



## DMIRS APPROVALS PERFORMANCE REPORTING (Mining and Petroleum) – SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2023

DMIRS' mining and petroleum approval performance overall was positive during the September quarter, despite the continued high number of applications received and an increased number of applications finalised when compared to the June quarter.

Key changes in the percentage of applications finalised within target timelines for the June to September quarters follow:

- Petroleum Tenure increased from 69 to 100 per cent.
- Programmes of Work decreased from 75 to 61 per cent.
- Mining Proposals increased from 42 to 51 per cent.
- Prospecting licenses decreased from 96 to 85 per cent.
- Native vegetation clearing permits decreased from 75 to 57 per cent.

The average total timeline to finalise a Programme of Work application is 25 business days (four weeks). This consists of DMIRS processing time (14 days), proponent time (five days) and Other Agencies (five days). There was one day of parallel processing. Sixty one 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 294 business days (approx. 12 months). *Native Title Act 1993* requirements represent the majority of this timeline (approx. ten months).

Target timeline information is provided in Appendix 1 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.

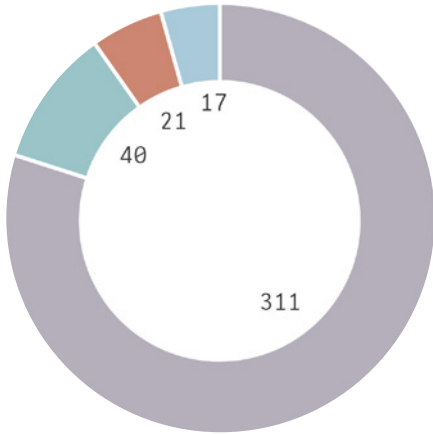
The segment titled "parallel processing" shows the number of overlap days where an application was on hold for both the proponent and another agency.

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 (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. 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.

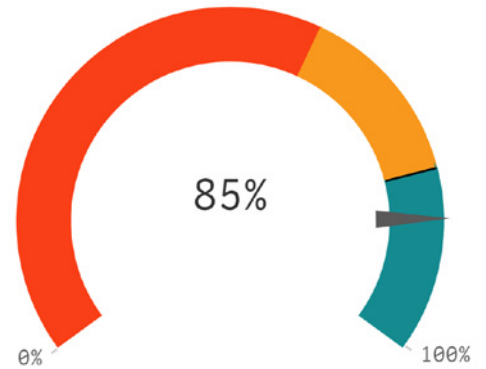
# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

