



DMIRS APPROVALS PERFORMANCE REPORTING (Mining and Petroleum) – March Quarter 2021

The DMIRS performance objective is to finalise eighty per cent of applications within the target timeline.

Departmental performance is measured against a range of administrative and statutory targets. For example, the DMIRS target for finalising a mineral exploration “Programme of Work” application is 15 business days. Key approval targets are listed in the appendix of this report. The “speedo” dashboard graphic represents our performance against each approval type for the quarter.

This report incorporates new information for 2021 and reflects industry feedback. There is more emphasis on total timeline information as this assists mineral and petroleum companies plan for exploration and development activities. The average total timeline is the time taken in the assessment process by DMIRS, the proponent and, where applicable, other

government agencies. Other agency input may be required for complex applications, particularly if access is required to culturally important or environmentally sensitive areas.

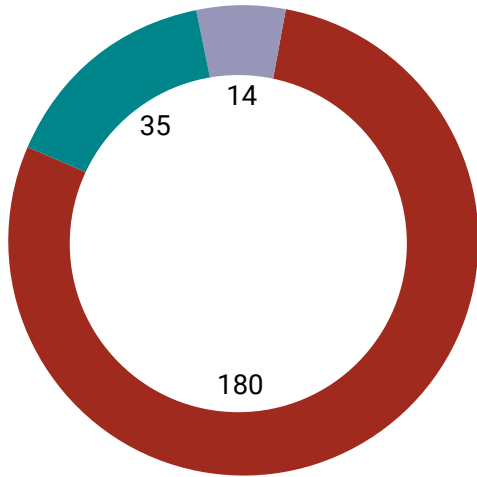
Most mineral and petroleum tenure applications are subject to the requirements of the *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993*. These applications include a four-month notification period (around 80 business days) prescribed under S29 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. This period is included as part of the “Other agencies” component for mineral and petroleum tenure applications.

This report provides more detailed information about the number of received, finalised and open applications. This provides exploration and development activity trends over time and the number of open applications awaiting finalisation by the department.

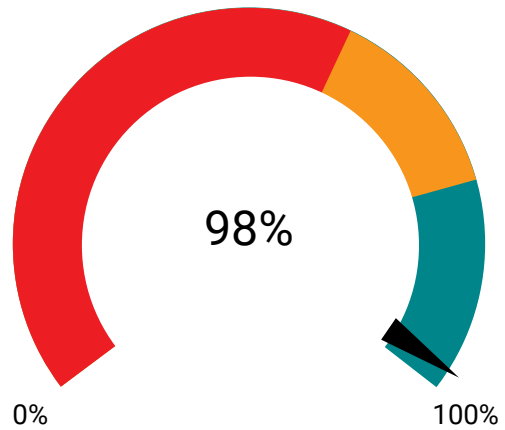
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Prospecting Licence

