



# DMIRS APPROVALS REPORTING (Mining and Petroleum) – December Quarter 2020

Figure 1 shows the location and density of mineral exploration tenements granted in Western Australia during the 1 October to 31 December 2020 period.

**Figure 1: Mineral exploration licence applications granted (4Q 2020)**

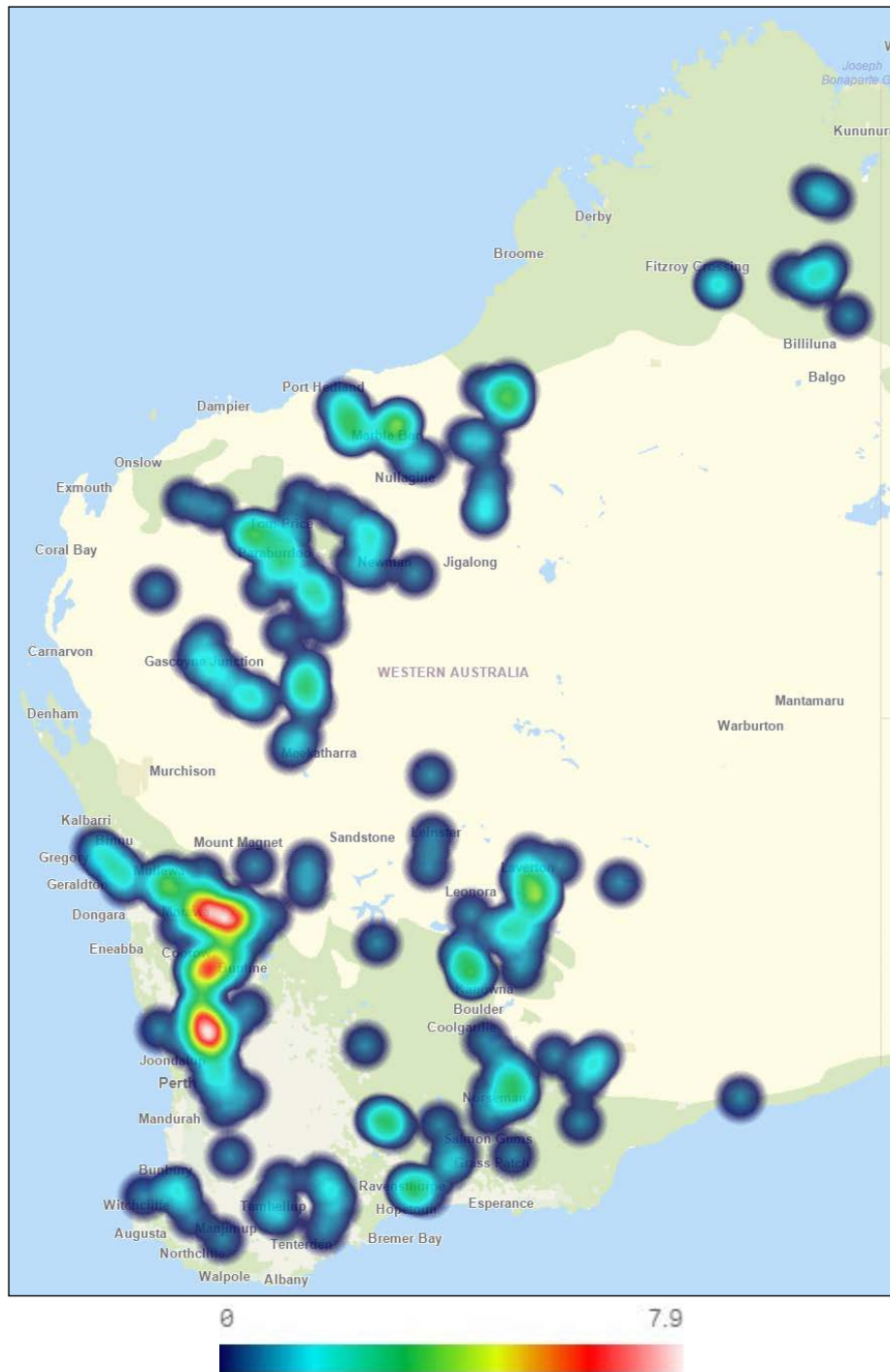
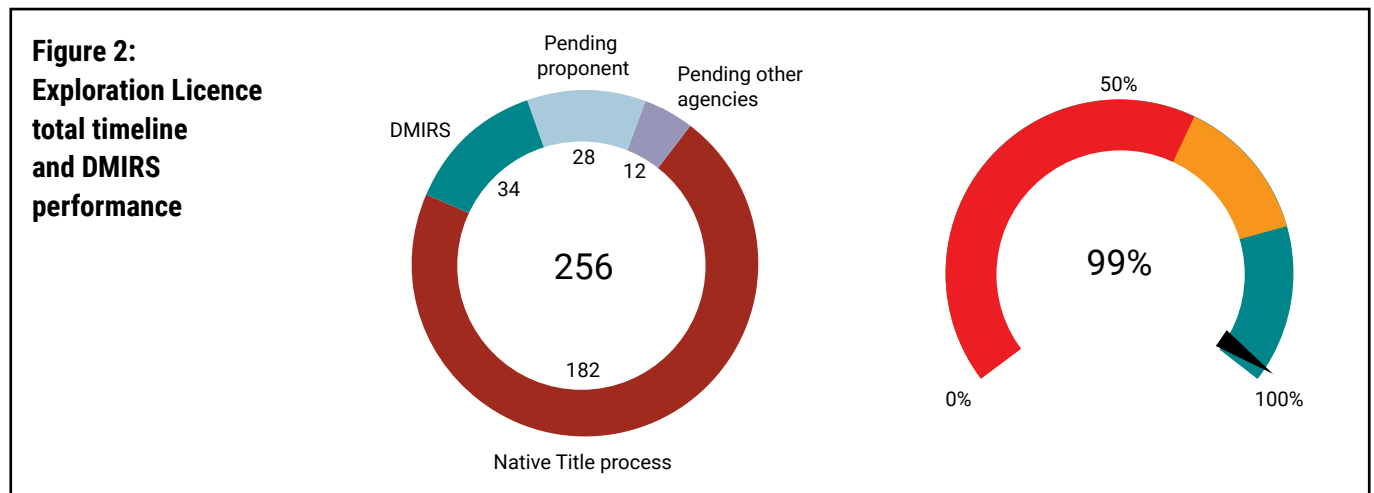
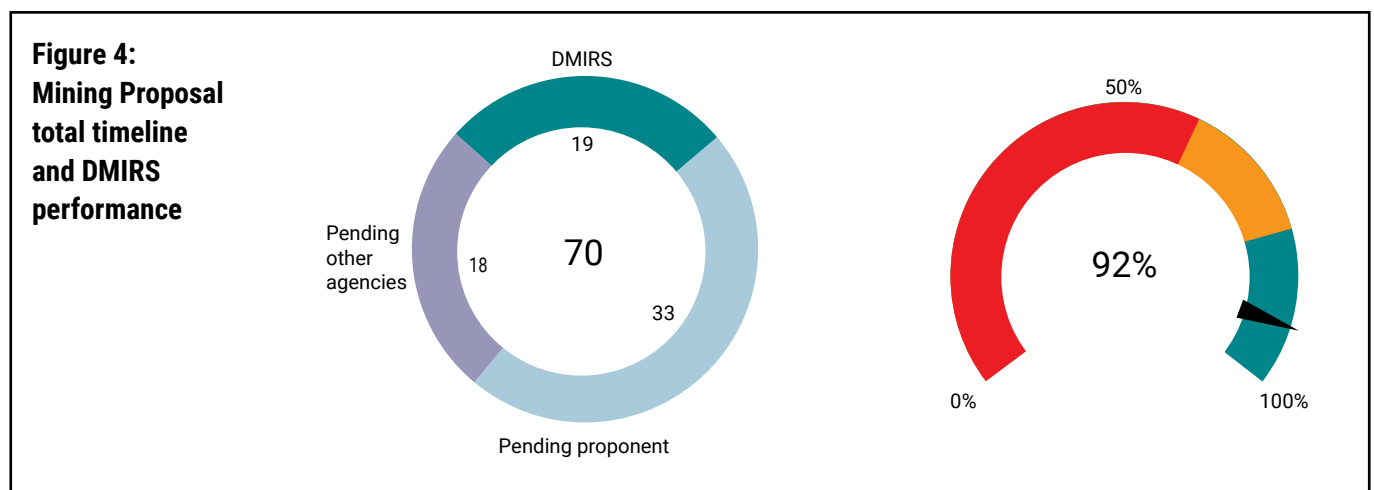
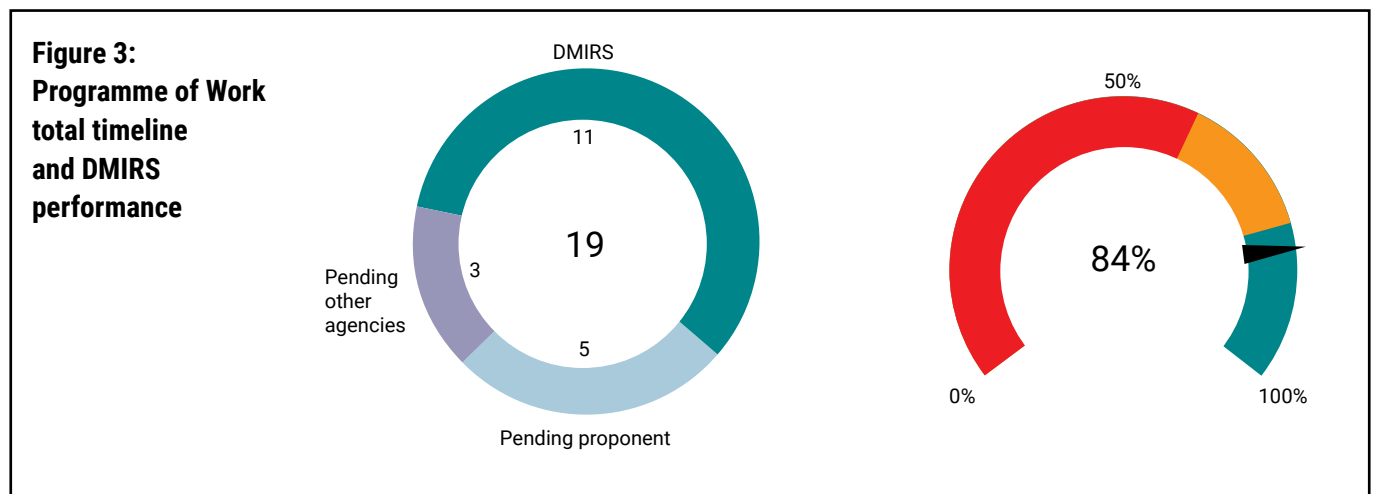


