



DMIRS Approvals Performance Reporting (Mining and Petroleum) – June Quarter 2023

During the June quarter, DMIRS' mining and petroleum approval performance overall was positive despite the continued high number of applications received. The following are key changes in the percentage of applications finalised within target timelines for the March to June quarters:

- Native Vegetation Clearing Permits increased from 57 per cent (March quarter) to 75 per cent (June quarter).
- Mining Proposals increased from 35 per cent to 42 per cent.
- Mining Leases increased from 76 per cent to 94 per cent.
- Petroleum Tenure decreased from 88 per cent to 60 per cent.
- Petroleum Environment Plans increased from 61 per cent to 68 per cent.
- Exploration applications (Programmes of Work) decreased from 94 per cent to 75 per cent.

In the June quarter, the average total timeline to finalise a Programme of Work application was 23 business days (four weeks). This consists of DMIRS processing time (12 days), proponent time (six days) and Other Agencies (four days). There was one day of parallel processing. Seventy five per cent of Programme of Work applications were finalised within the target for DMIRS processing time of 15 business days.

The average total timeline to finalise an Exploration Licence application is currently 321 business days (approx. 12 months). *Native Title Act 1993* requirements represent the majority of this timeline (approx. nine months). Other agency time may include the Department of Justice, Wardens Court processes.

Target timeline information is provided in Appendix 1 on the last page of this report.

The DMIRS performance objective is to finalise 80 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. The "speedo" dashboard graphic represents our performance against each approval type for the quarter.

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.

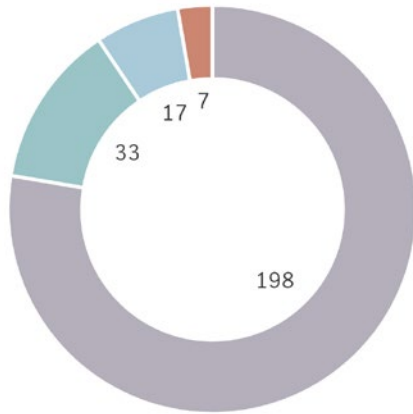
The segment titled "parallel processing" shows the number of overlap days where an application was on hold for both the proponent and another agency.

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 (approx 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. The report provides 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.

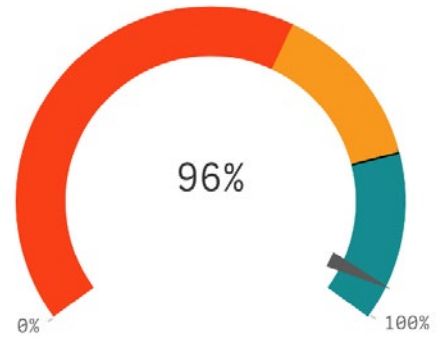
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Prospecting Licence