Average **229** days total



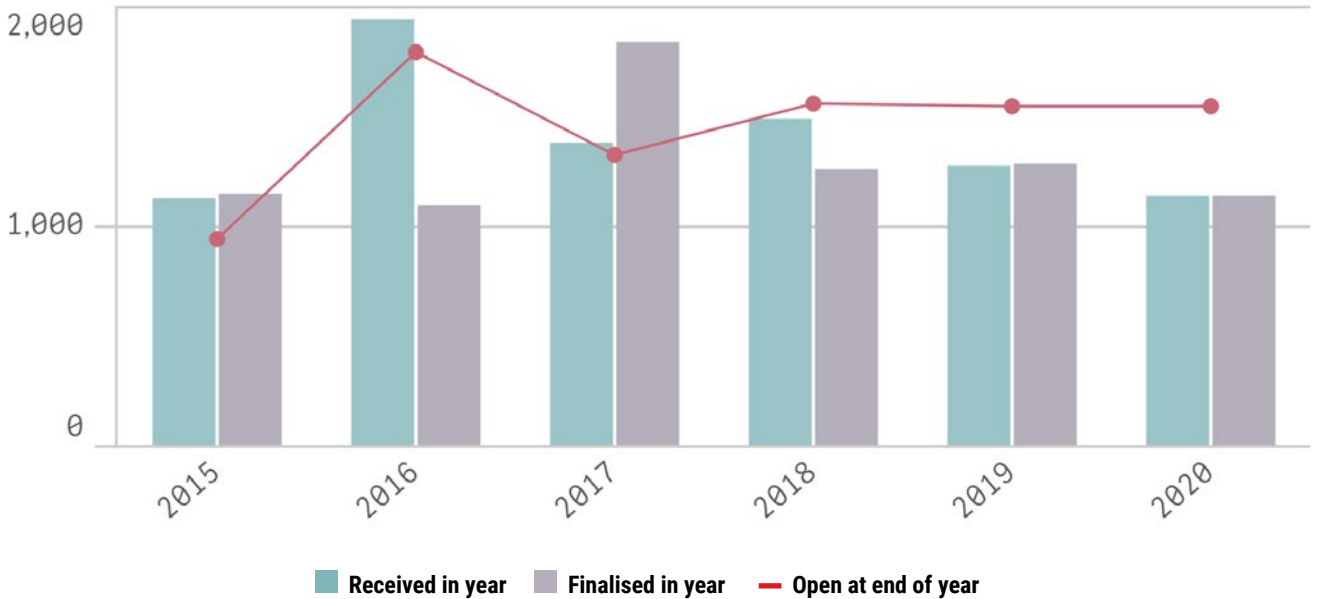
% Finalised within target timeline



DMIRS Proponent Other Agencies

Trends for Received, Finalised and Open Applications

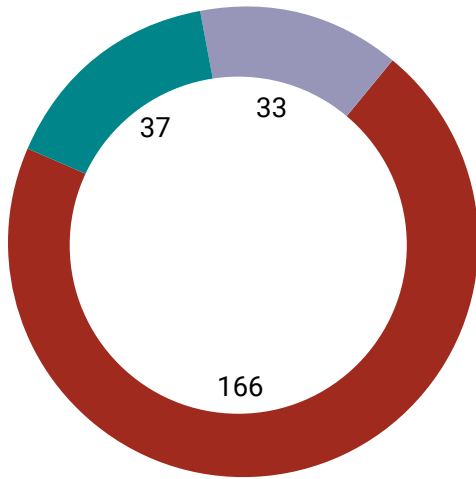
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Received	1,124	1,939	1,377	1,487	1,272	1,135
Finalised	1,145	1,093	1,836	1,258	1,282	1,136
Open	948	1,792	1,333	1,562	1,552	1,551



Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

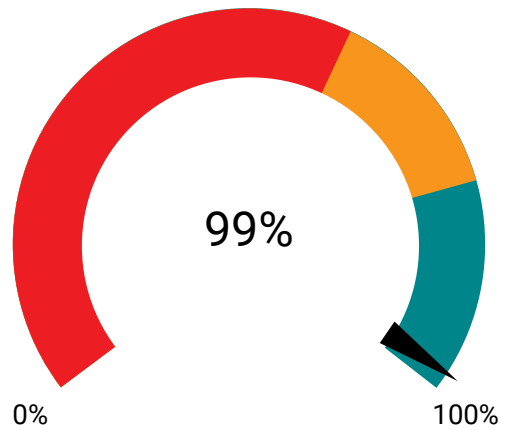
Exploration Licence

Average **236** days total

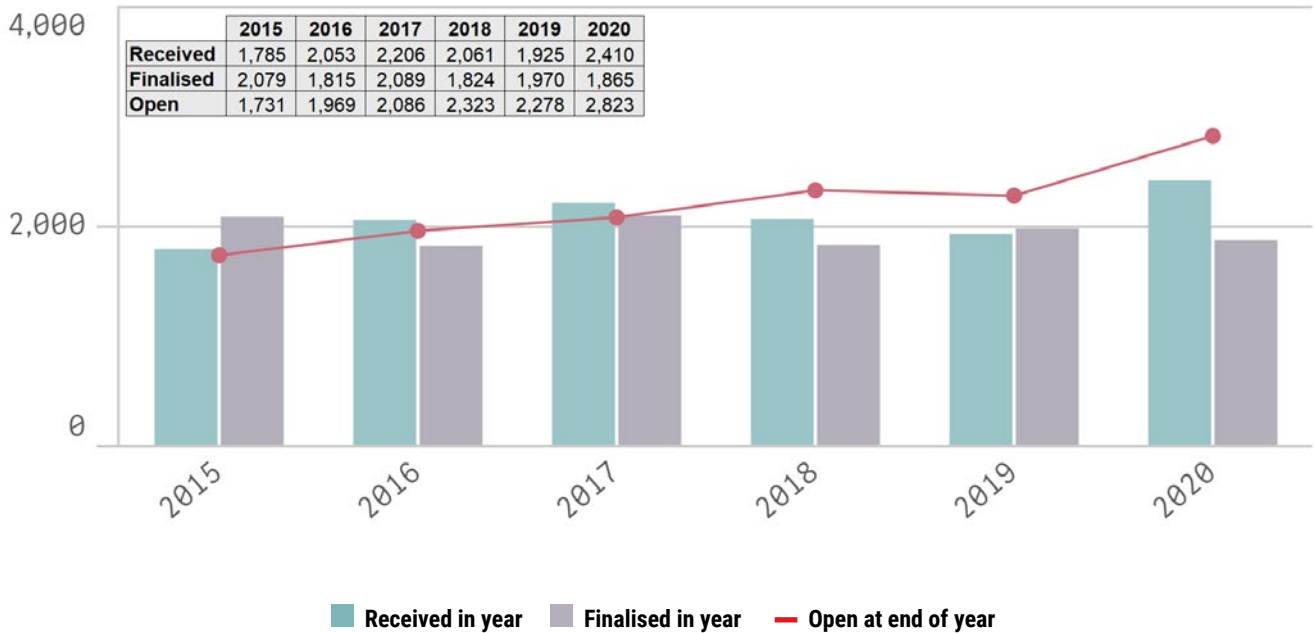


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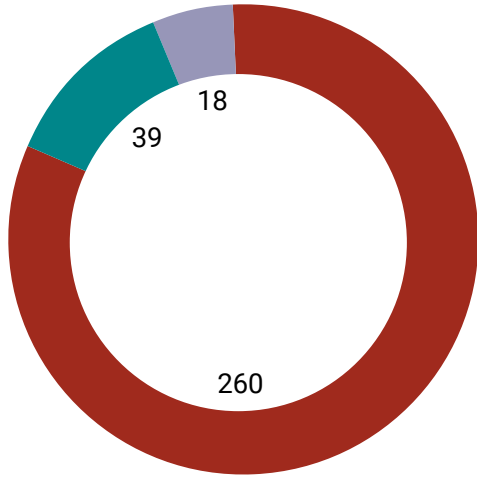
Trends for Received, Finalised and Open Applications



