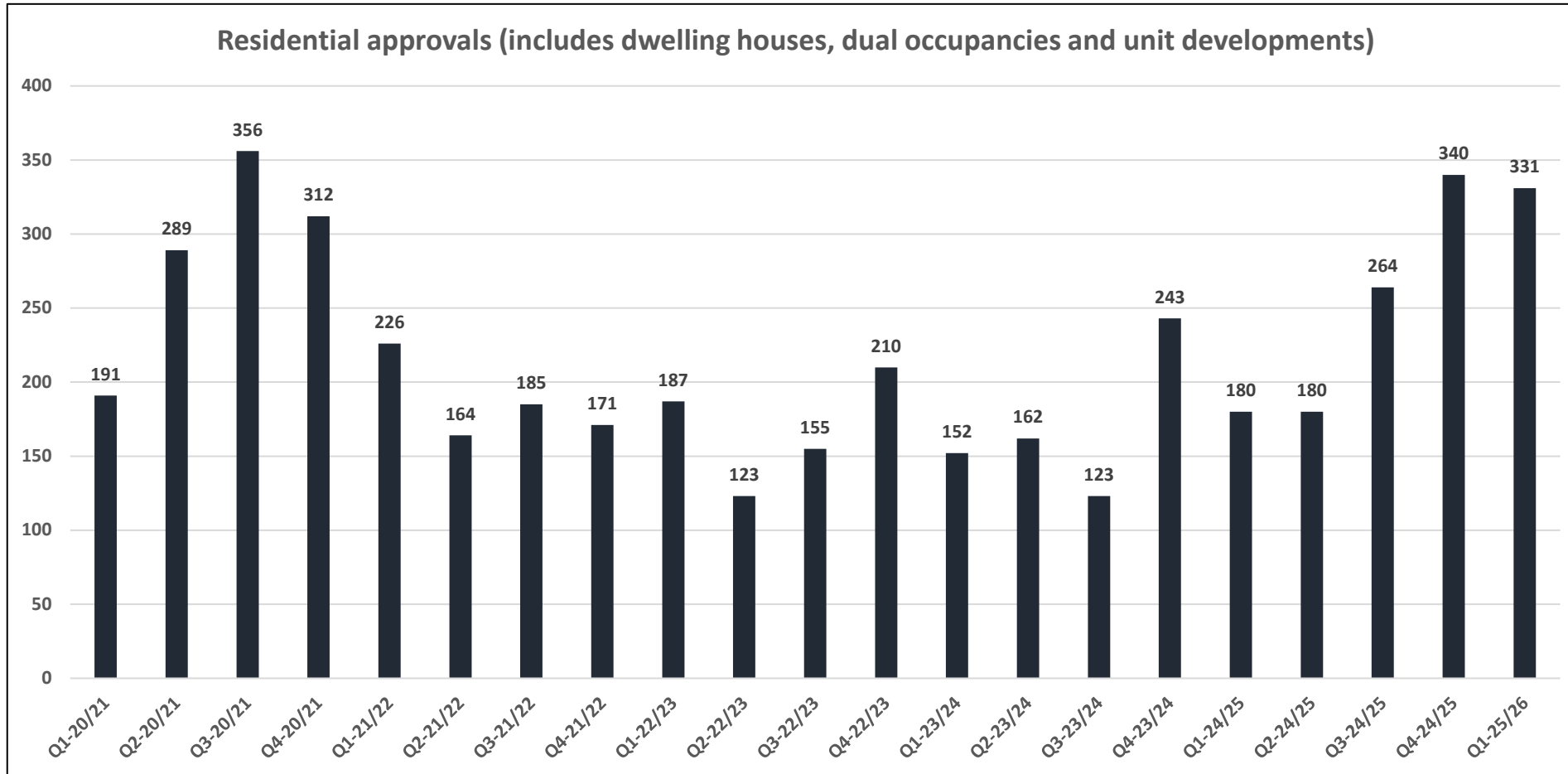
1.2 Residential lots approved for future development

The charts below represent the Reconfiguration of a Lot applications approved by Council during the reporting period and proposed locality.



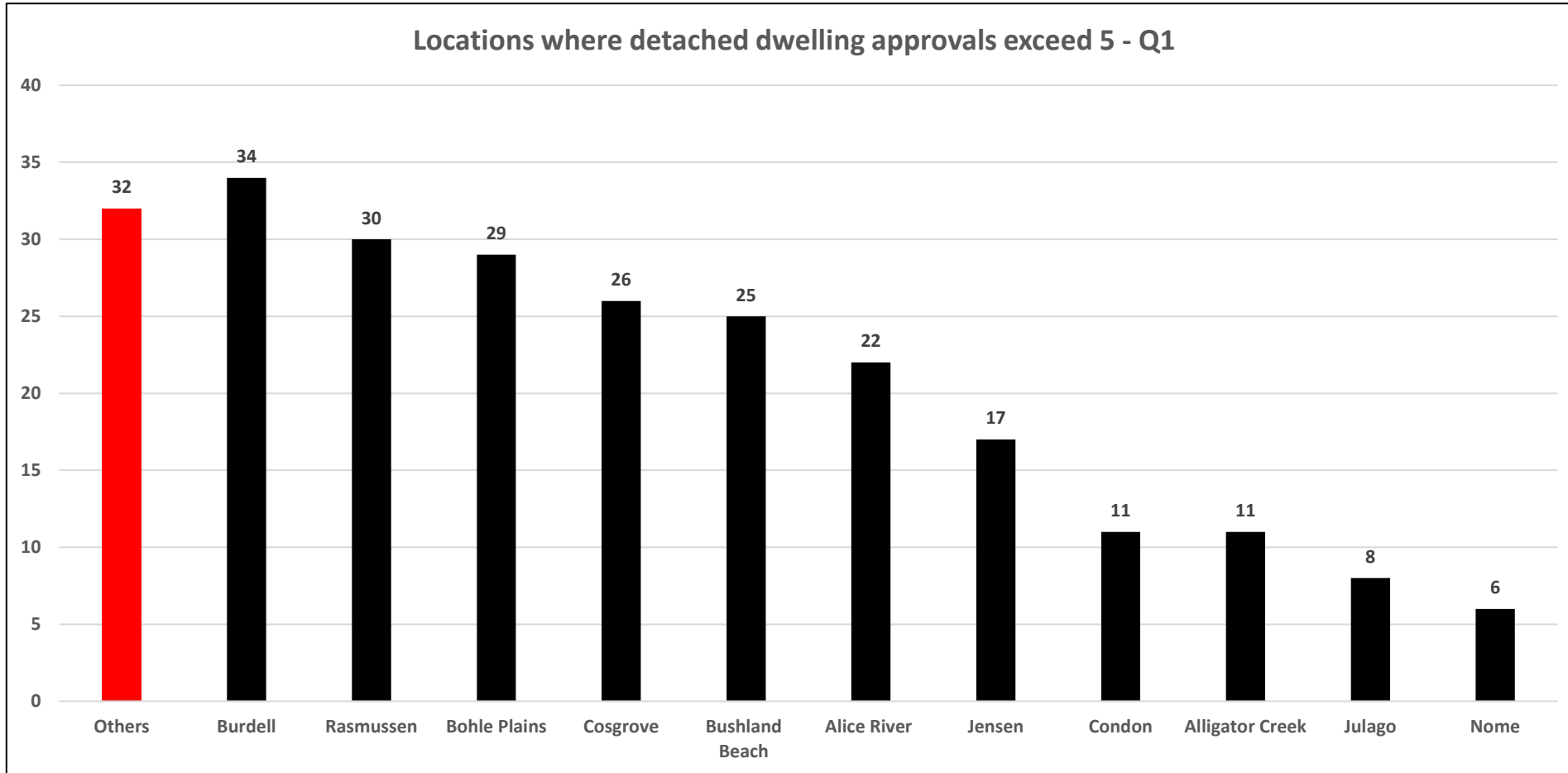
1.3 Residential housing approvals

The building approval data shown in the following chart is derived from an extraction of approvals received from external Certifiers. The chart shows approvals for dwelling houses, dual occupancy and unit developments.