Average **255** days total

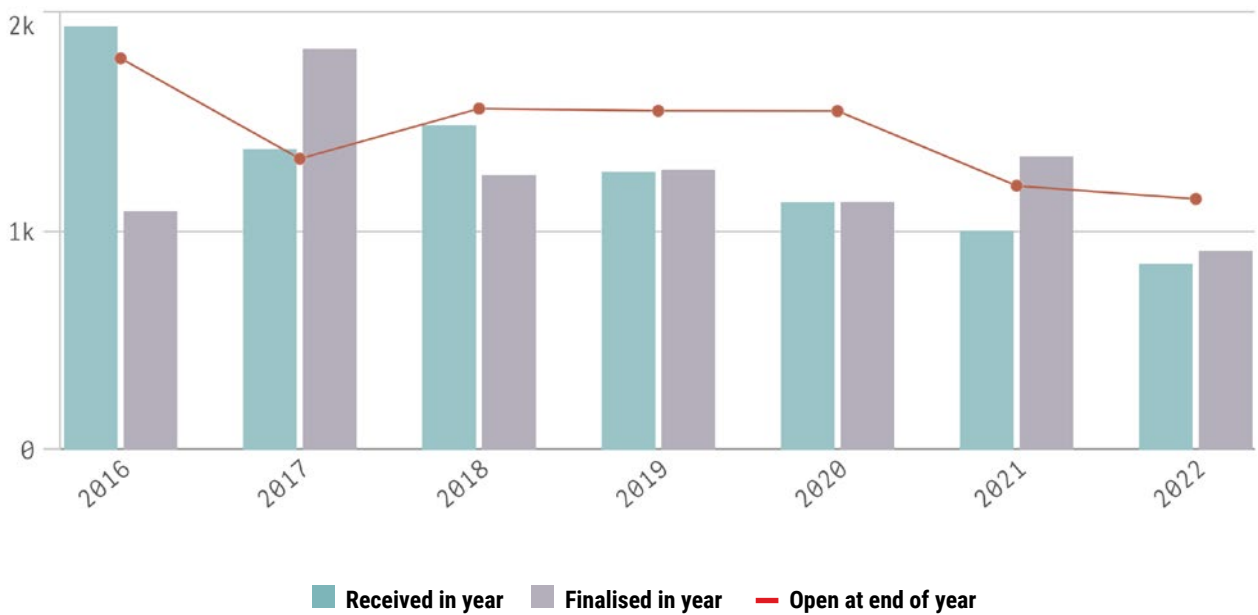


% Finalised within Target Timeline



- DMIRS
- Proponent
- Other Agencies
- Parallel Processing

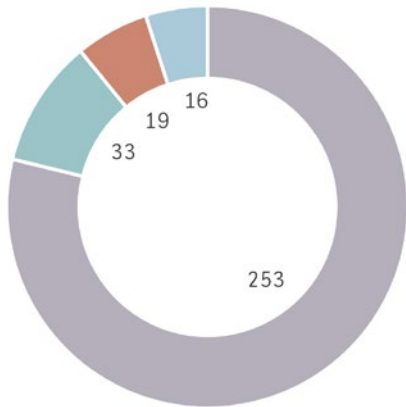
Trends for Received, Finalised and Open



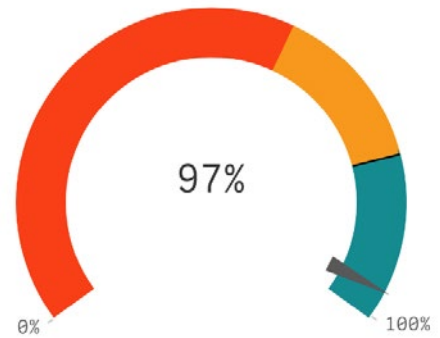
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Exploration Licence