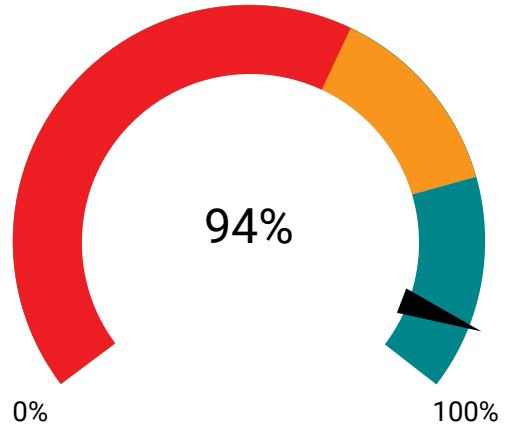
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Mining Lease

Average **317** days total

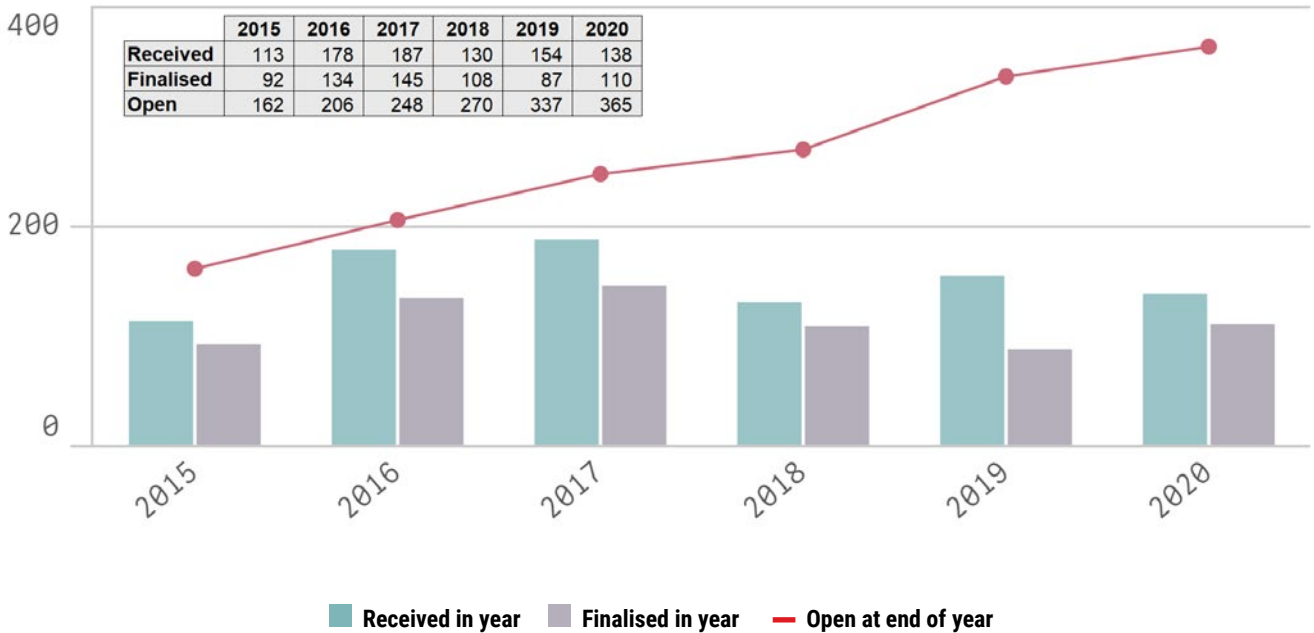


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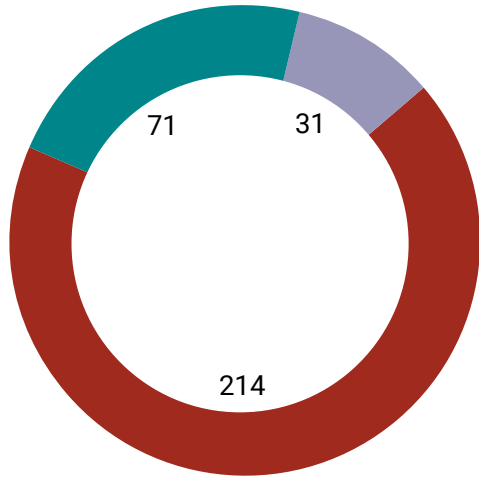
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Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

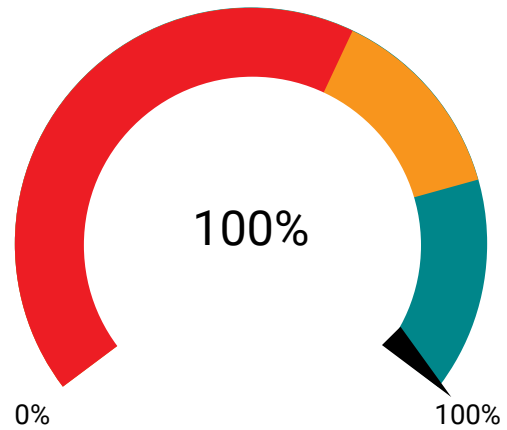
Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