Figure 2 provides a breakdown of the total timeline for the finalisation of exploration licence applications during the quarter and DMIRS performance against the 65 business day performance target. 99 per cent of the 369 exploration licence applications finalised in the December quarter were within the performance target.

The average **total timeline** to finalise an exploration licence in the December quarter was 256 business days. This includes the time taken for the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* expedited process and the DMIRS assessment, and time with other government agencies and the proponent. If exploration licence applications are subject to the Native Title expedited process, they will include a four-month notification period (around 80 business days) prescribed under S29 of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

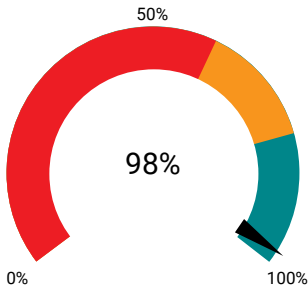


Figures 3 and 4 provide Programme of Work and Mining Proposal average total timelines (business days) during the quarter and DMIRS performance against a 15 and 30 business day performance target respectively.

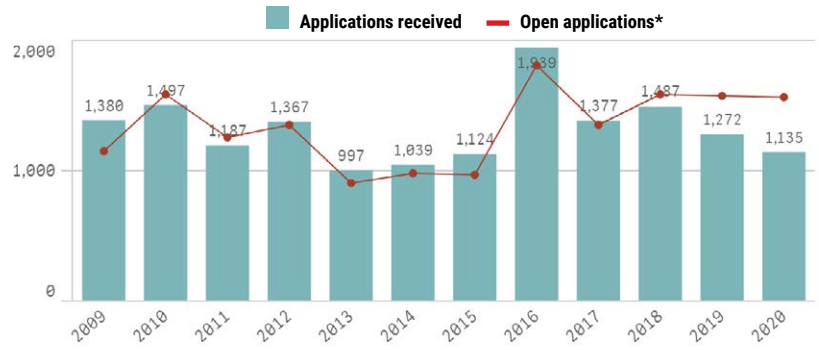


# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

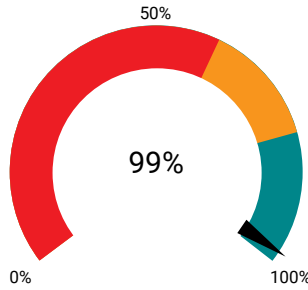
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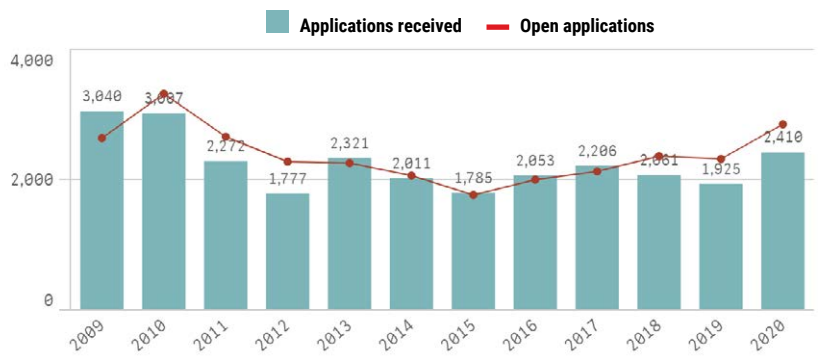
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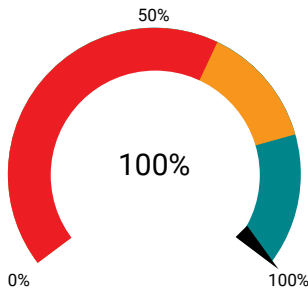
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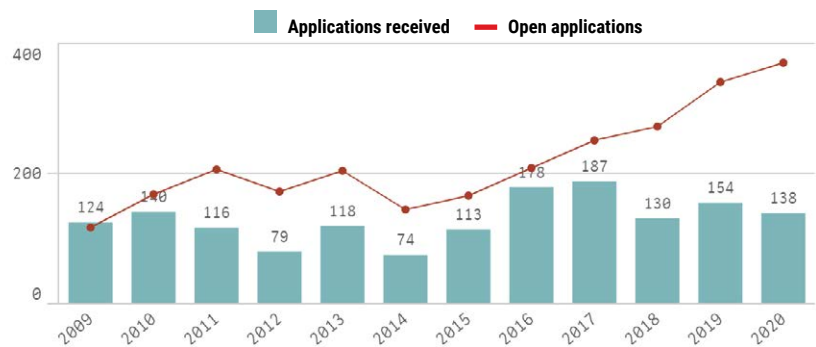
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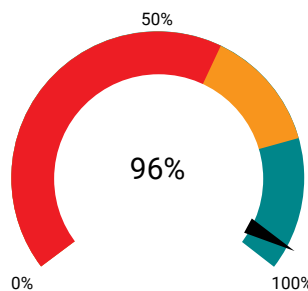
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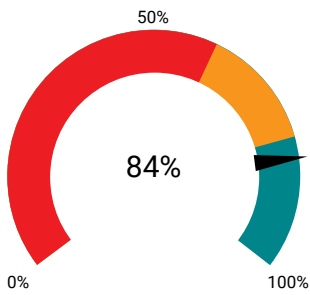
## Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure



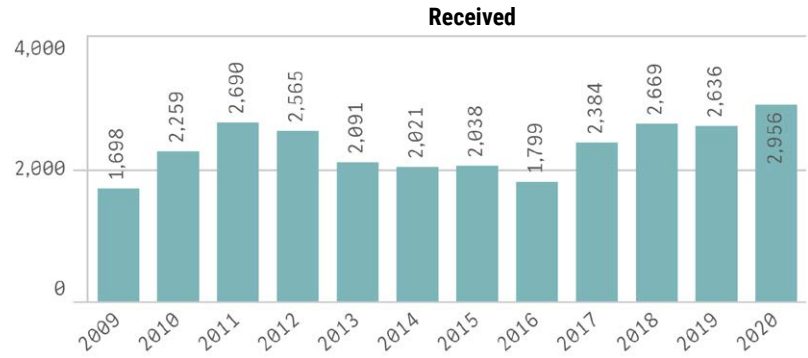
\*Note: Mineral tenure open applications are applications that are awaiting finalisation of *Native Title Act 1993* requirements, objections in the Wardens Court, reserve or vested land requirements or other related matters.

## Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

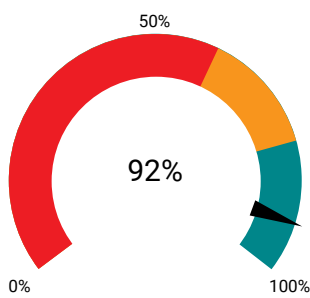
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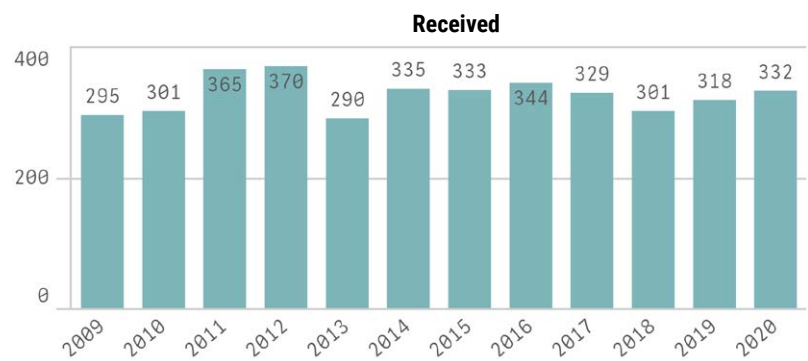
Programme of Work



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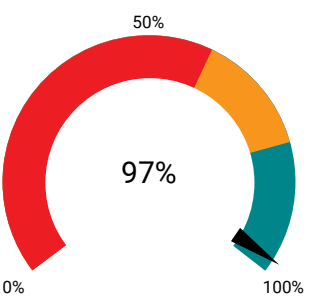
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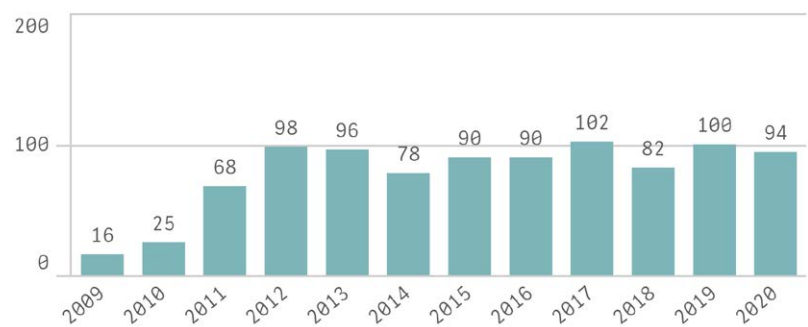
## Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994 – Mine safety management plans