## Prospecting Licence

Average 389 days total

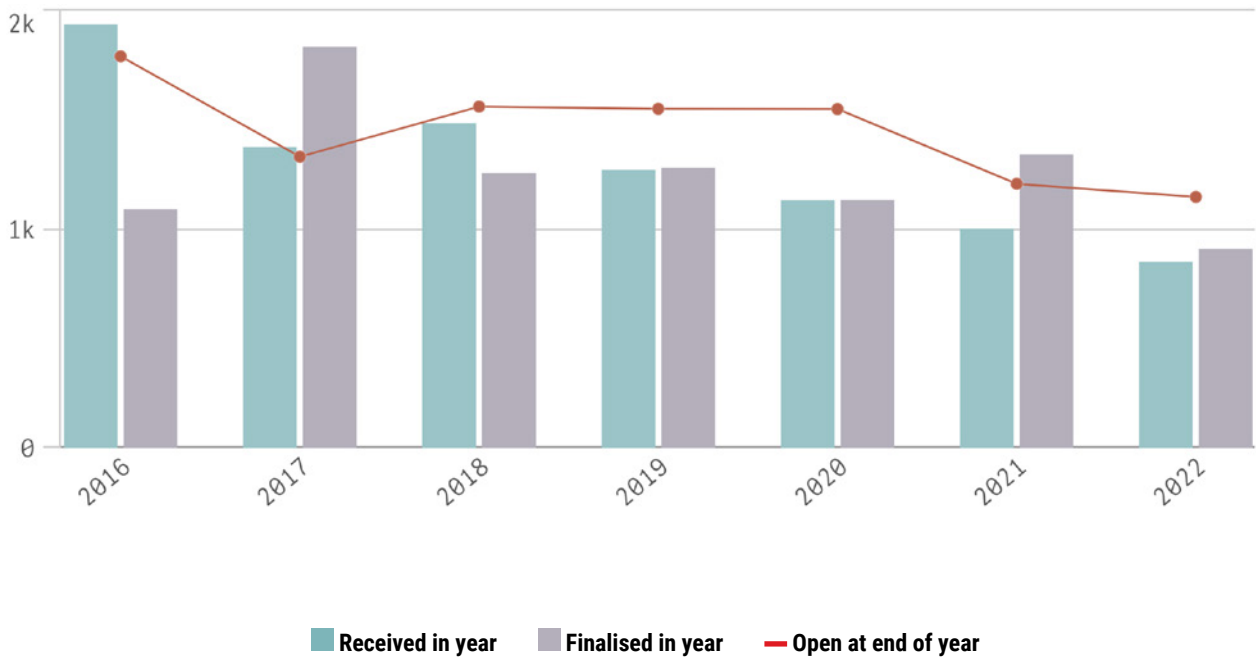


% Finalised within Target Timeline



- DMIRS
- Proponent
- Other Agencies
- Parallel Processing

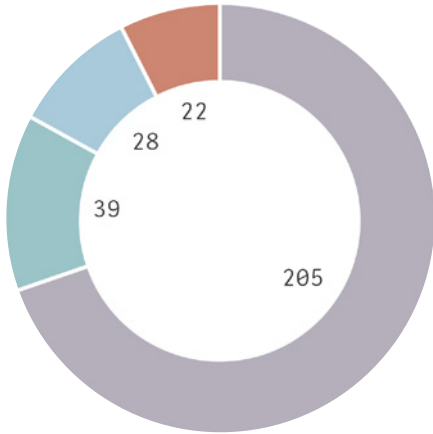
Trends for received, finalised and open



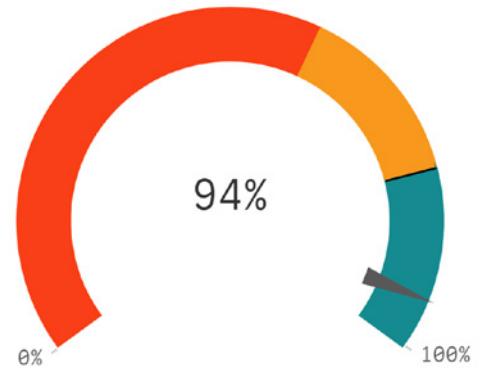
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## Exploration Licence

Average **294** days total

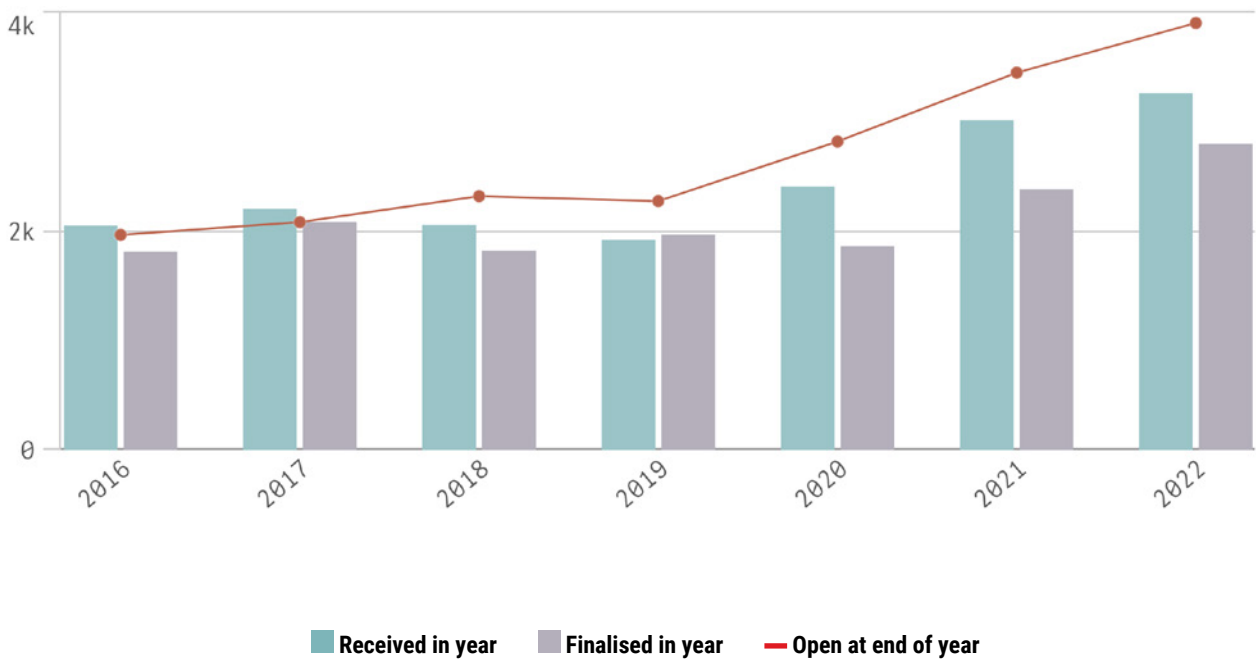


% Finalised within Target Timeline



- DMIRS
- Proponent
- Other Agencies
- Parallel Processing

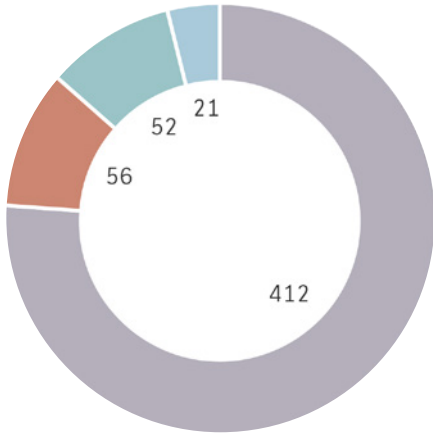
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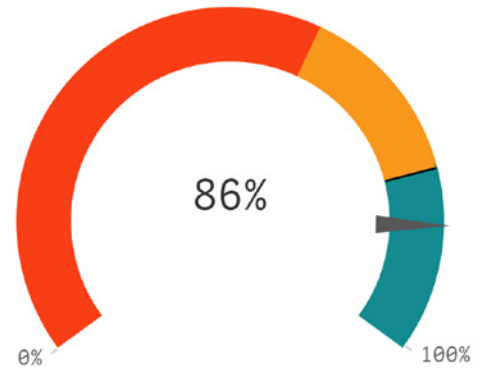
# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