Average **316** days total

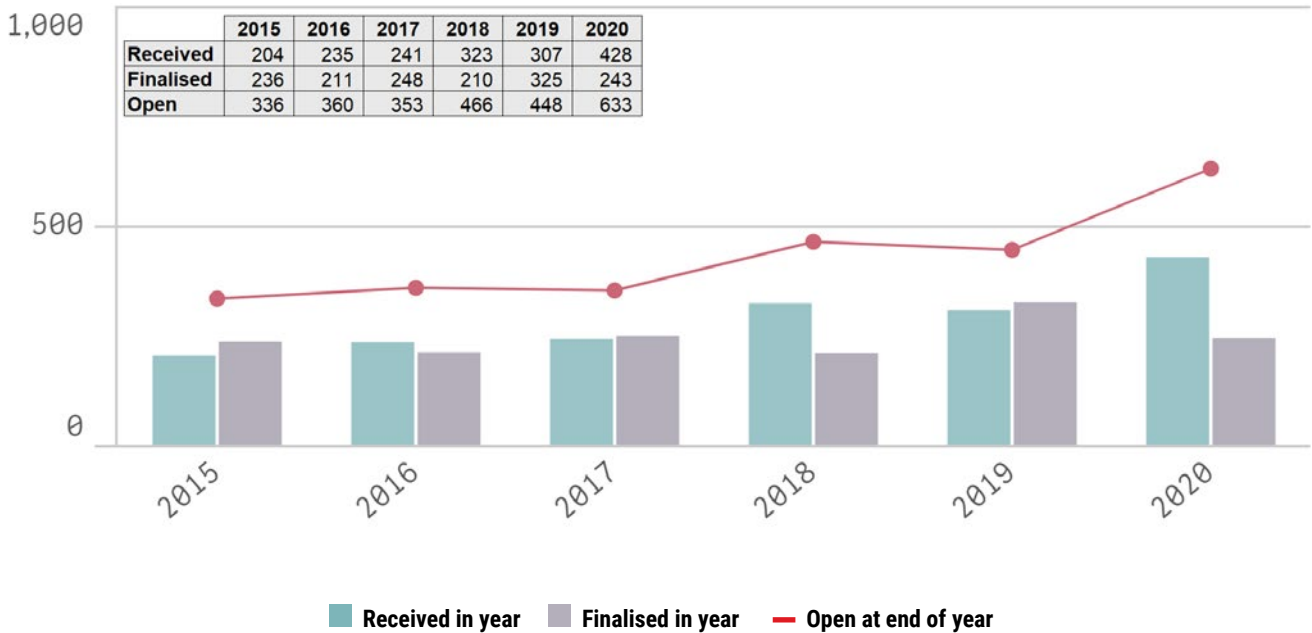


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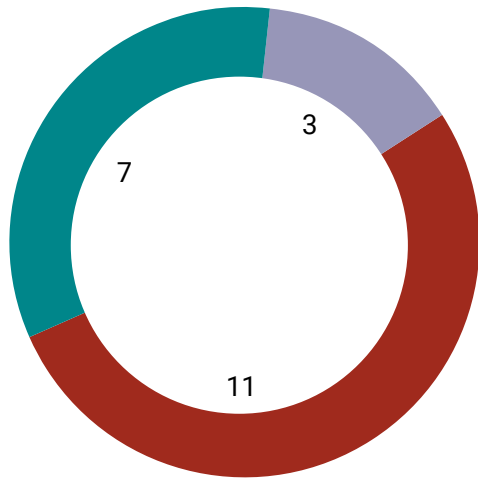
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Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