1.4 Detached dwelling approvals via locality

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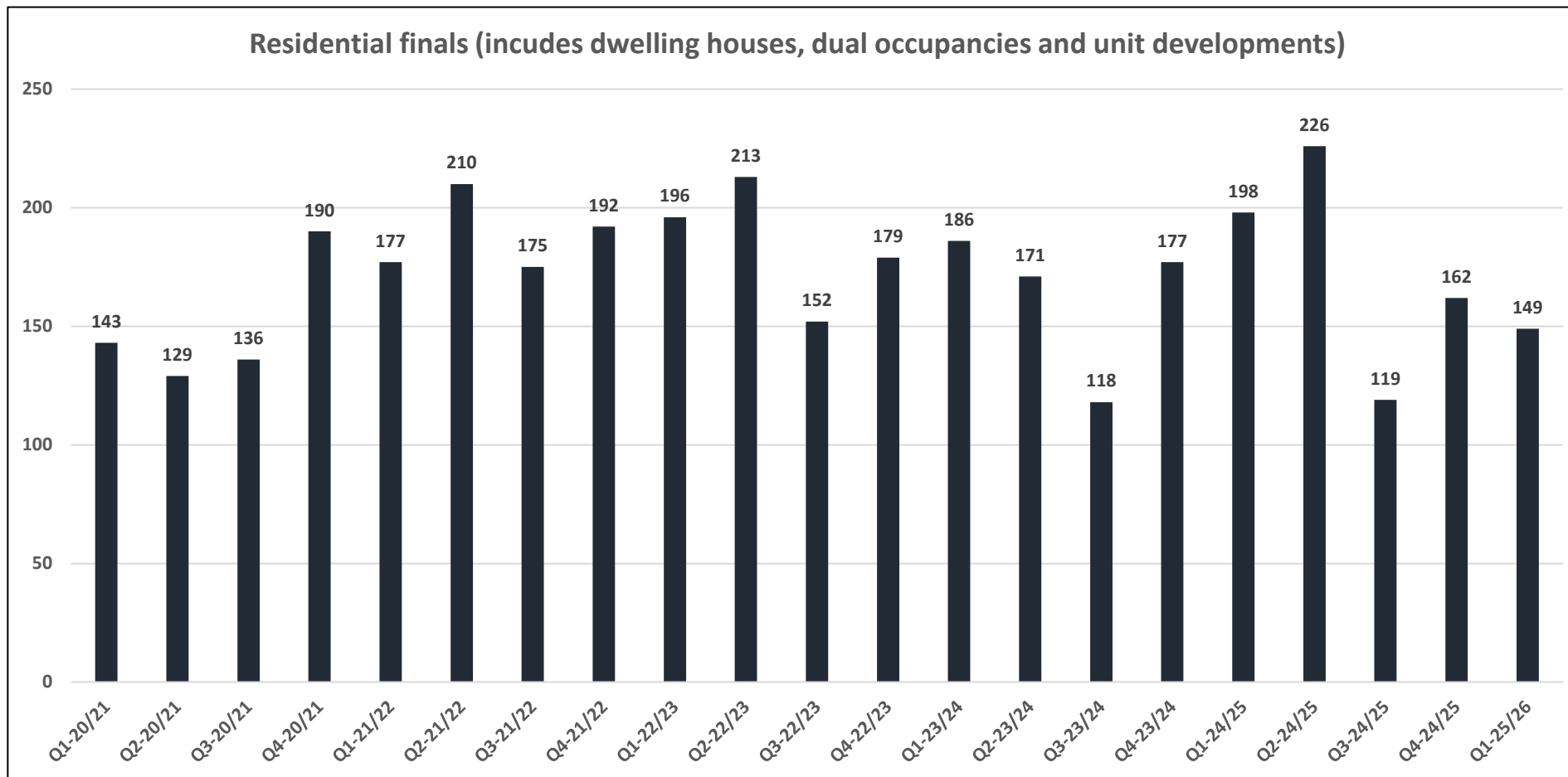




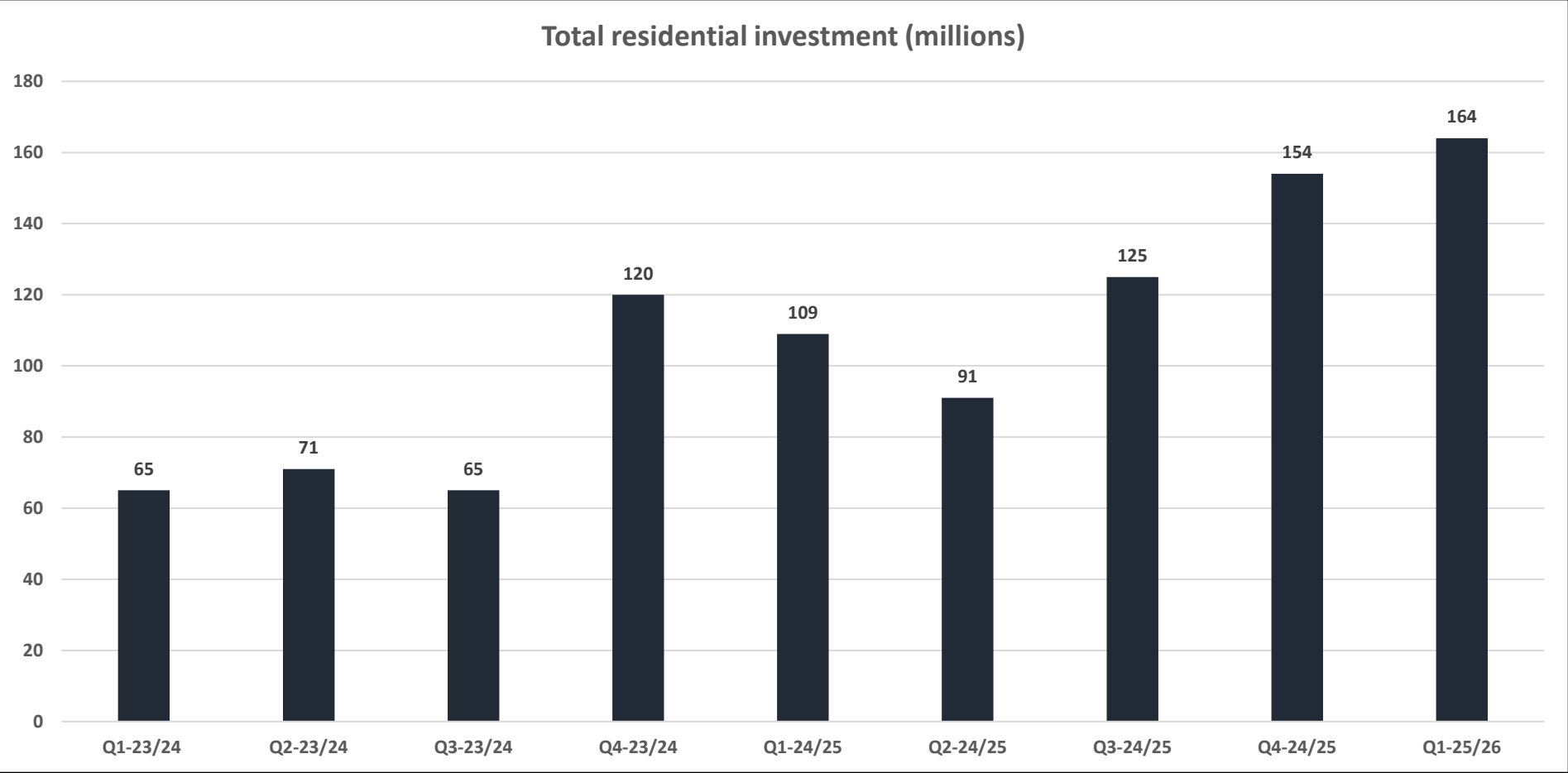
1.5 Residential housing finalised and delivered by Industry

The residential housing finalisation data shown in the following chart is derived from an extraction of approvals received from external Certifiers.

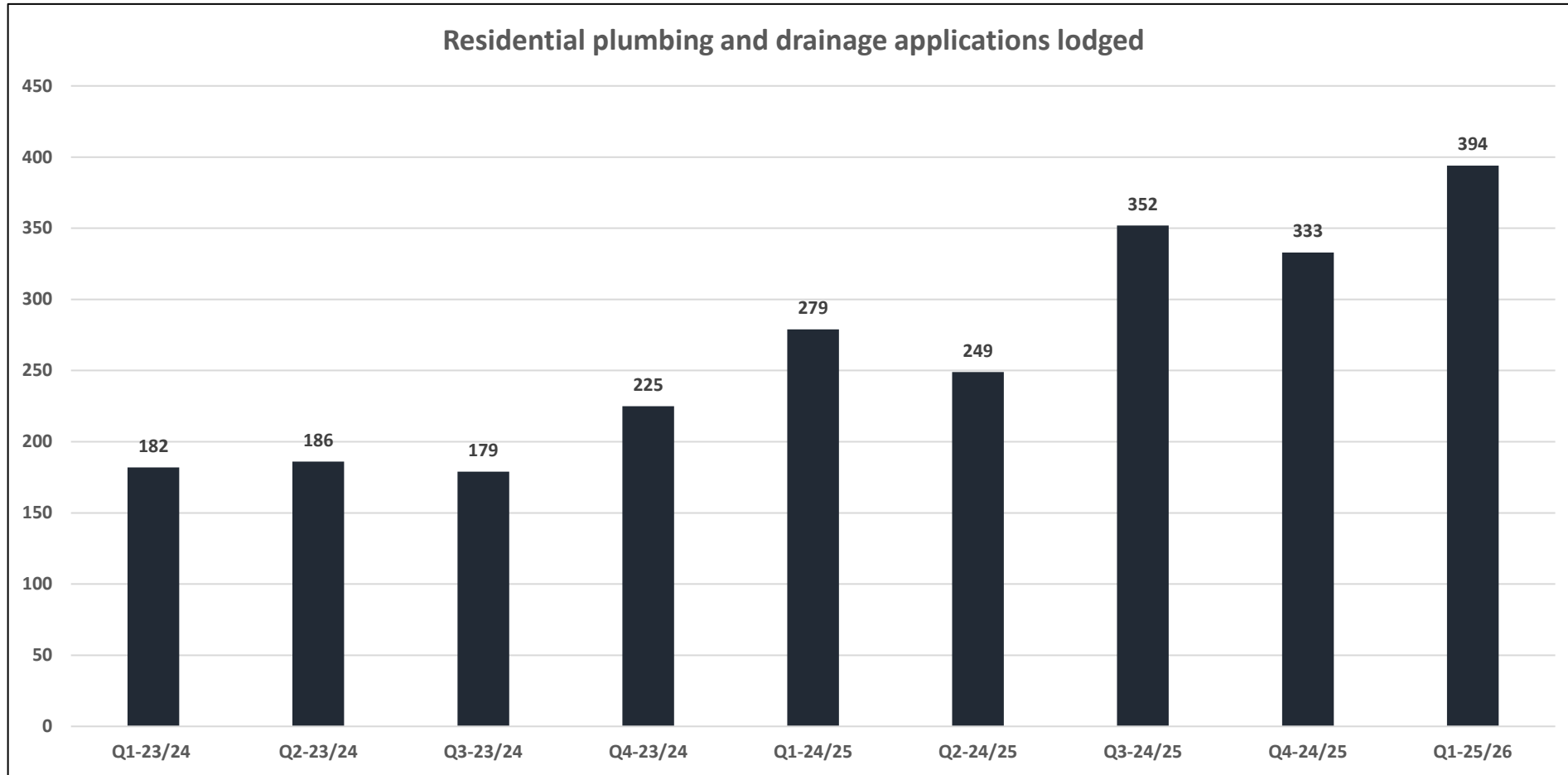
The chart shows finalisation of dwelling houses, dual occupancy and unit developments.