Average **321** days total

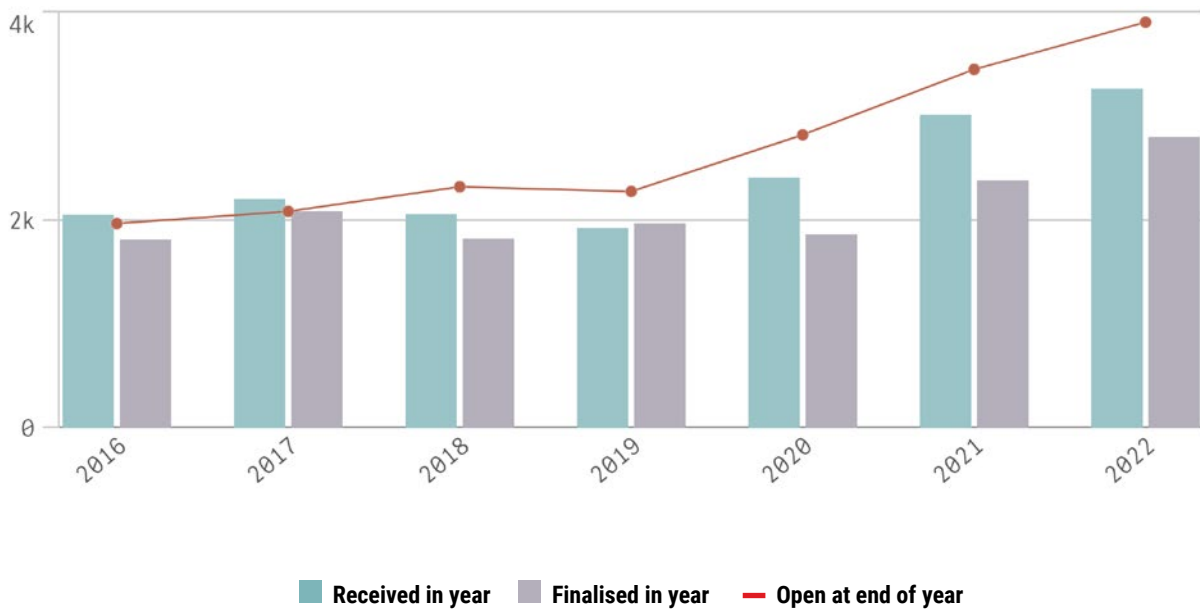


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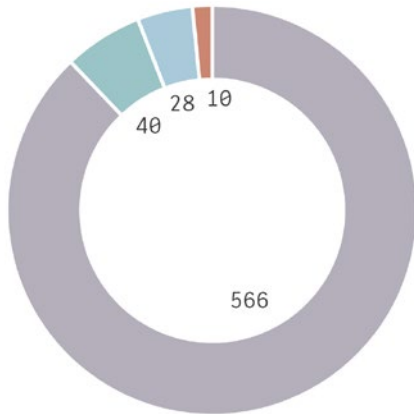
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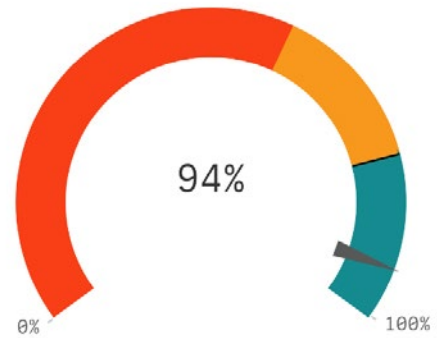
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Mining Lease

Average **644** days total



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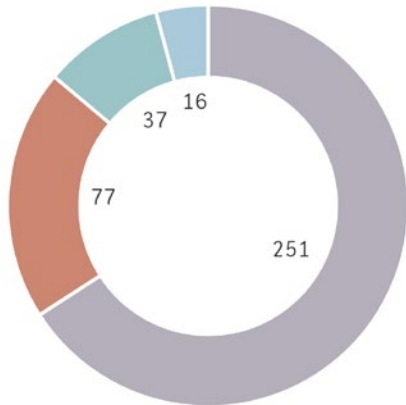
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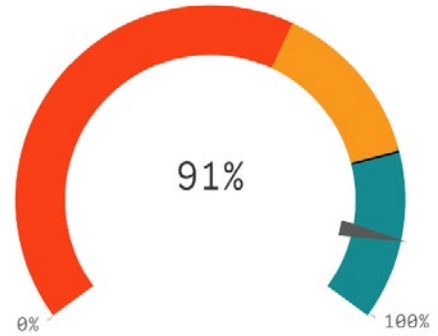
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