## Mining Lease

Average 541 days total

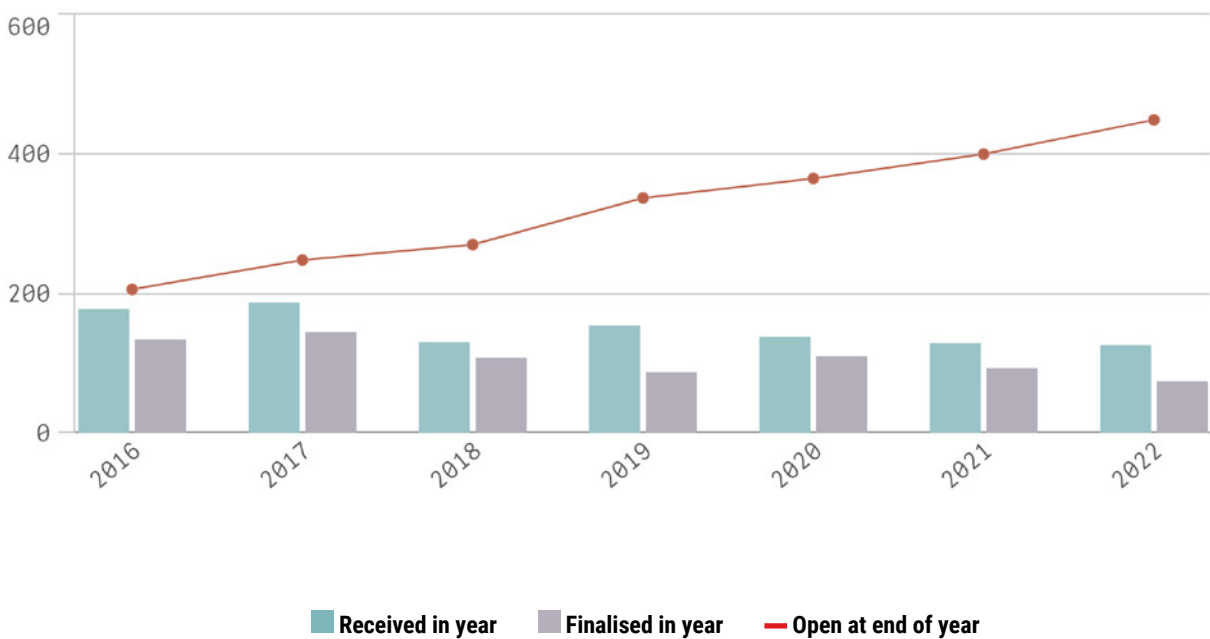


% Finalised within Target Timeline



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- Proponent
- Other Agencies
- Parallel Processing

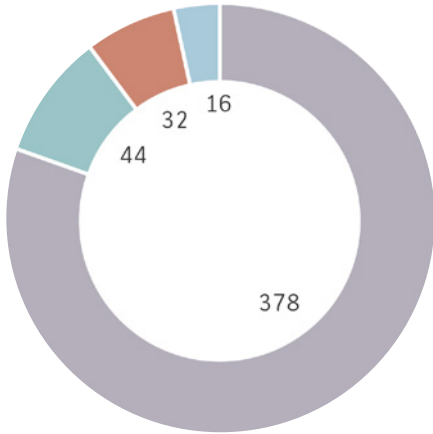
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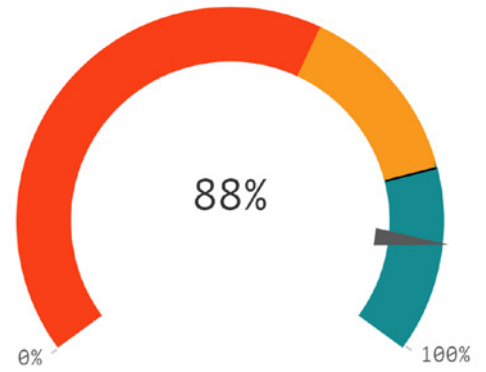
# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

## Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

Average 470 days total

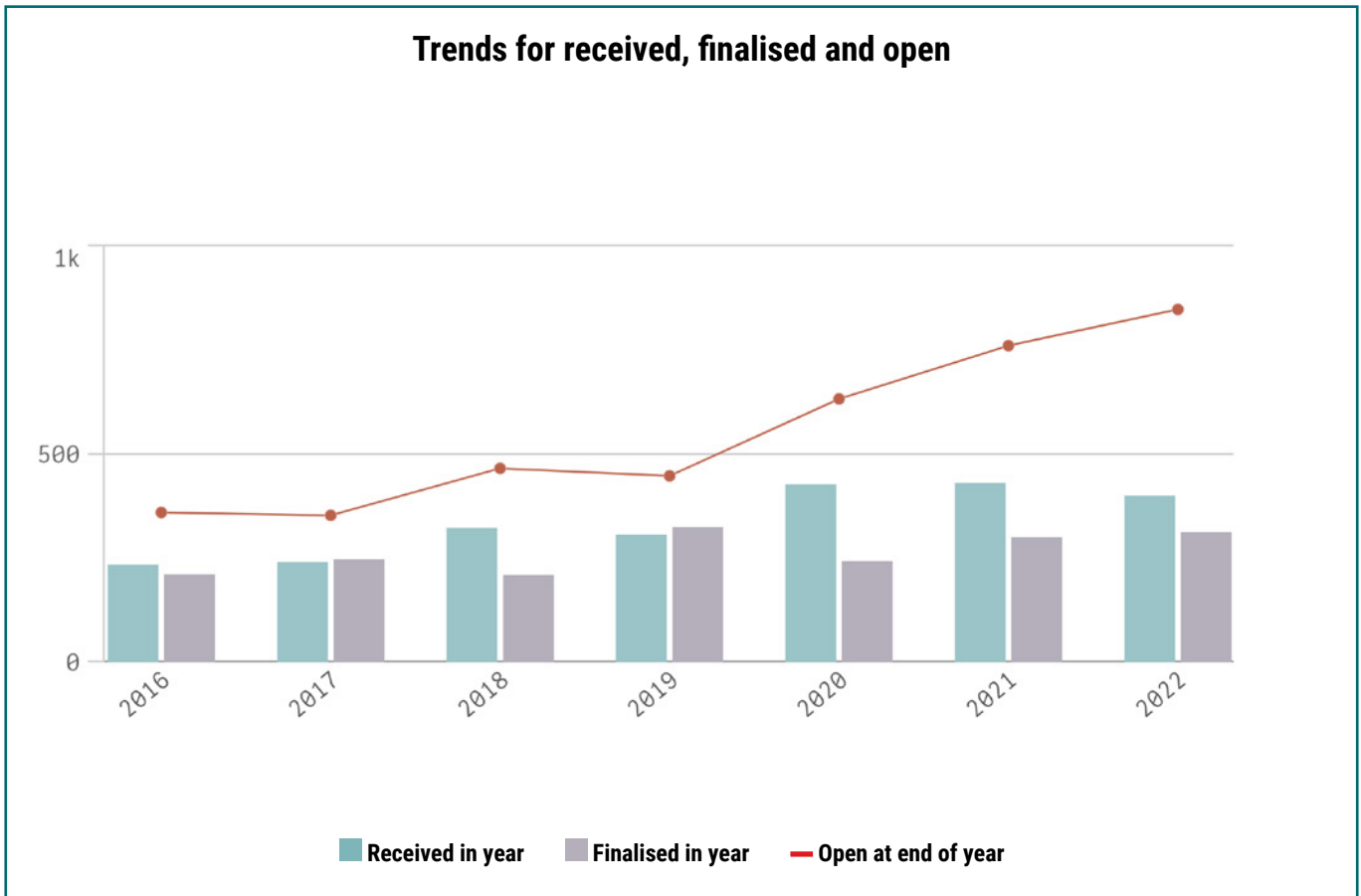


% Finalised within Target Timeline



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- Other Agencies
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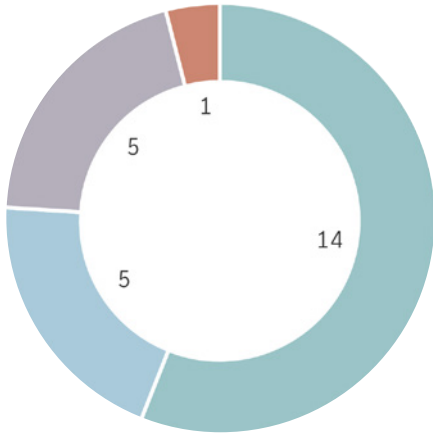
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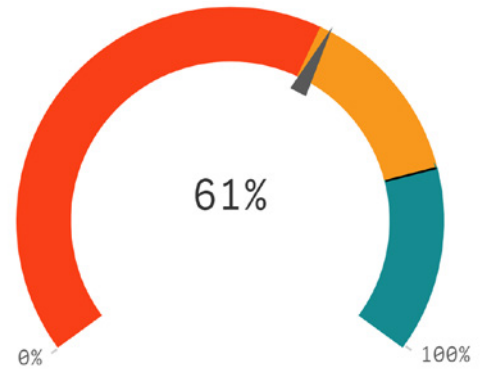
# Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