1.6 Total investment in residential development

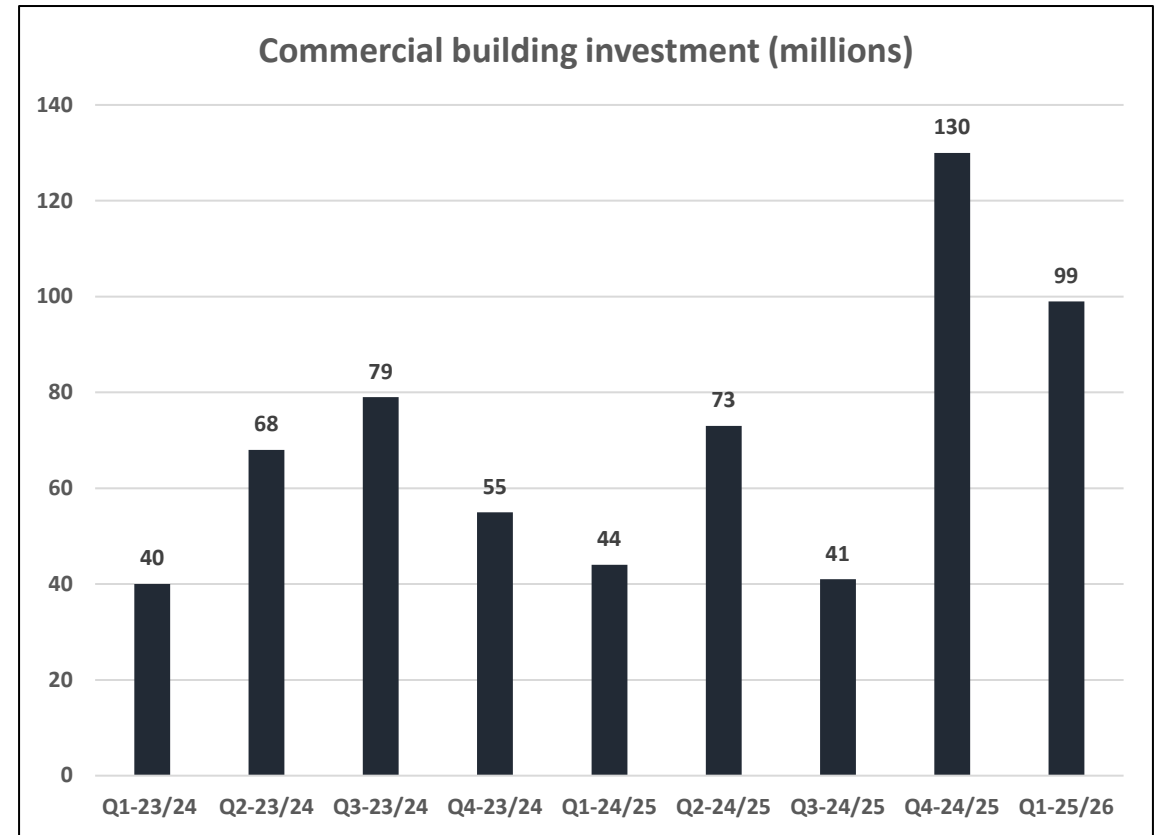
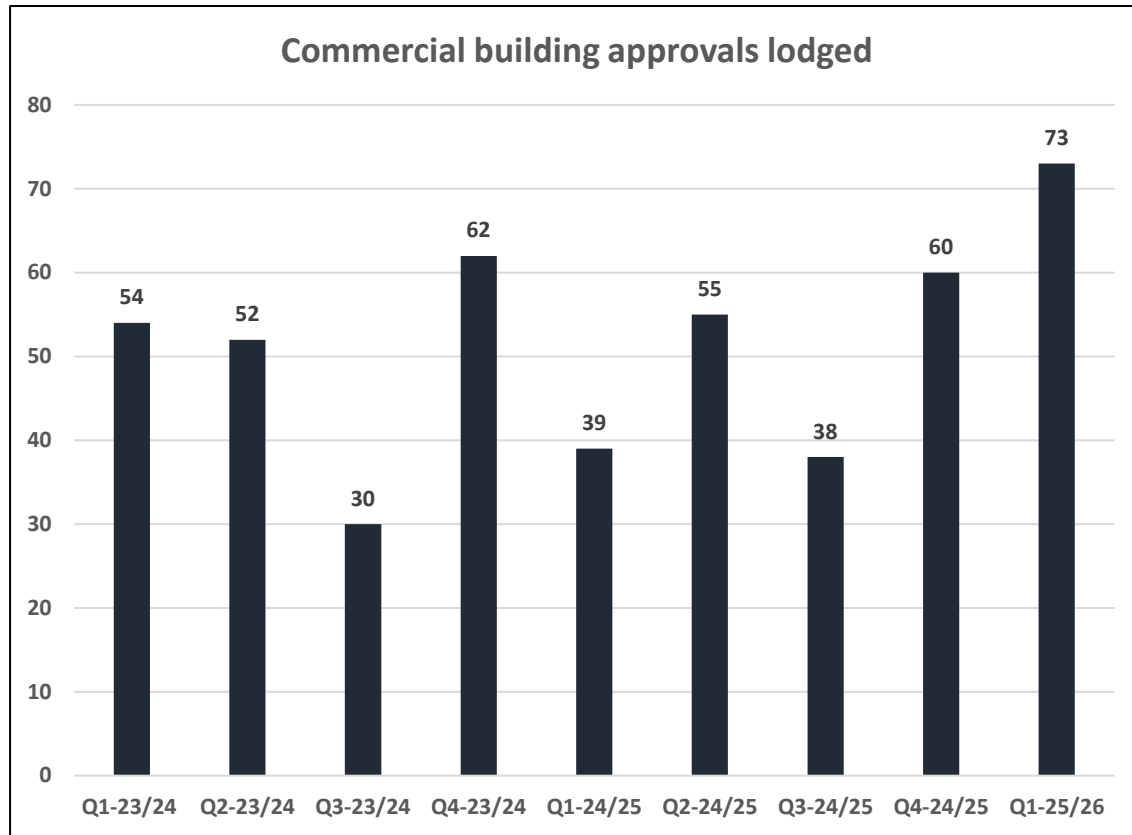