Average **381** days total

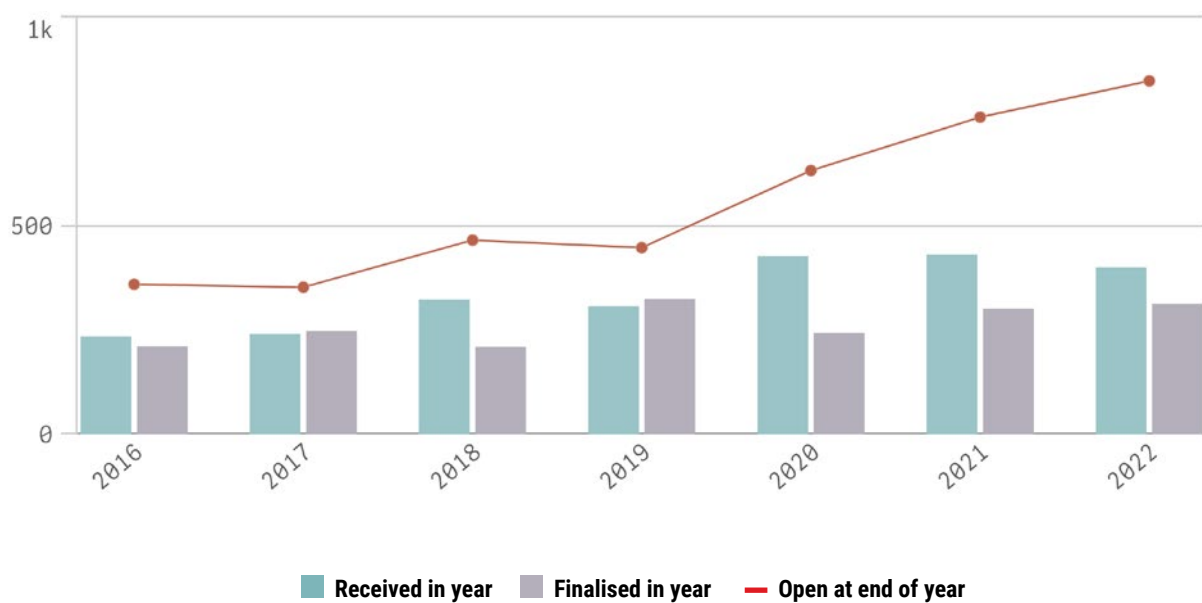


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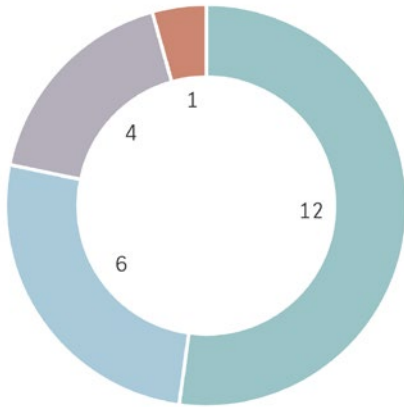
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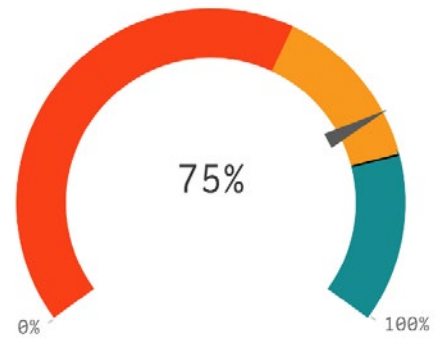
Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