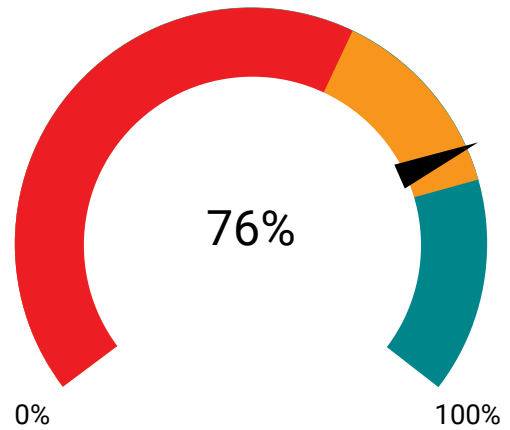
Programme of Work

Average 21 days total

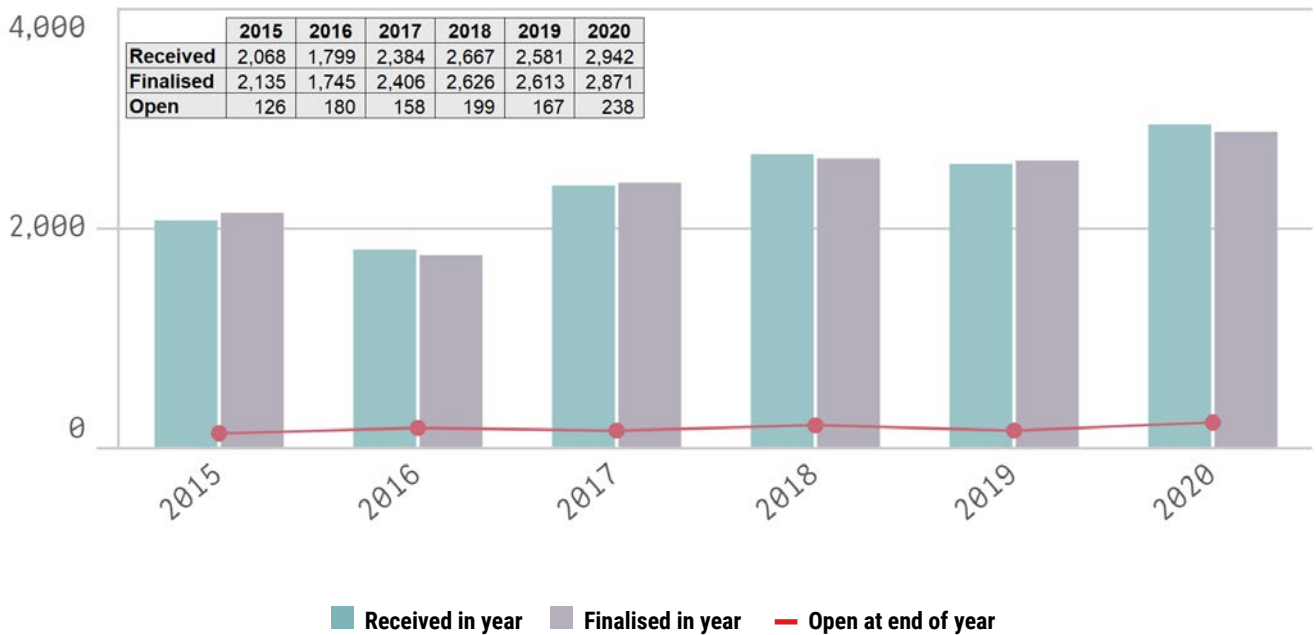


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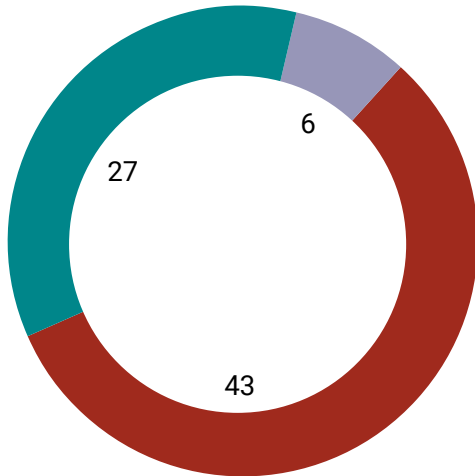
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Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

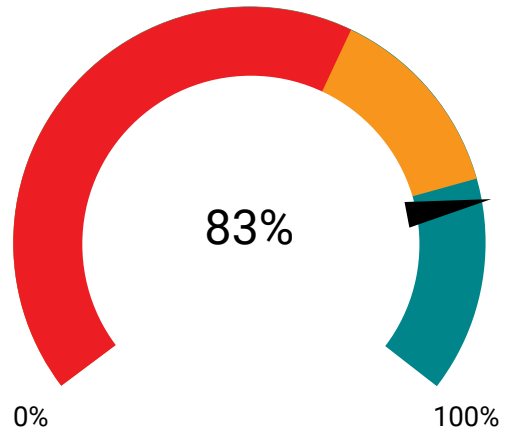
Mining Proposal

Average 76 days total



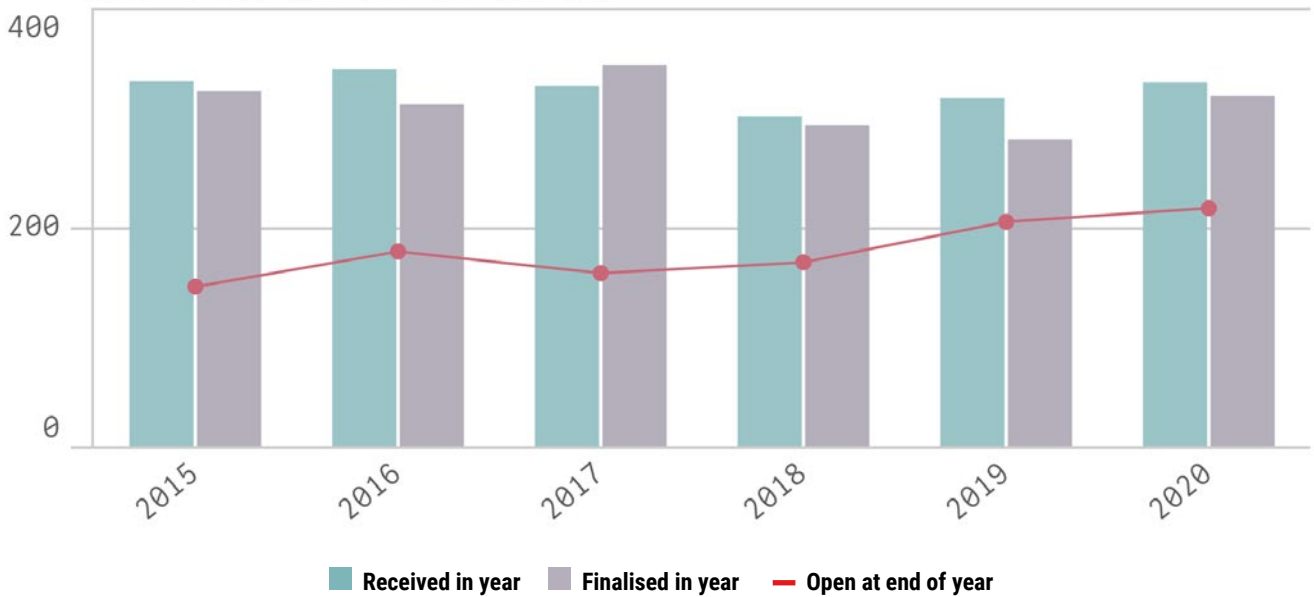
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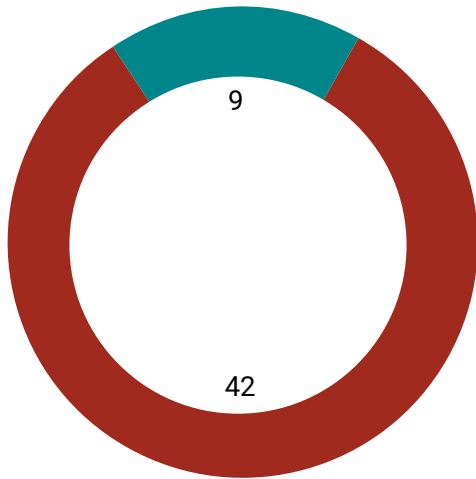
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Received	333	344	329	301	318	332
Finalised	324	312	348	293	280	320
Open	147	179	160	168	206	218