## Programme of Work

Average **25** days total

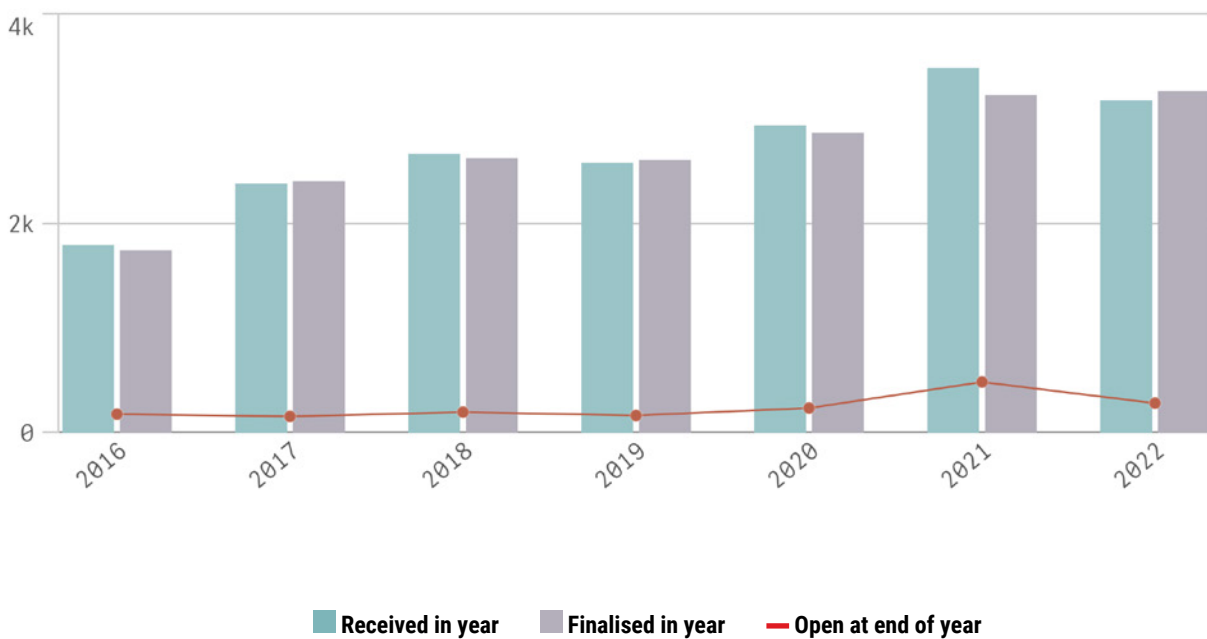


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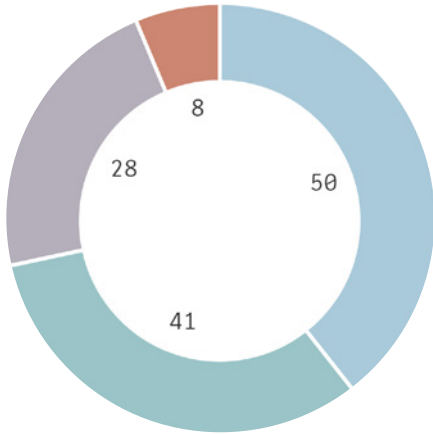
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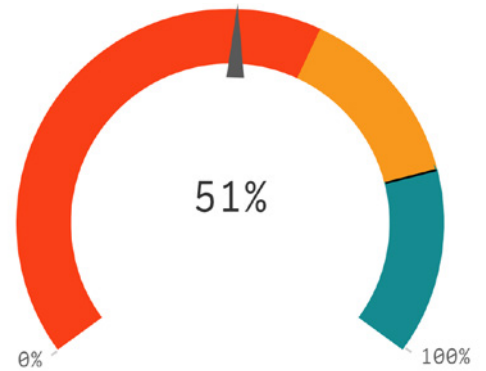
# Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