Programme of Work

Average 23 days total

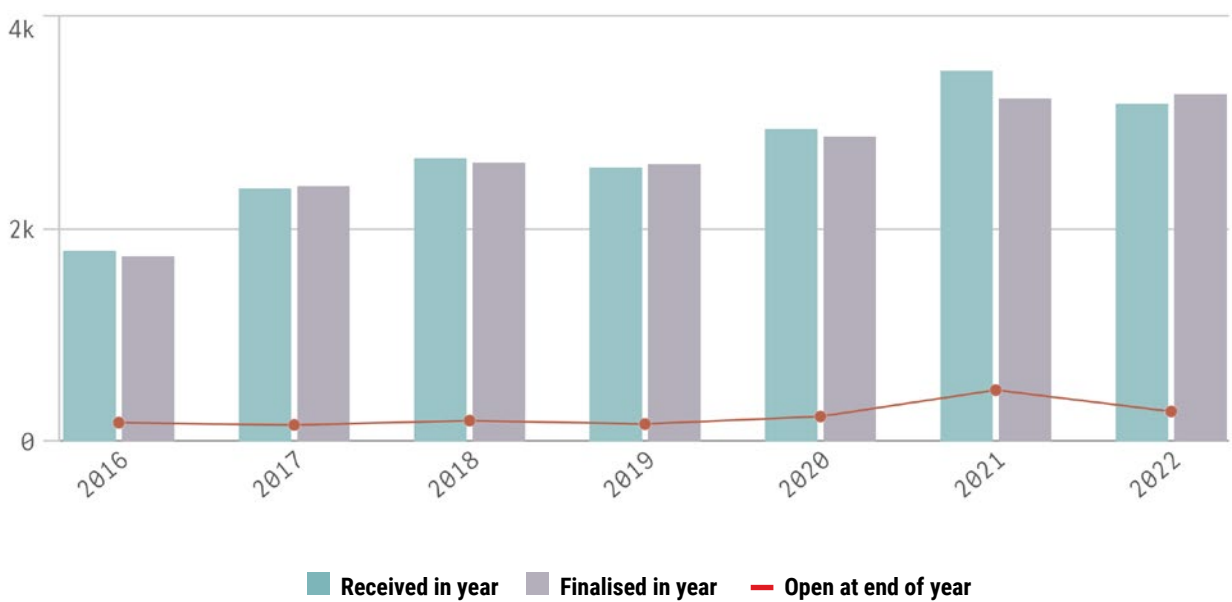


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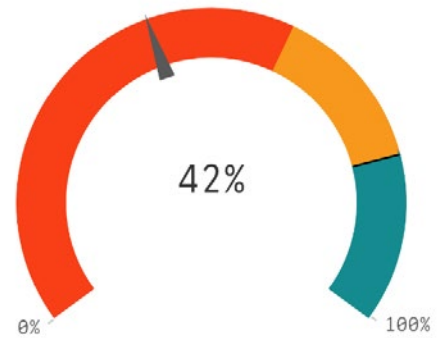
Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