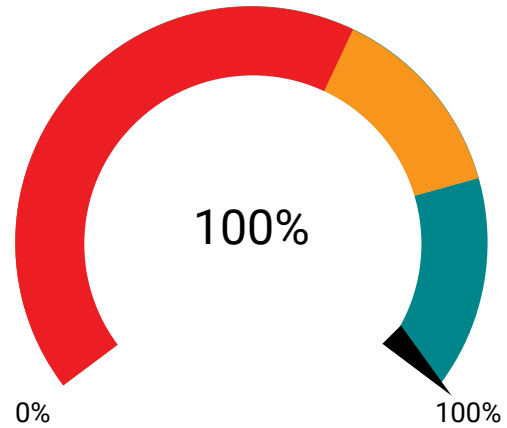
Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994 – Mine safety management plans

Project Management Plans and Radiation Management Plans

Average 51 days total

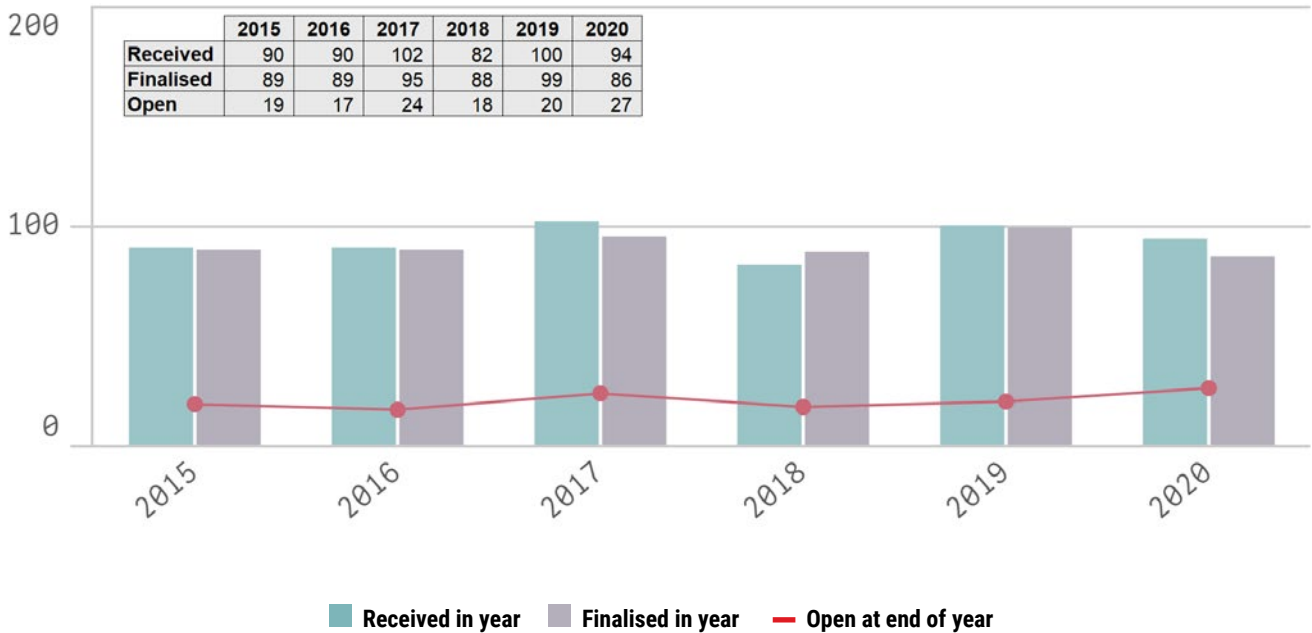


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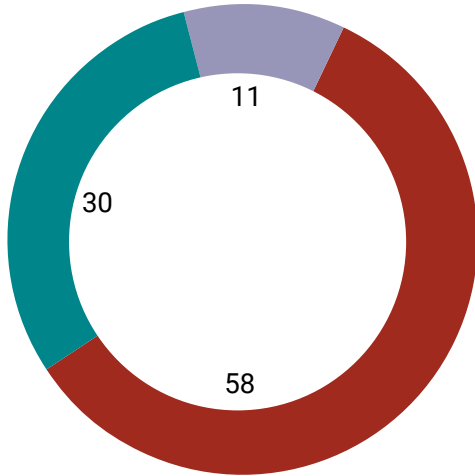
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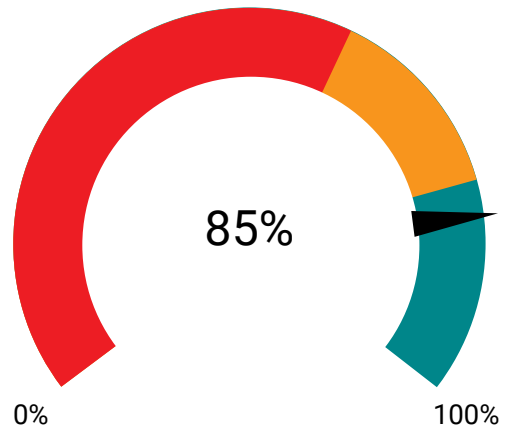
WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum tenure and activity

Average 99 days total

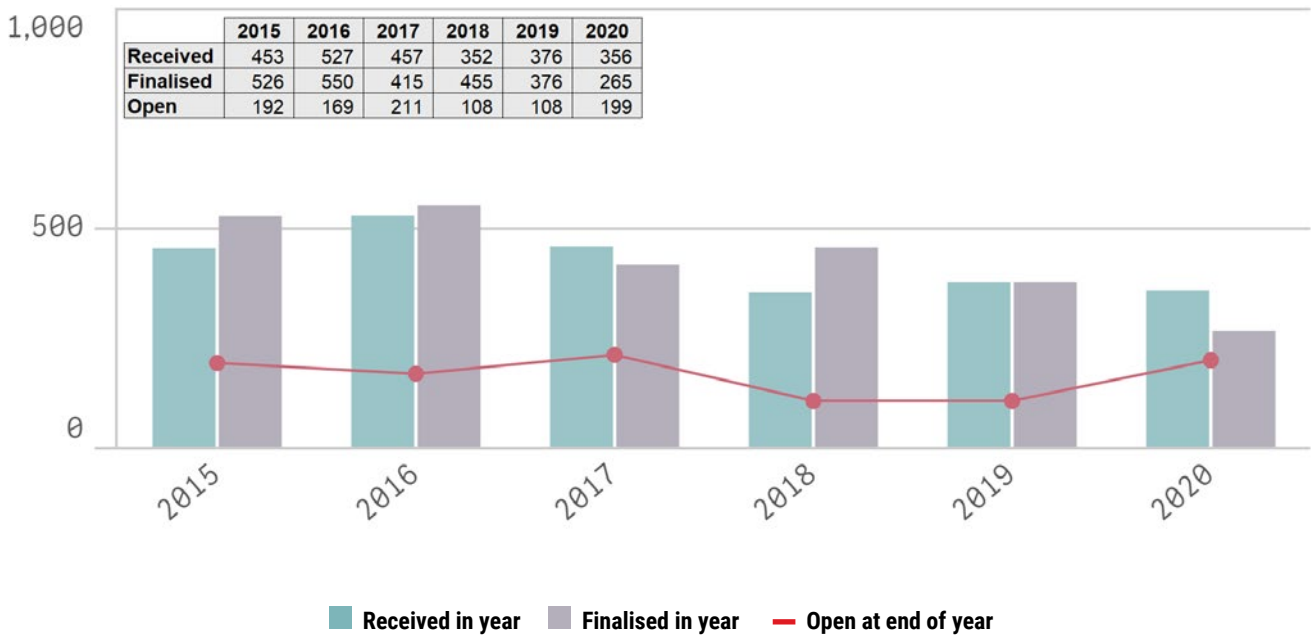


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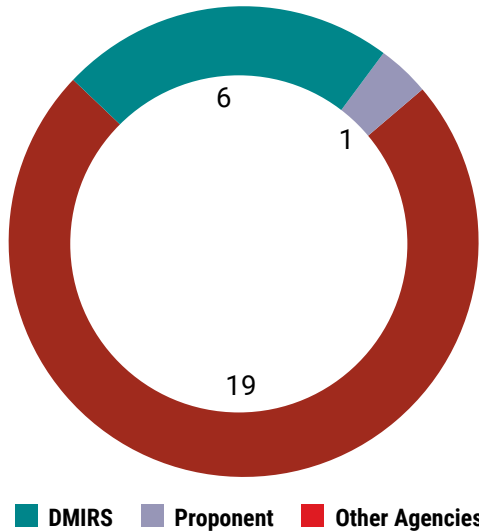
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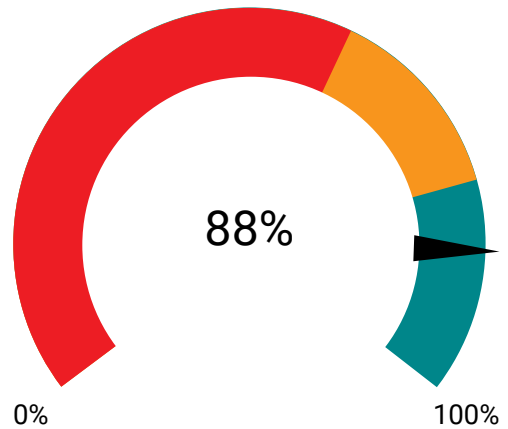
WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum Environment Plans