## Mining Proposal

Average **127** days total

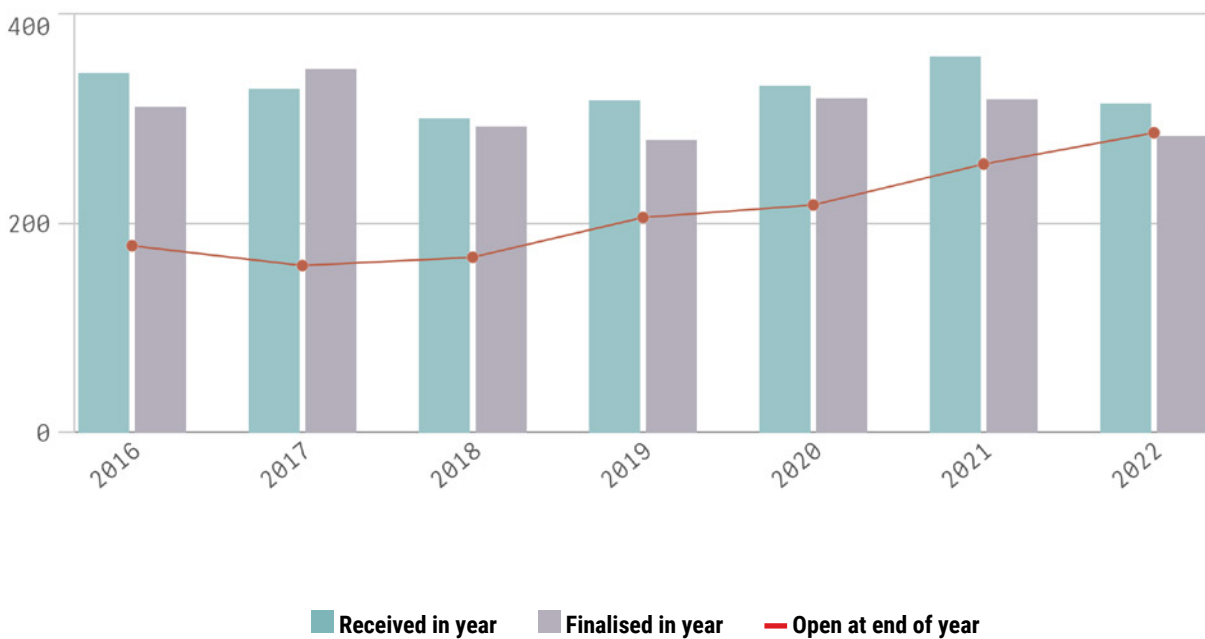


% Finalised within Target Timeline



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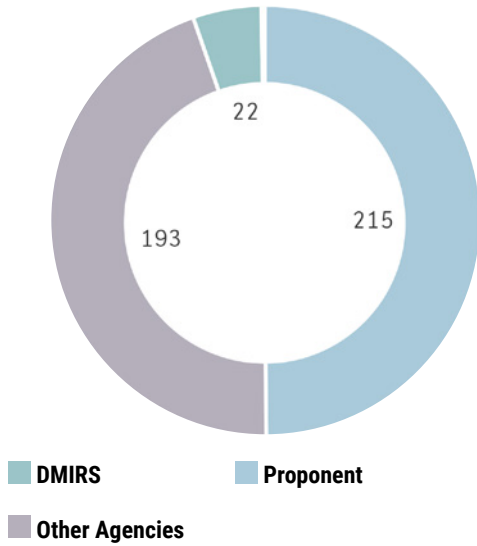
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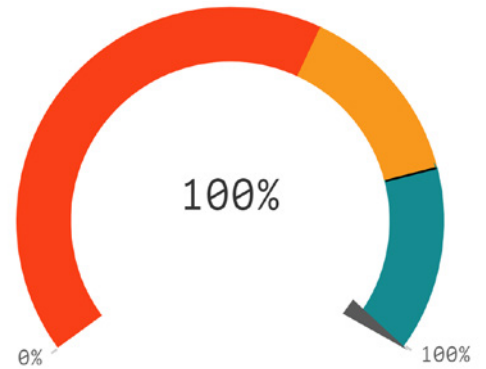
# Work Health and Safety (Mines) Regulations 2022