1.7 Residential Plumbing and Drainage

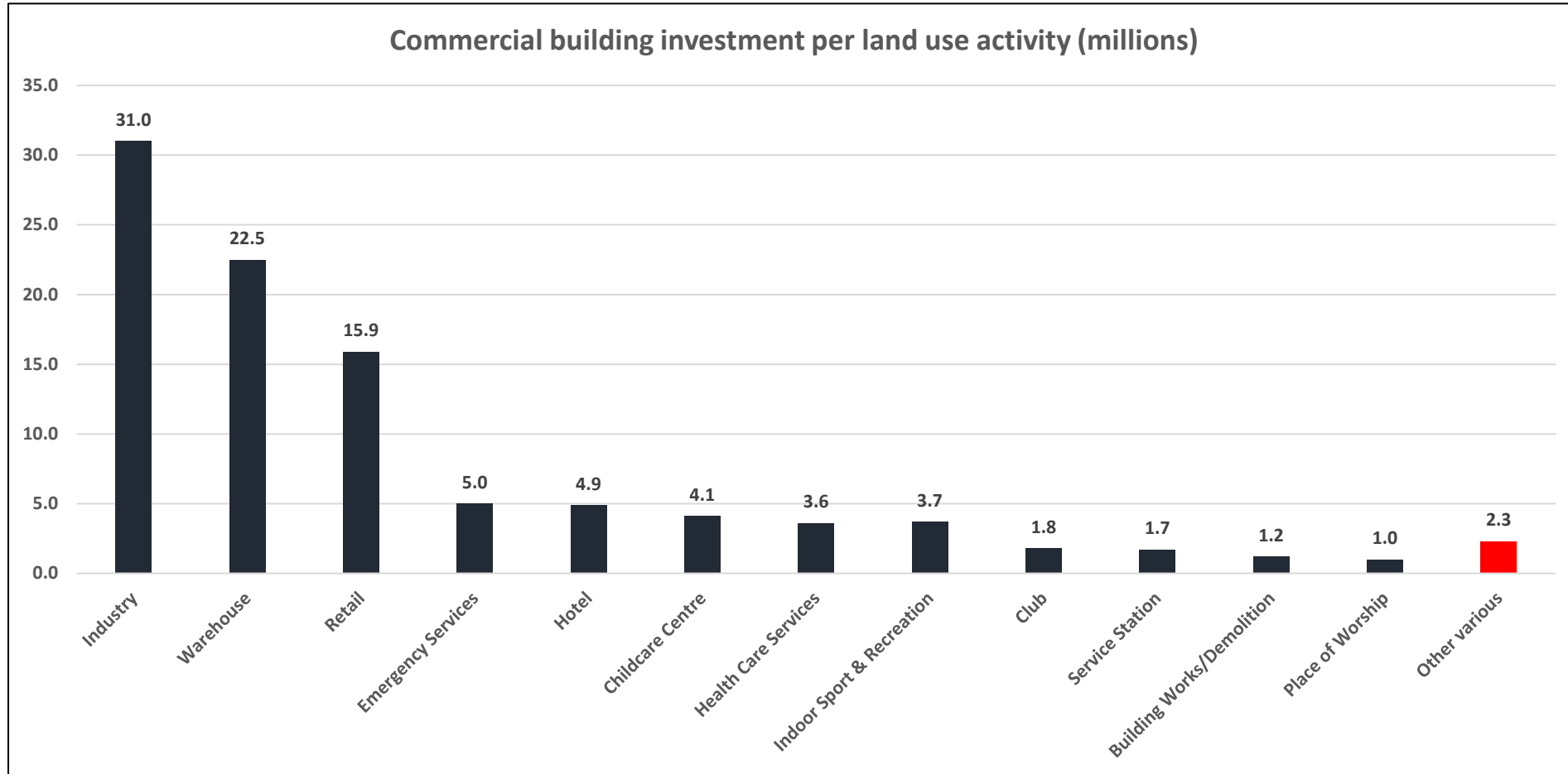


2. Commercial Development Activity

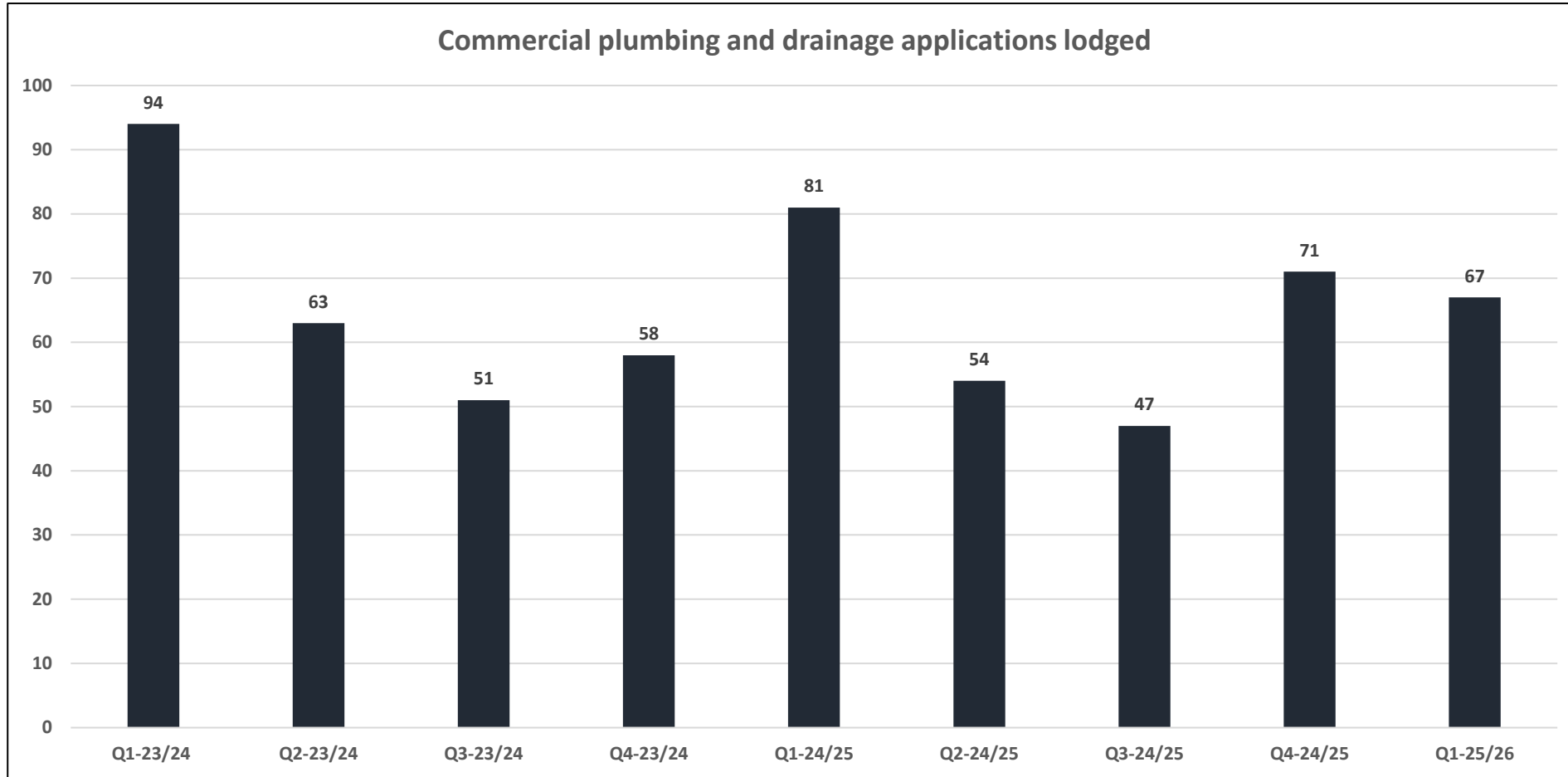
2.1 Commercial building approvals and investment



2.2 Commercial investment per land use activity



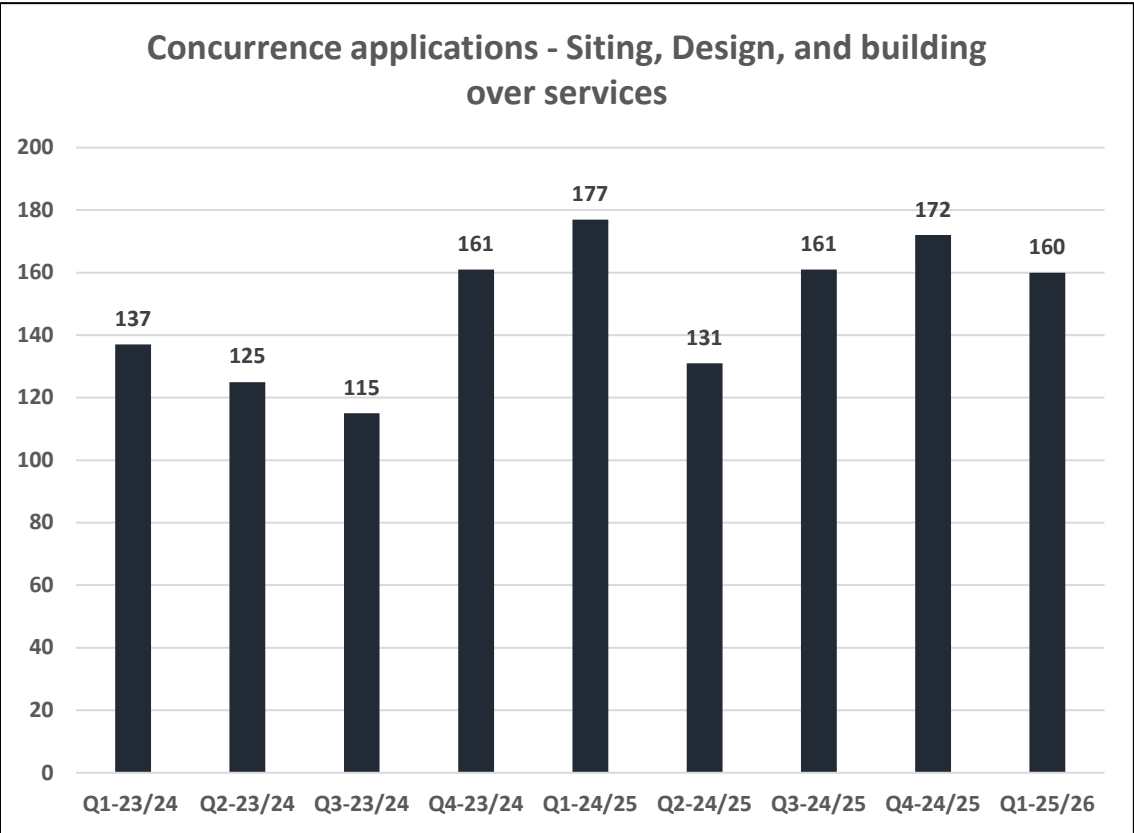
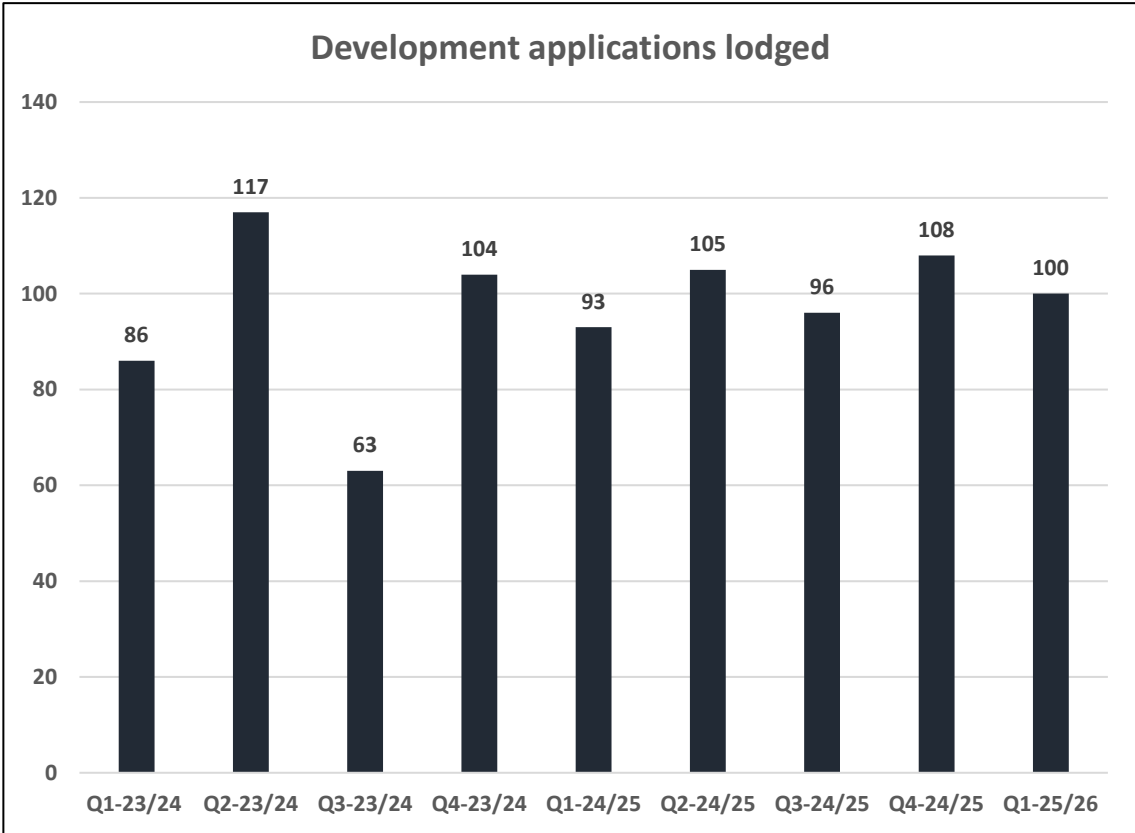
2.3 Commercial Plumbing and Drainage applications