Mining Proposal

Average **152** days total

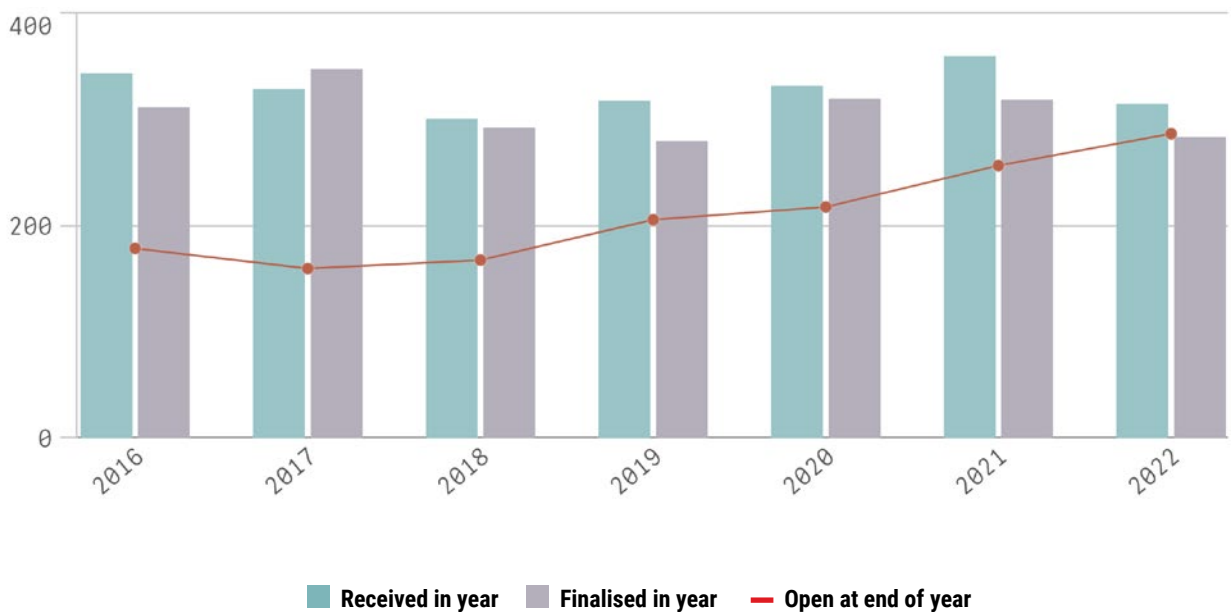


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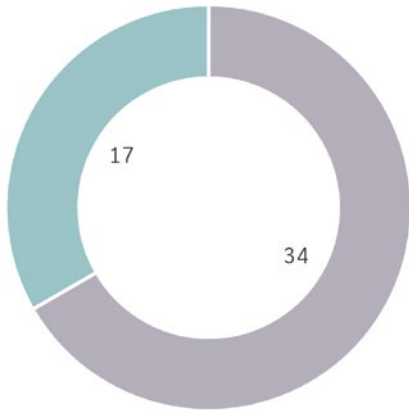
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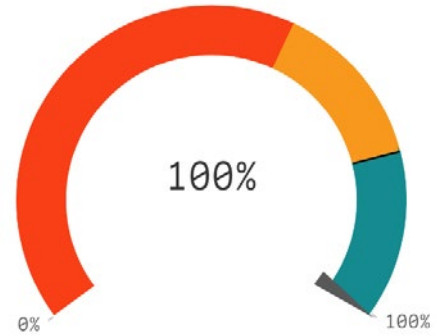
Work Health and Safety (Mines) Regulations 2022

Radiation Management Plans

Average 51 days total

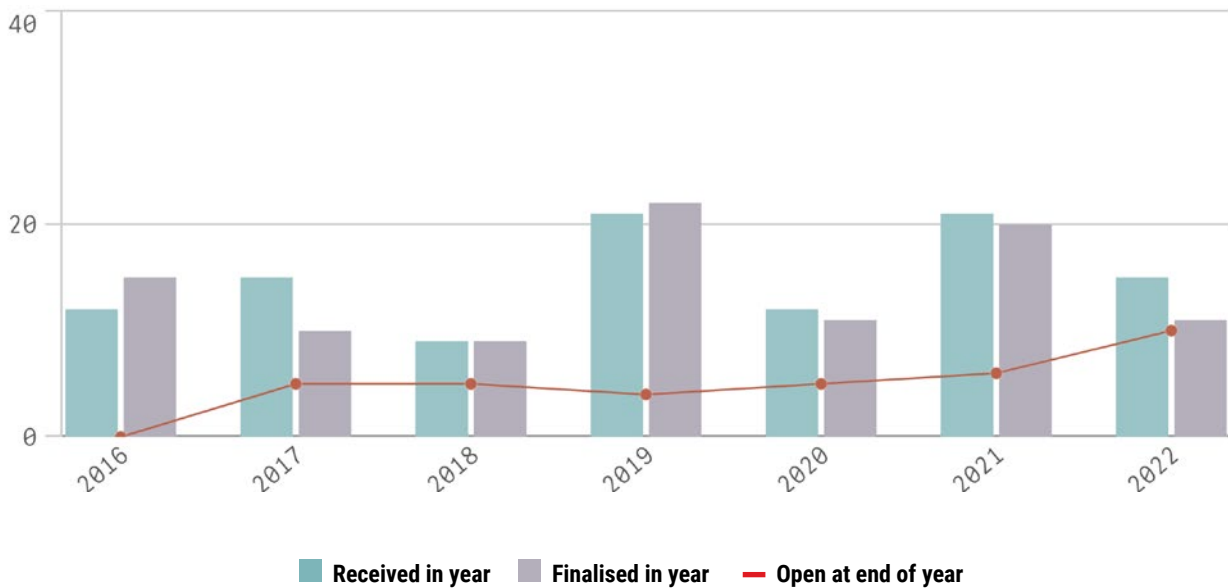


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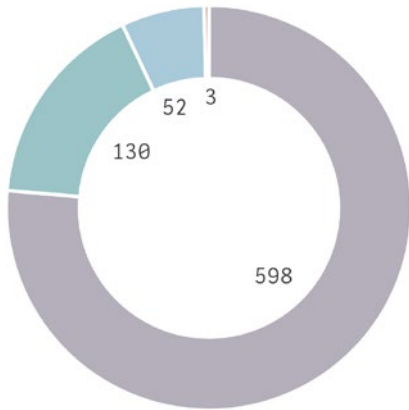
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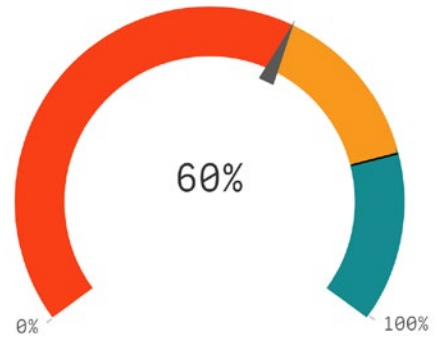
WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum Tenure