## Radiation Management Plans

Average **431** days total



% Finalised within Target Timeline



Trends for received, finalised and open

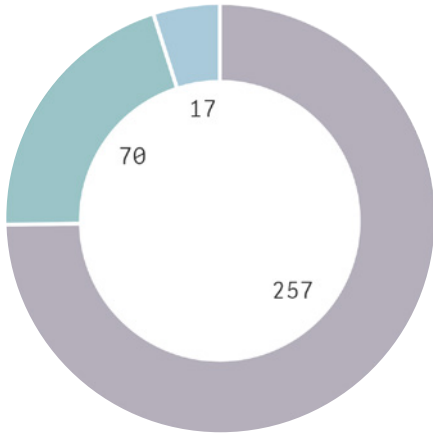




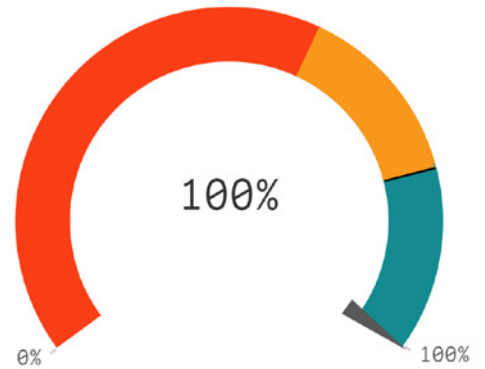
# WA Petroleum Legislation

## Petroleum Tenure

Average **339** days total

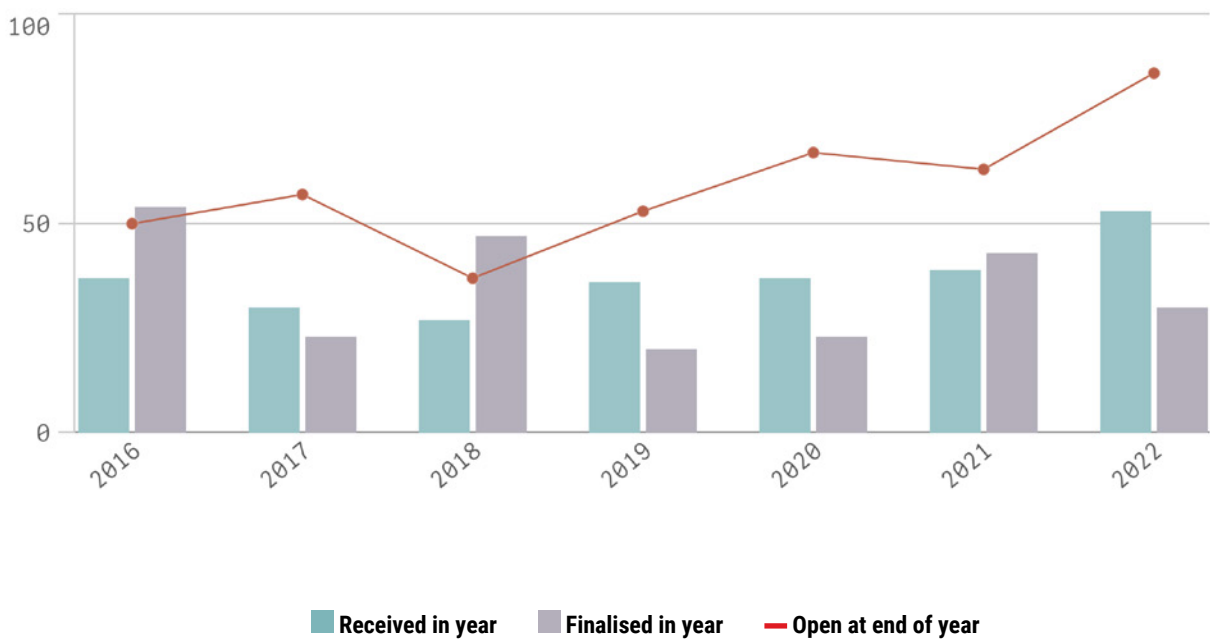


% Finalised within Target Timeline



- DMIRS
- Proponent
- Other Agencies

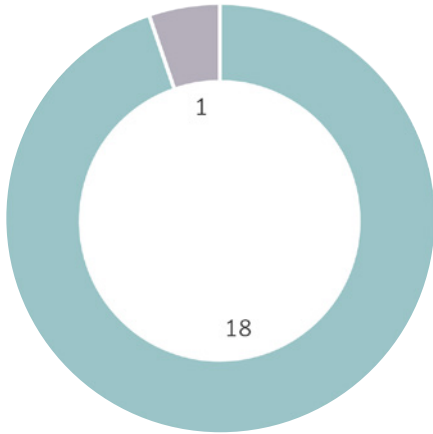
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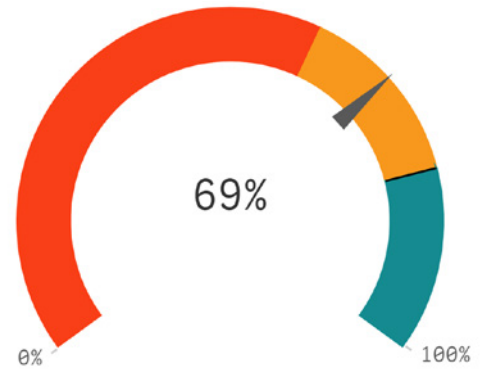
## Petroleum Environment Plans