Average 26 days total



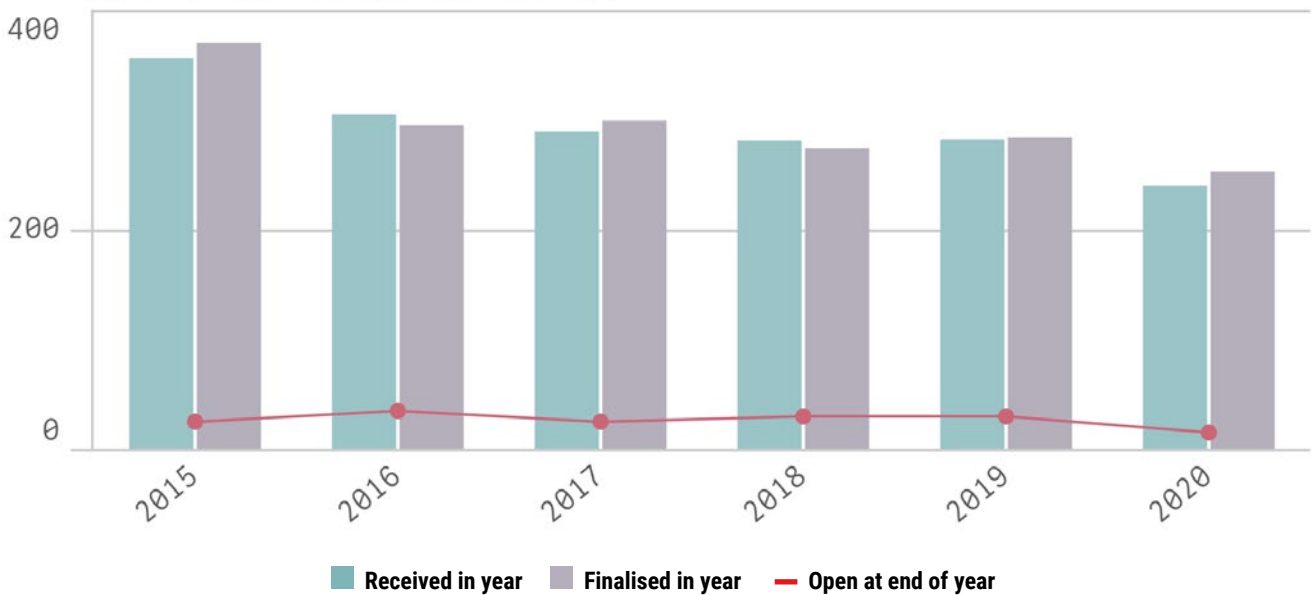
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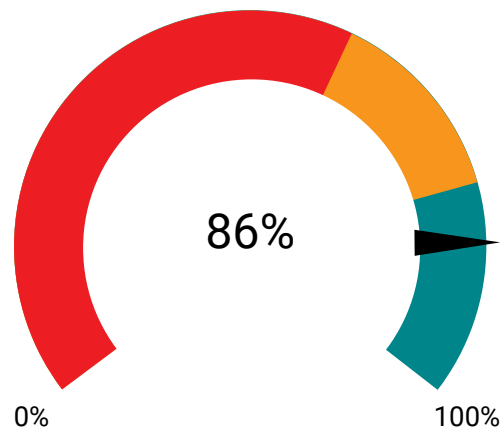
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Received	356	305	289	281	282	240
Finalised	370	295	299	274	284	253
Open	25	35	25	32	30	17



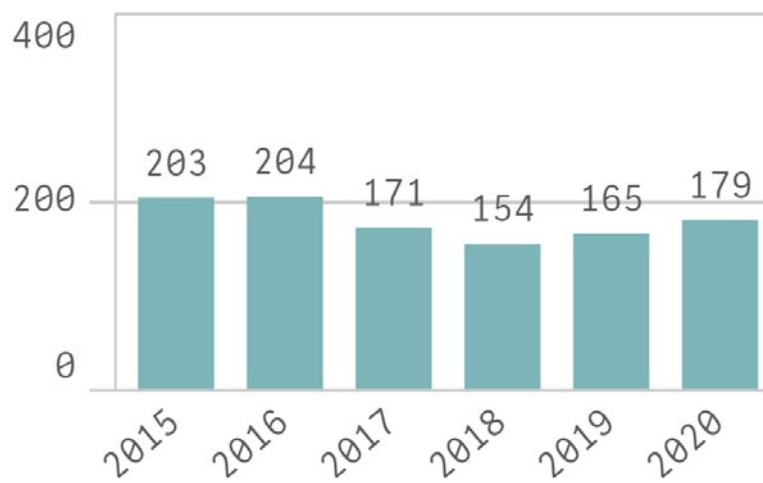
Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Native vegetation clearing permits (Resources Sector)

By delegation from the
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

% Finalised within target timeline



Applications received by year



Appendix – DMIRS target timeline information

Key approval processes	Target timeline (business days)
Mining Tenure	65
Petroleum Tenure	120
Petroleum Environment Plan	21
Mining Proposal	30
Programme of Works	15
Project Management Plan	30
Radiation Management Plan	30
Native Vegetation Clearing Permit	43

Note: Petroleum Environment Plans have a statutory target of 30 calendar days (21 business days).

The DMIRS native vegetation clearing permit target is to finalise 80 per cent of applications within 60 calendar days (43 business days).