Project Management Plans and Radiation Management Plans

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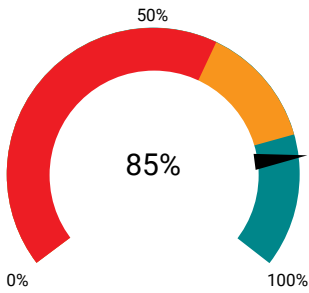
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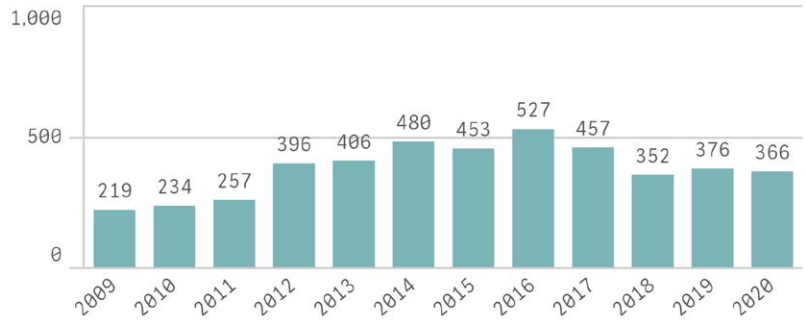
# WA Petroleum Legislation

## Petroleum tenure and activity

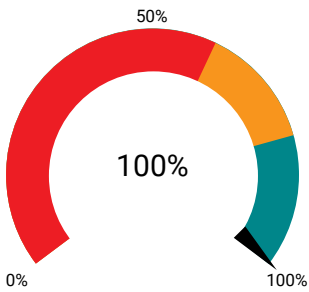
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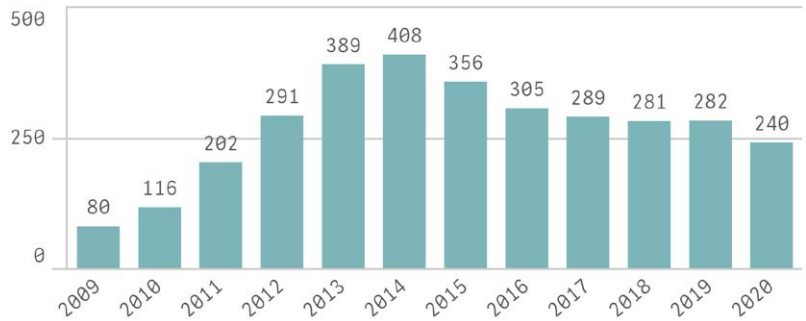


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## Petroleum environment plans

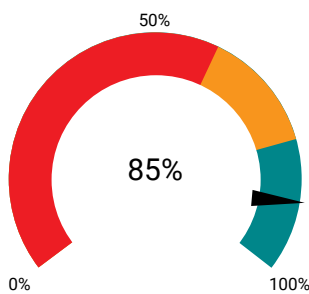
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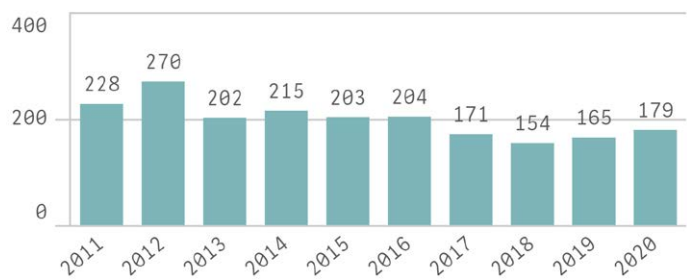
# Environmental Protection Act 1986

## Native vegetation clearing permits (resource sector)

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## Appendix – DMIRS target timelines

Approval category	Target timeline (business days)
Mineral 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 (21.4 business days).

*"Native Vegetation Clearing Permit target timeline and performance is now reported in business days (previously calendar days) for consistency with targets of other DMIRS approval categories and similar reporting of other Government departments."*