Average 19 days total

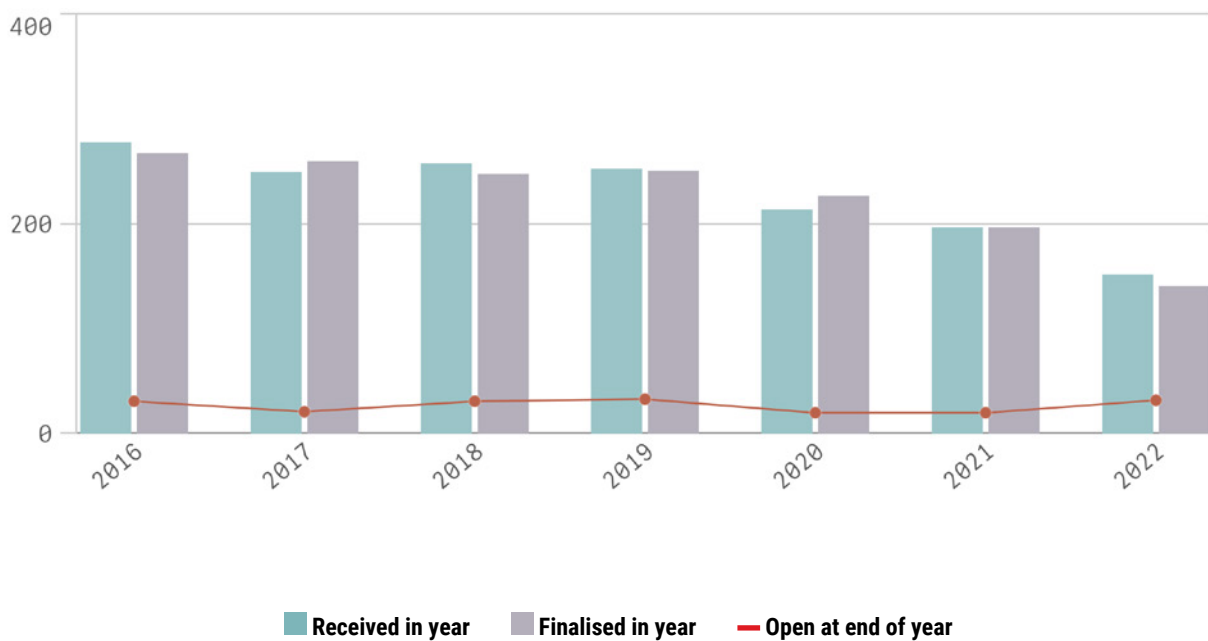


DMIRS Other Agencies

% Finalised within Target Timeline



Trends for received, finalised and open

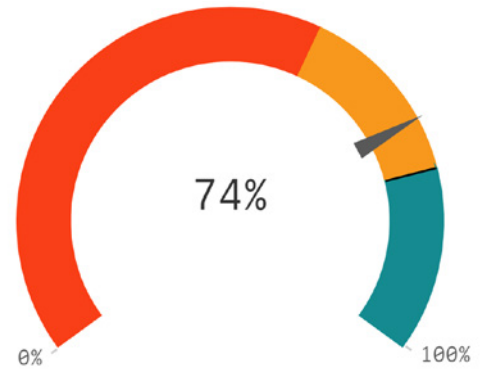
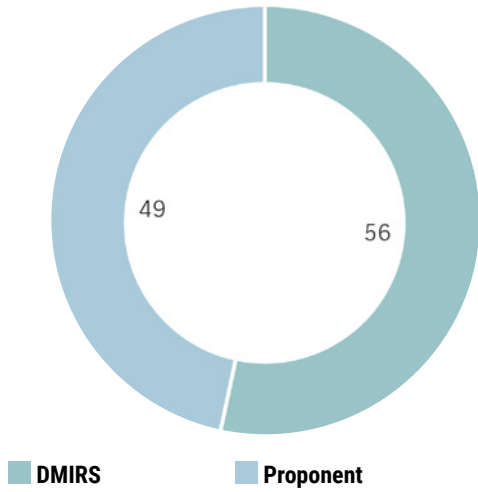


# WA Environmental Protection Act 1986

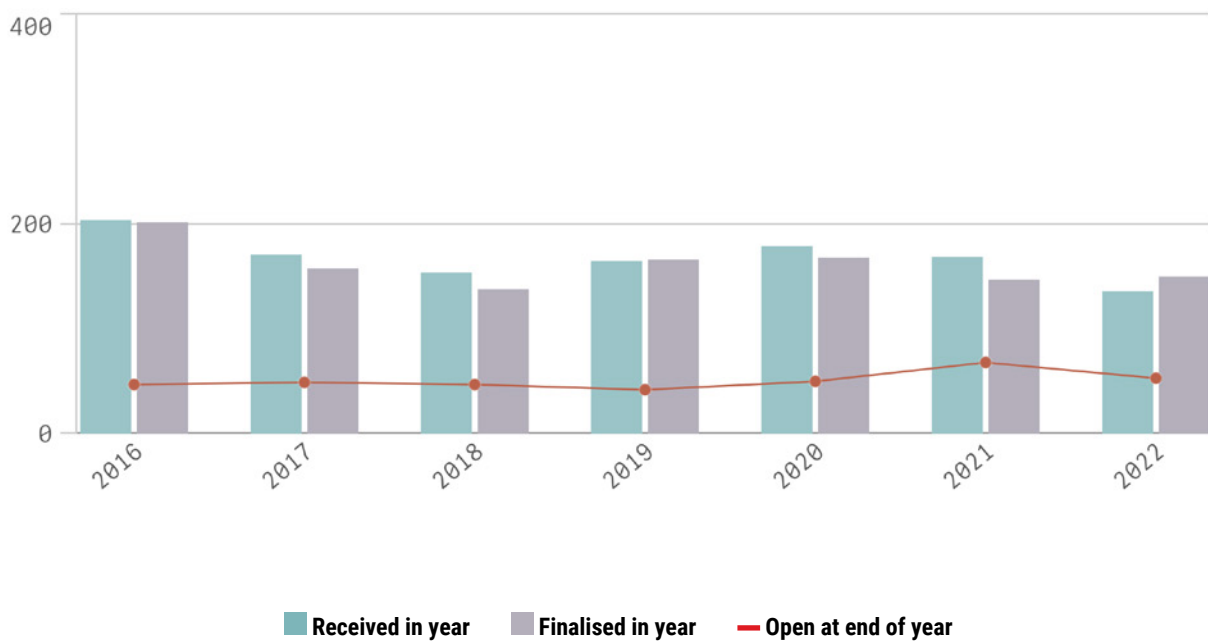
## Native vegetation clearing permits

Average **105** days total

% Finalised within Target Timeline



Trends for received, finalised and open



## 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	60

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

The DMIRS native vegetation clearing permit target timeline has been updated from 43 to 60 business days. This has been done to ensure DMIRS and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) targets are consistent.