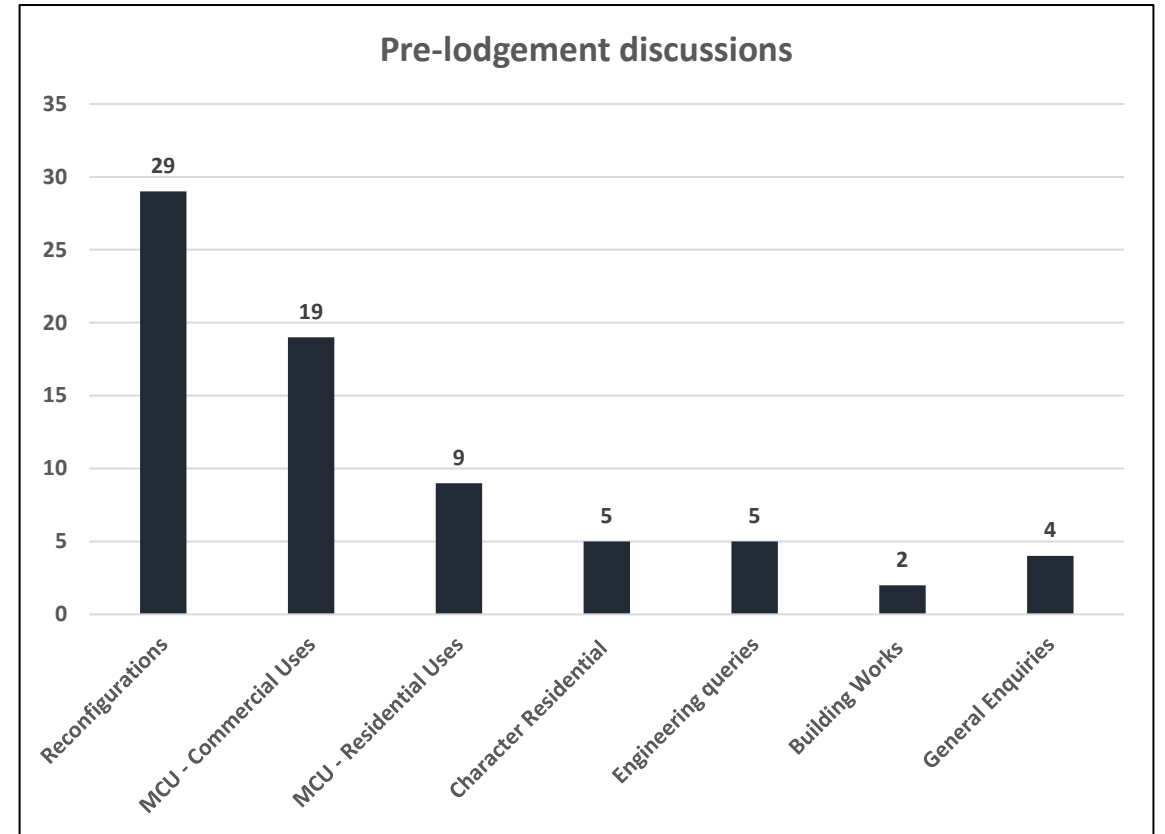
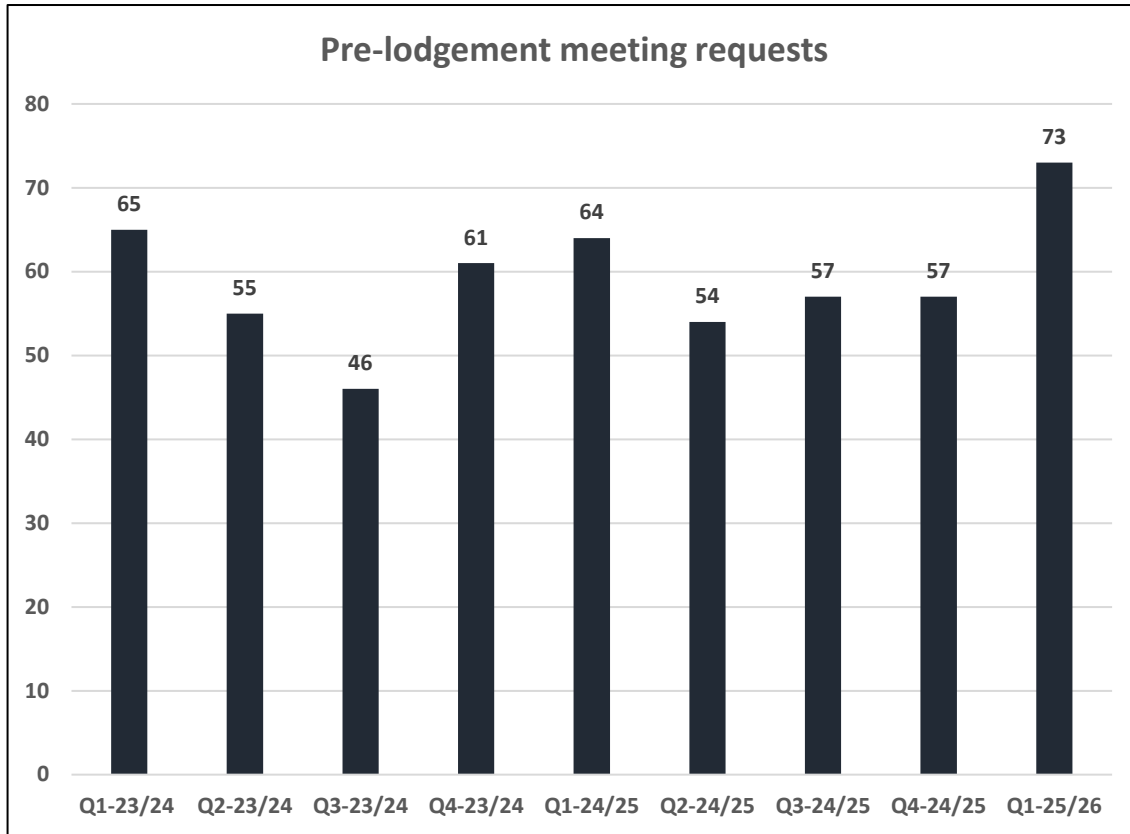
3. Business Activity

3.1 Development applications and Concurrence Agency applications lodged

Development applications comprise of Material Change of Use, Reconfiguration of a Lot, Operational Works, and Development Building Works applications. These also include applications associated with the Townsville City Waterfront PDA. (Priority Development Area)



3.2 Pre-lodgement Meetings



4. Performance Metrics



Planning and Development's assessment staff are committed to providing excellent customer service, providing ease of communication, clarity, consistency, and certainty of information.