Average **783** days total



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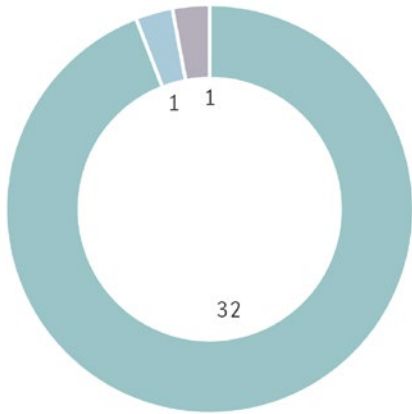
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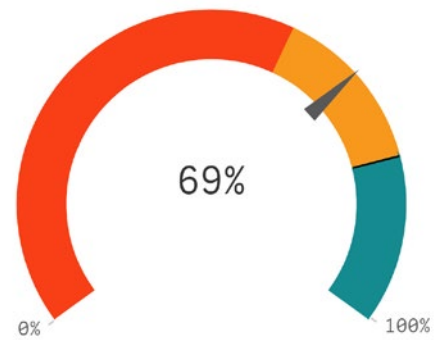
WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum Environment Plans

Average 34 days total

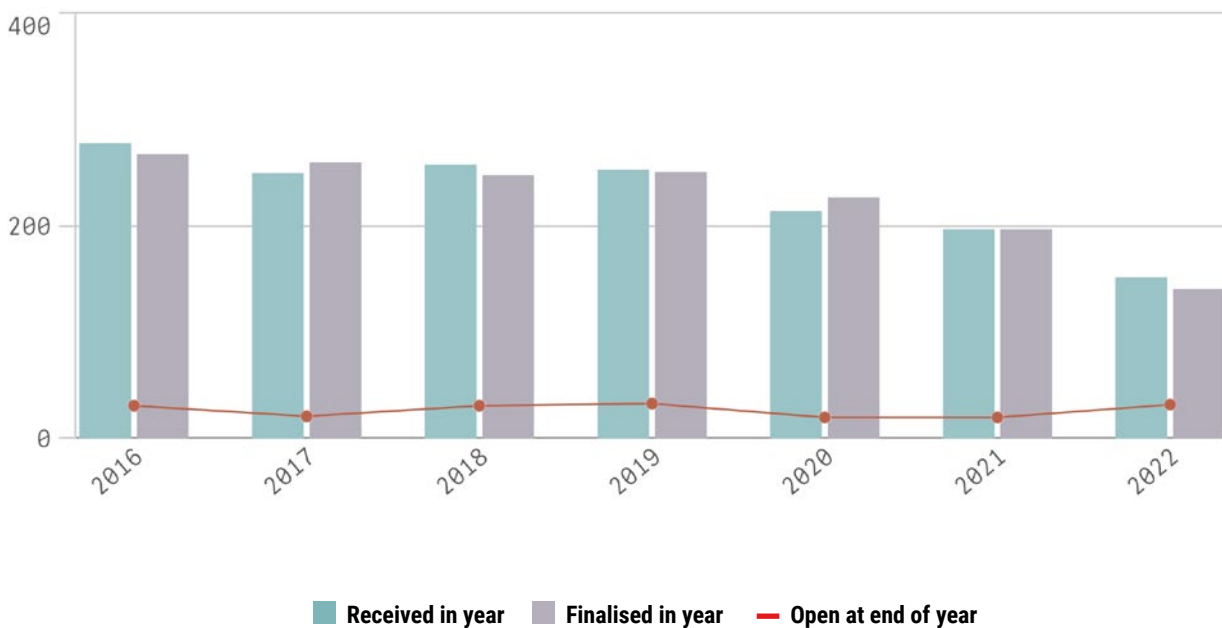


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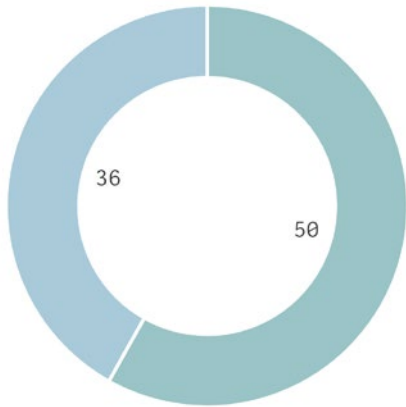
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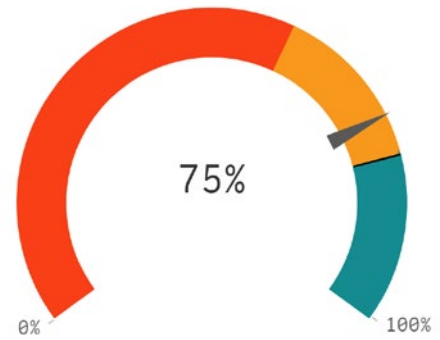
