



DMIRS APPROVALS PERFORMANCE REPORTING (Mining and Petroleum) – June Quarter 2022

During this report period, the Minister for Mines and Petroleum endorsed the **Approval Response Plan** created by the Department, to 'bring back on track' mineral exploration and mining approvals by prioritising the assessment of Programmes of Work, Mining Proposals and Native Vegetation Clearing Permit applications. Implementation of the Plan is underway and a number of regulatory functions and resources have been redirected internally to support assessment processes. Industry secondments are also being implemented to assist in assessment capacity, while ongoing recruitment is undertaken for vacancies held. In addition all Revised Mine Closure Plan submissions which are considered of a lower risk, have been deferred for a 12-month period through to June 2023 and individual companies have been advised accordingly. Programmes of Work applications have been prioritised to bring them back on track by the end of September 2022; with Mining Proposals and Native Vegetation Clearing Permits assessment timeframes are anticipated to meet their timeframe targets by the end of 2022.

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

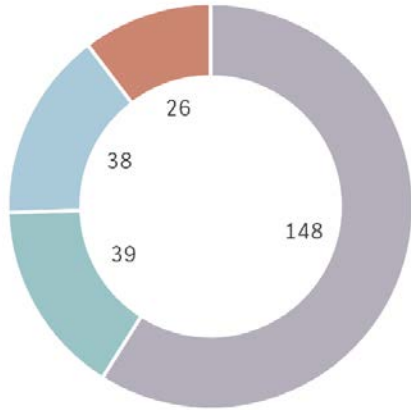
Most mineral and petroleum tenure applications are subject to the requirements of the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*. These applications include a four-month notification period (around 80 business days) prescribed under S29 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. This period is included as part of the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

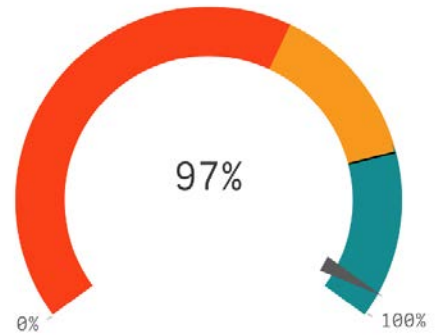
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Prospecting Licence

Average **251** days total

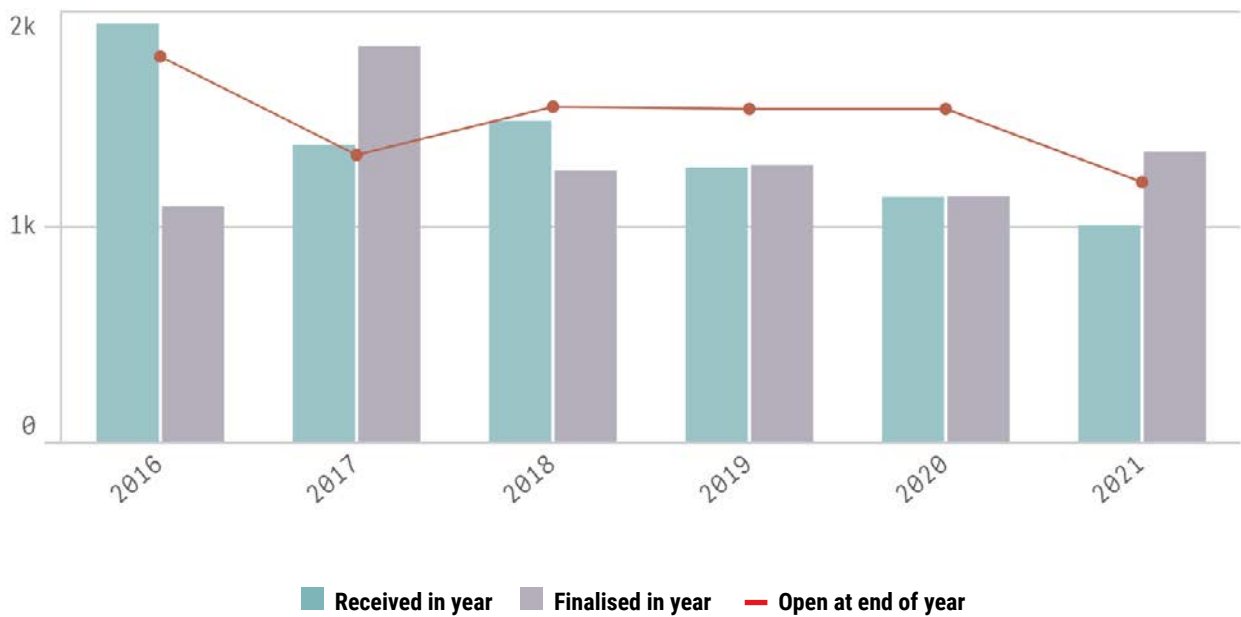


% Finalised within target timeline



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 ■ Other Agencies
■ Parallel Processing