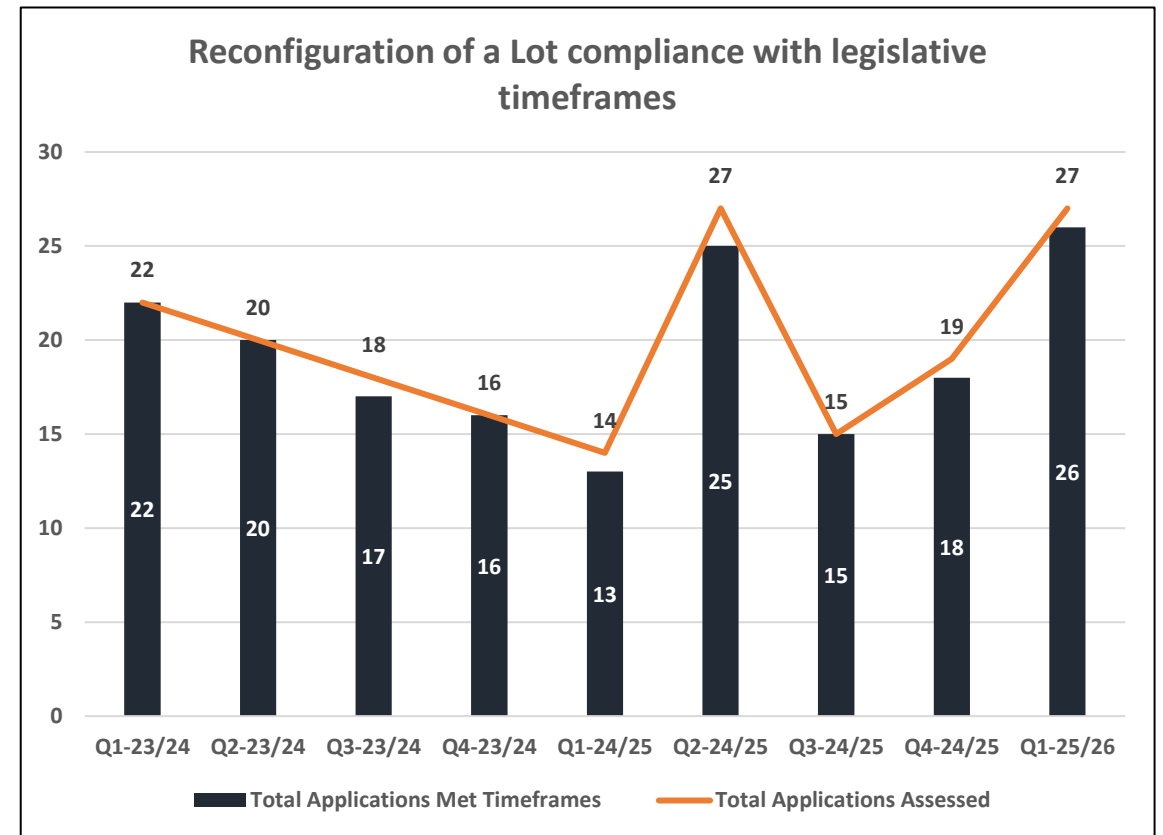
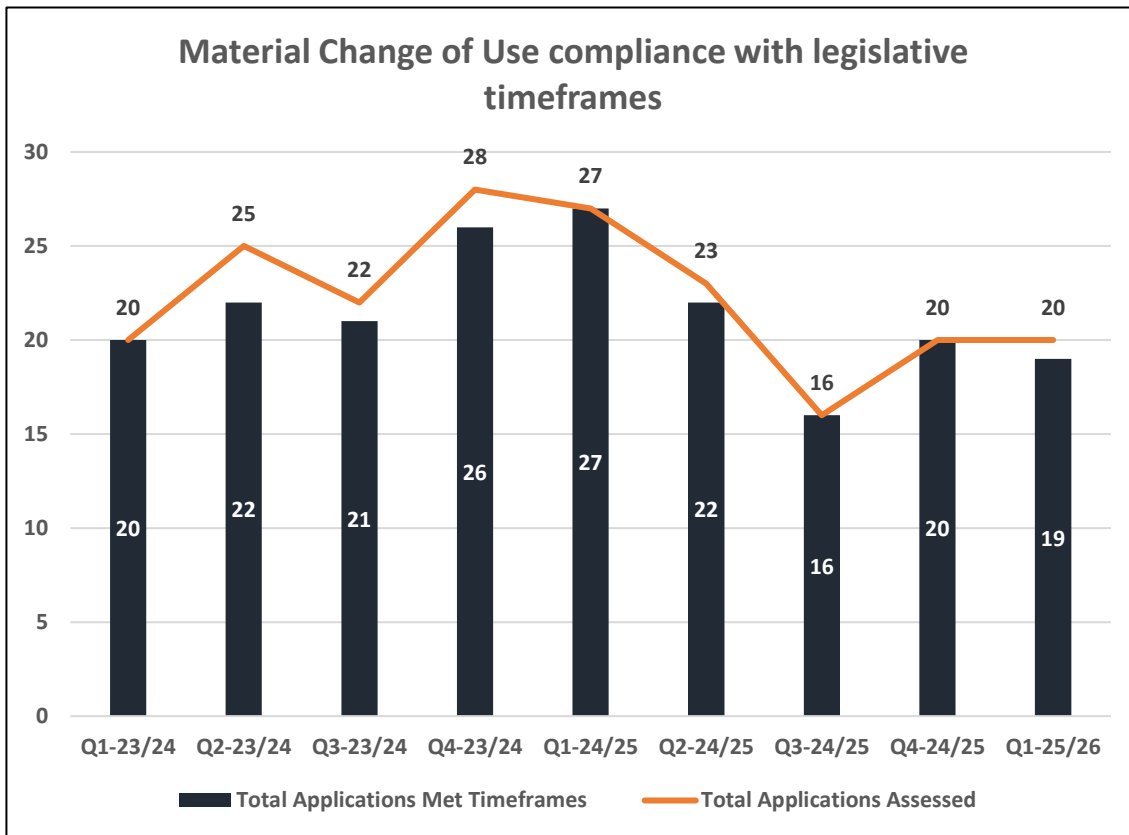
Importantly application assessment timeframes are keenly monitored to ensure assessments are completed within legislation requirements or no later.

The graph in the following pages represents the number of applications that have either been assessed within or not having met the legislative timeframe of 45 business days (bd) applicable to these application types.

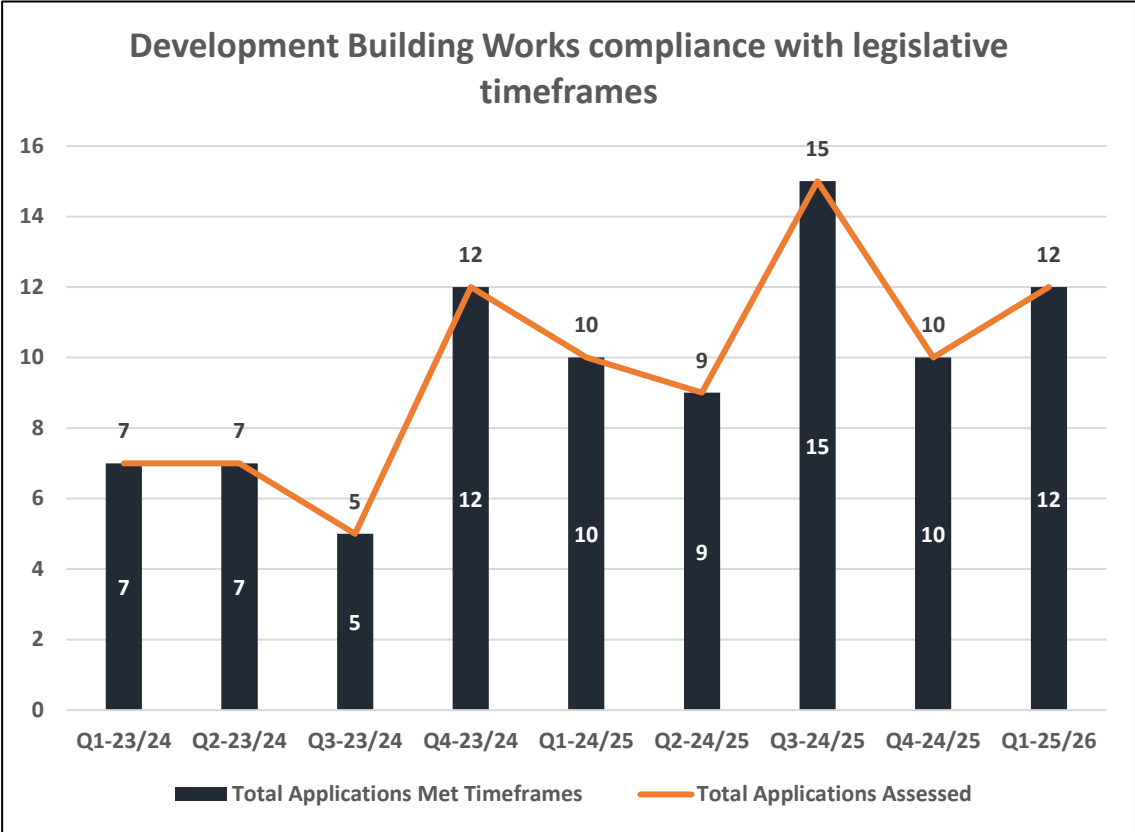
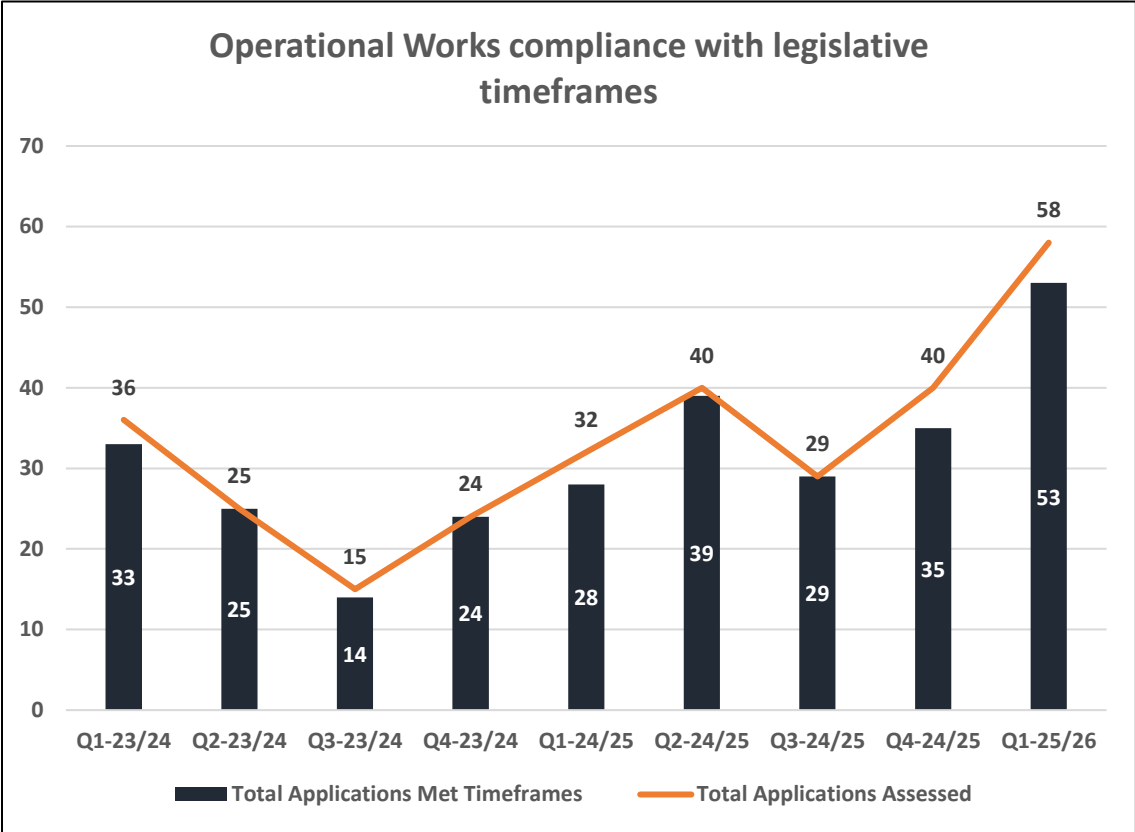
The assessment timeframes are calculated from the date the application is properly made to the date of decision less any periods waiting for responses to formal requests for information, periods of public notification, and responses for State Government referrals.