WA Environmental Protection Act 1986 –

Native vegetation clearing permits – By delegation from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Average 86 days total

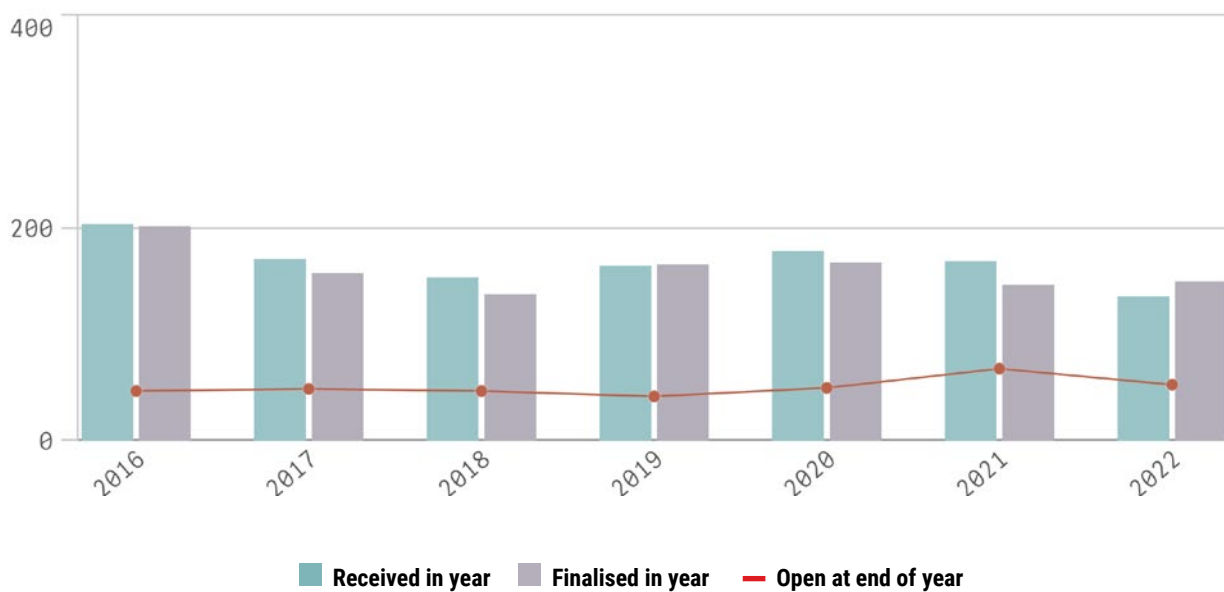


% Finalised within Target Timeline



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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
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). It is planned that the DMIRS native vegetation clearing permit be aligned with DWER (60 business days).