The calculations also considers agreed extensions to the assessment stages and where the applicant has requested/agreed the assessment be stopped.

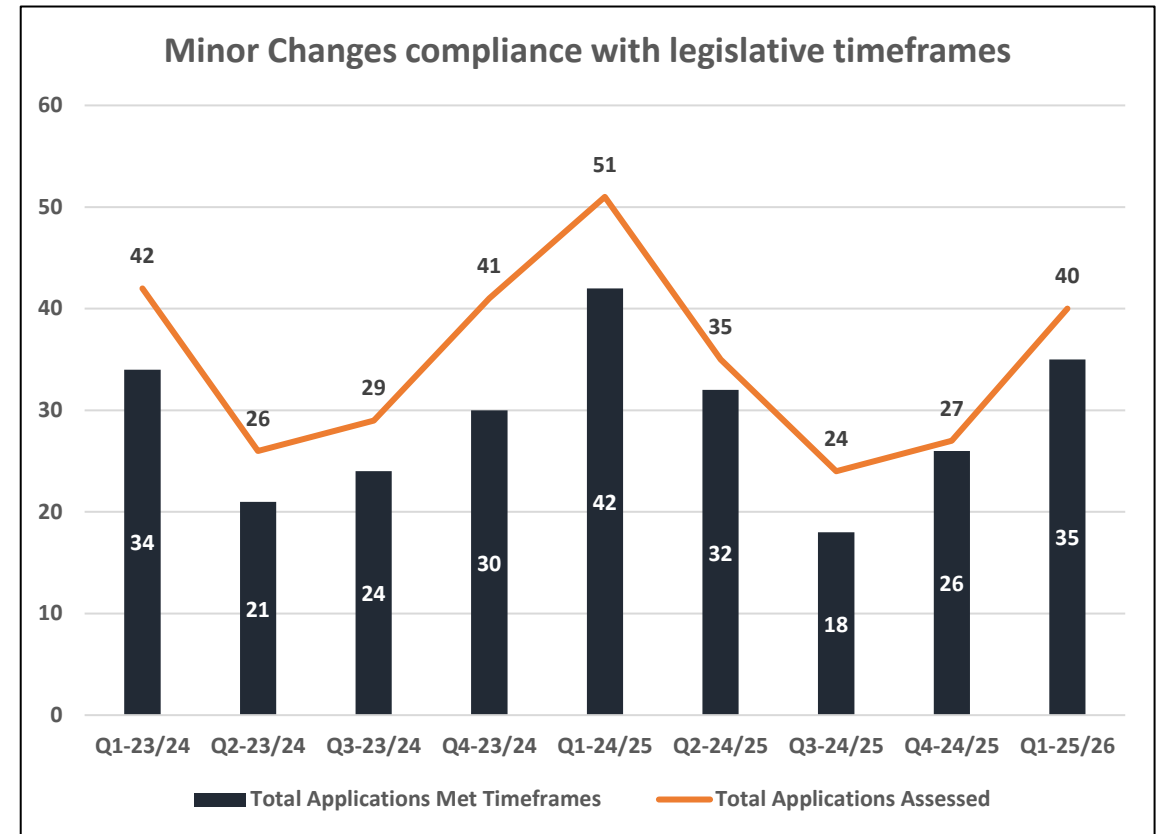
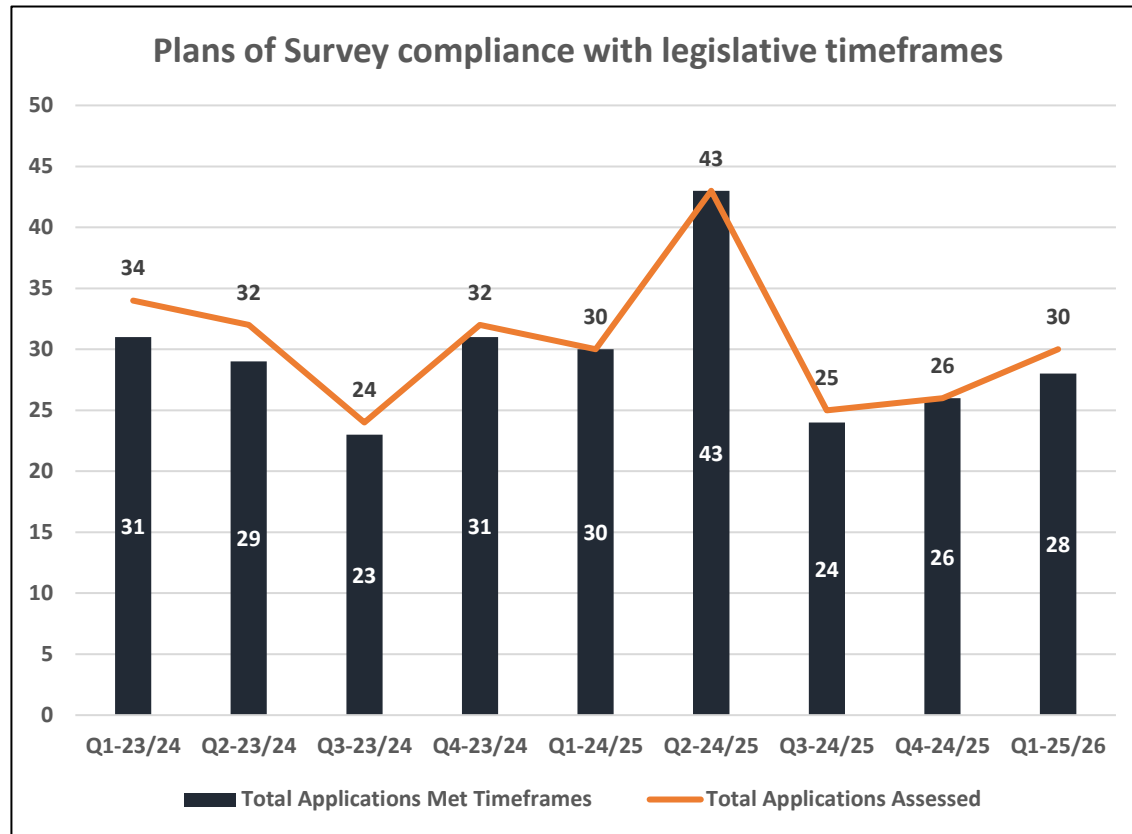
4.1 Material Change of Use and Reconfiguration of a Lot – 45bd



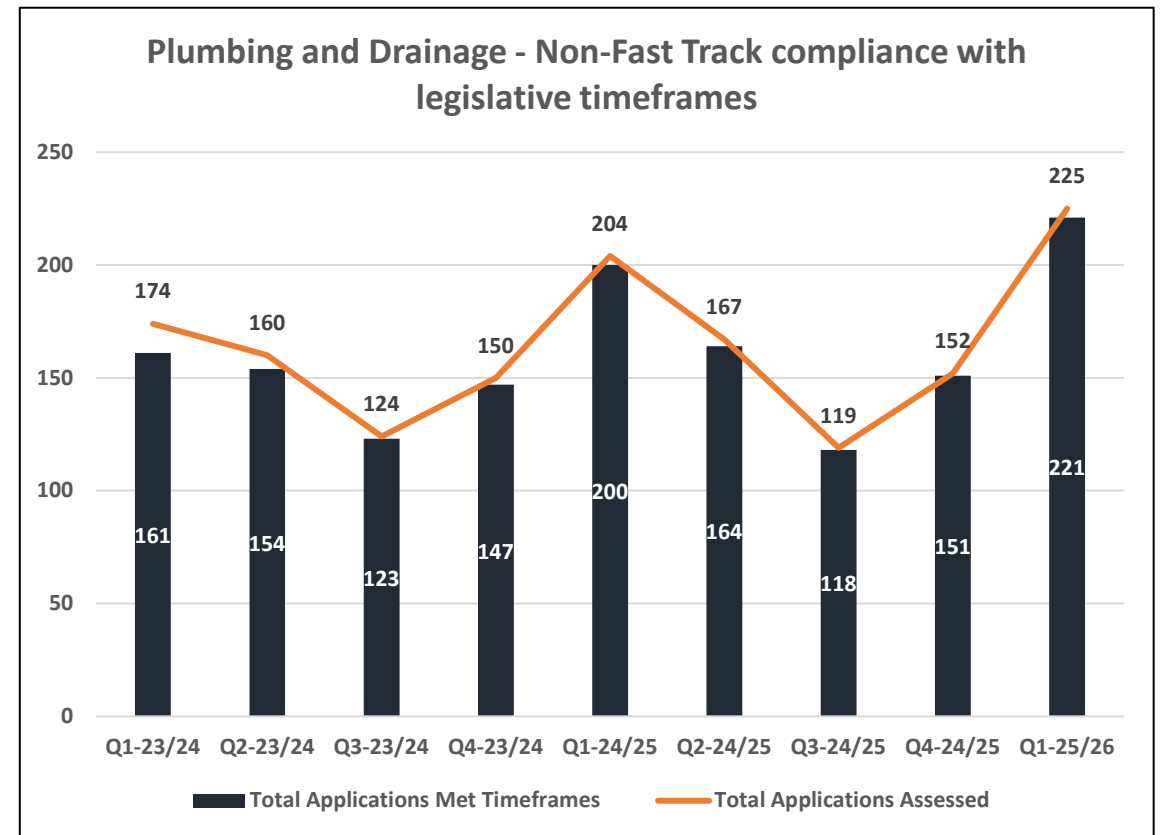
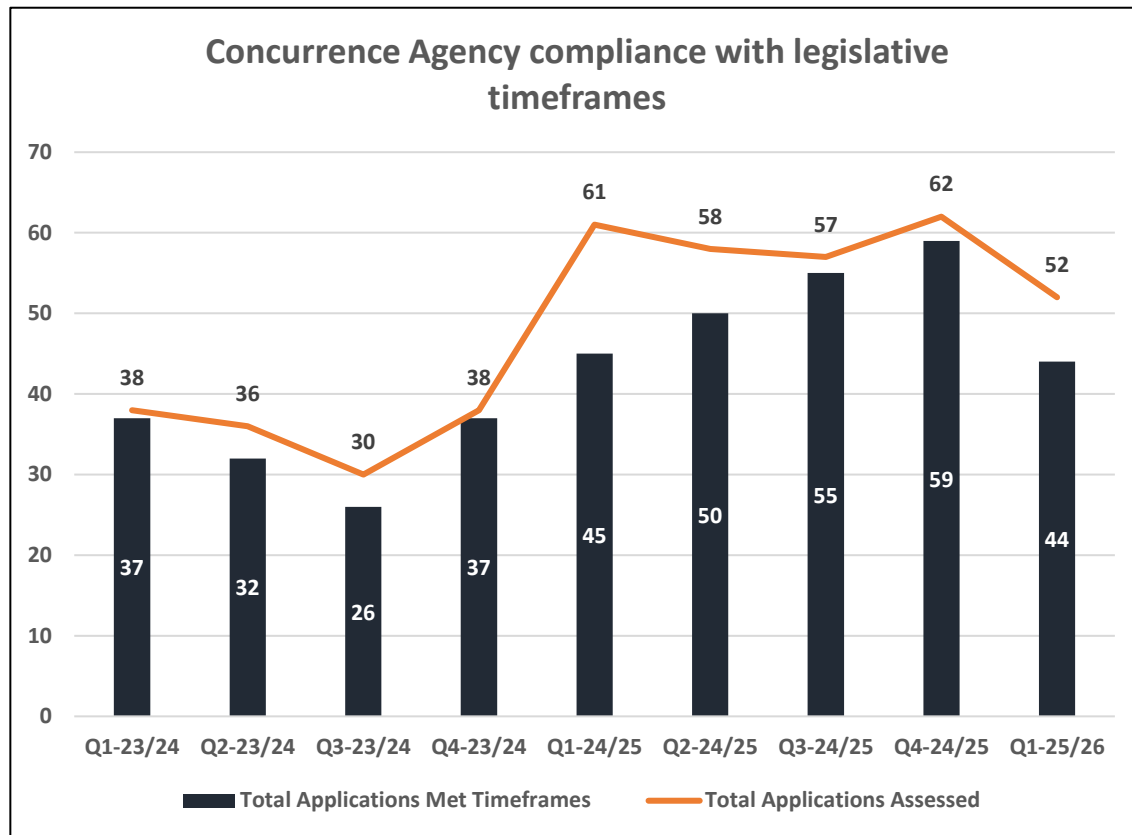
4.2 Operational Works and Development Building Works – 45bd



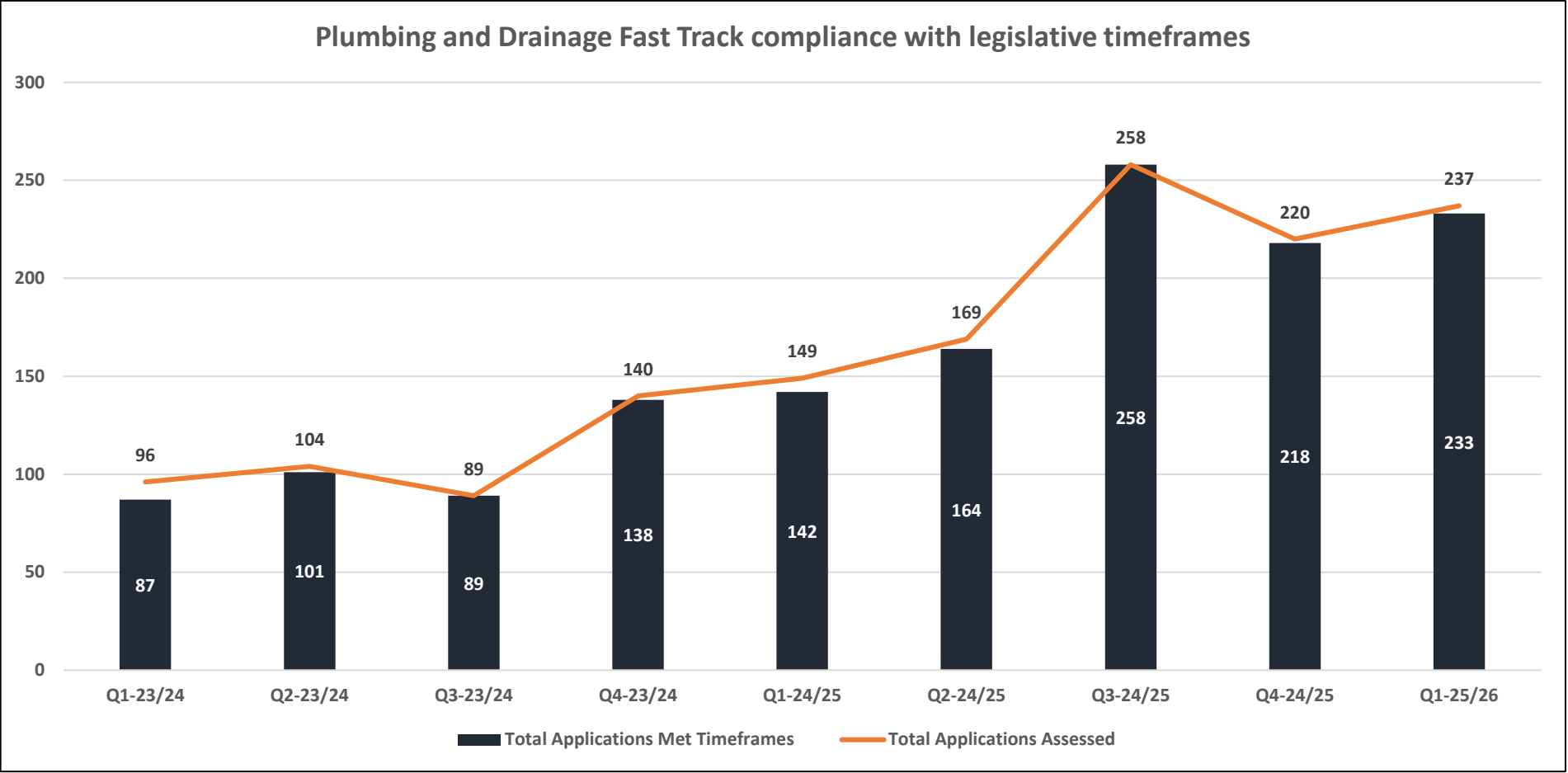
4.3 Plan of Survey and Minor Change – 20bd



4.4 Concurrence and Plumbing and Drainage Non-Fast Track – 10bd



4.5 Plumbing and Drainage Fast Track – 2bd



Glossary



Building Approval Data

Federal and State Government development information is not required to be lodged with Council. Therefore, the building data in this report may not reflect these developments. Examples are, but not limited to public schools, public hospitals, and defence.

The number of building approvals and investment needs to be used with some caution. Whilst Private Building Certifiers are required by legislation to lodge approval information with the local authority within 5 business days of issuing an approval, this does not always occur. It is recommended that Townsville Dashboards is used for real time building data.

Value of Investment – Commercial and Residential

The value of investment notated in this report is derived from the building approval data lodged from Private Building Certifiers and should be considered as an estimate at the time the approval is issued. Many factors can affect the final value during the building process.

Assessment timeframes for approval of Plans of Survey

The assessment days for the approval of Plans of Surveys are calculated from the date all required compliance information is received by Council and all conditions of approval have been met.

CAR - Concurrence Agency Response Applications

Concurrence Agency applications are assessed by the local authority under delegation from the State Government pursuant to the Queensland Development Code (QDC). These applications assess residential development where the applicant seeks to gain relaxation from siting and design codes.

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OPW - Operational Works

Operational works commonly includes infrastructure works associated with development such as sewerage, water, roads and stormwater. These may also include excavating or filling, clearing vegetation, and advertising devices.

DBW – Development Building Works

Assessment of proposed building works on lots that are located in zones such as Character Residential Zone.

RAL – Reconfiguration of a Lot

The subdivision , amalgamation, realignment, and rearrangement of lots boundaries, creating an easement and agreement for Community Title Schemes (CMS).

MCU – Material Change of Use

Approval required when commencing a new land use on premises, re-establishing a use that has been abandoned or changing the intensity or scale of a use.

POS- Plan of Survey

Plan of Survey lodgements, in the context of this report are associated with the approval of the release of further lots. This allows newly created lots to registered and introduced to the market for sale.

Properly Made

An application must be properly made to allow assessment to proceed. Legislation prescribes the minimum requirements for an application to be considered as properly made.