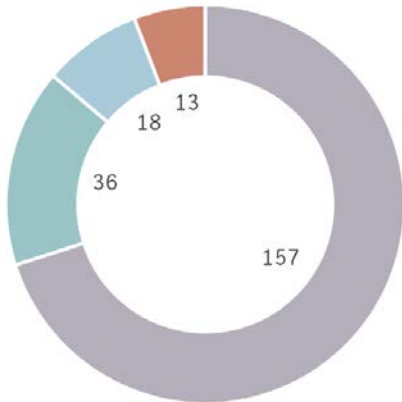
Trends for Received, Finalised and Open Applications



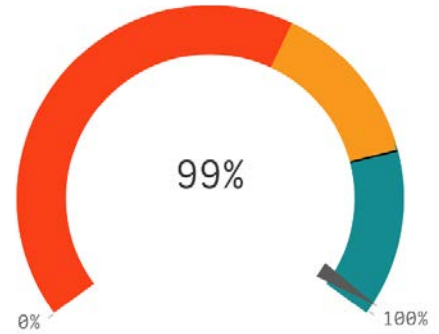
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Exploration Licence

Average **224** days total

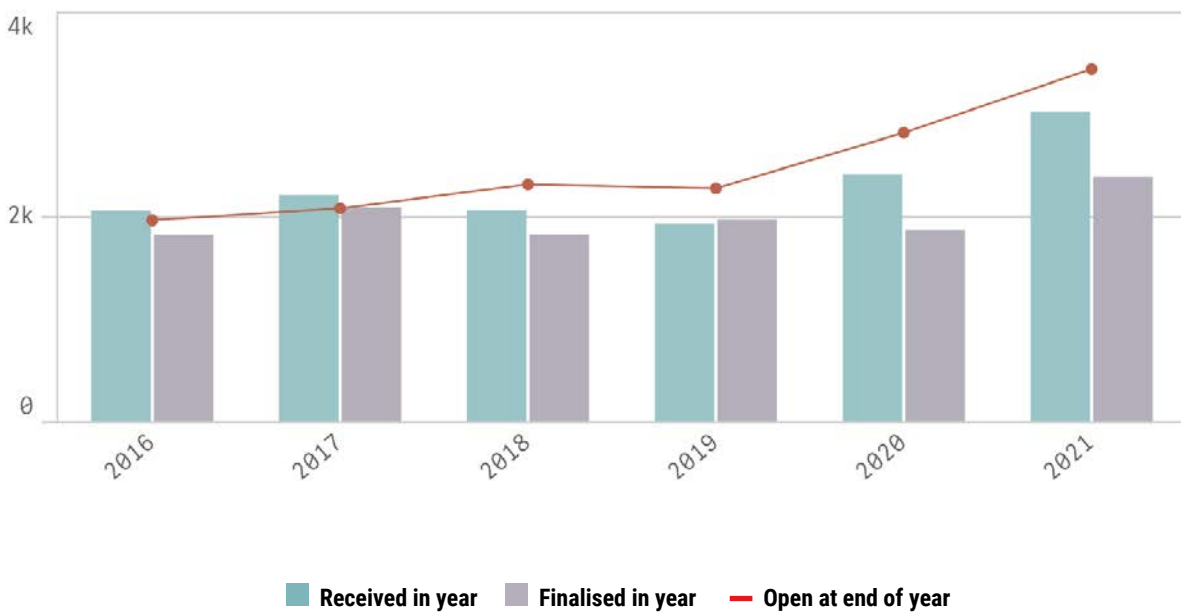


% Finalised within Target Timeline



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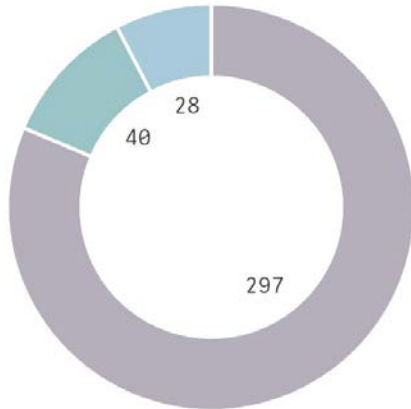
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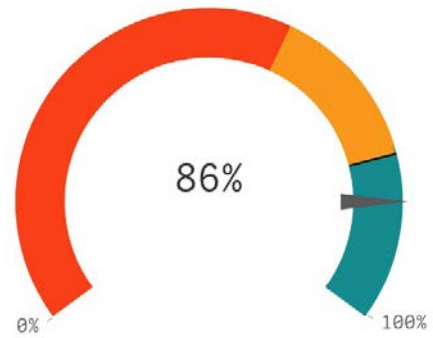
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Mining Lease

Average 365 days total

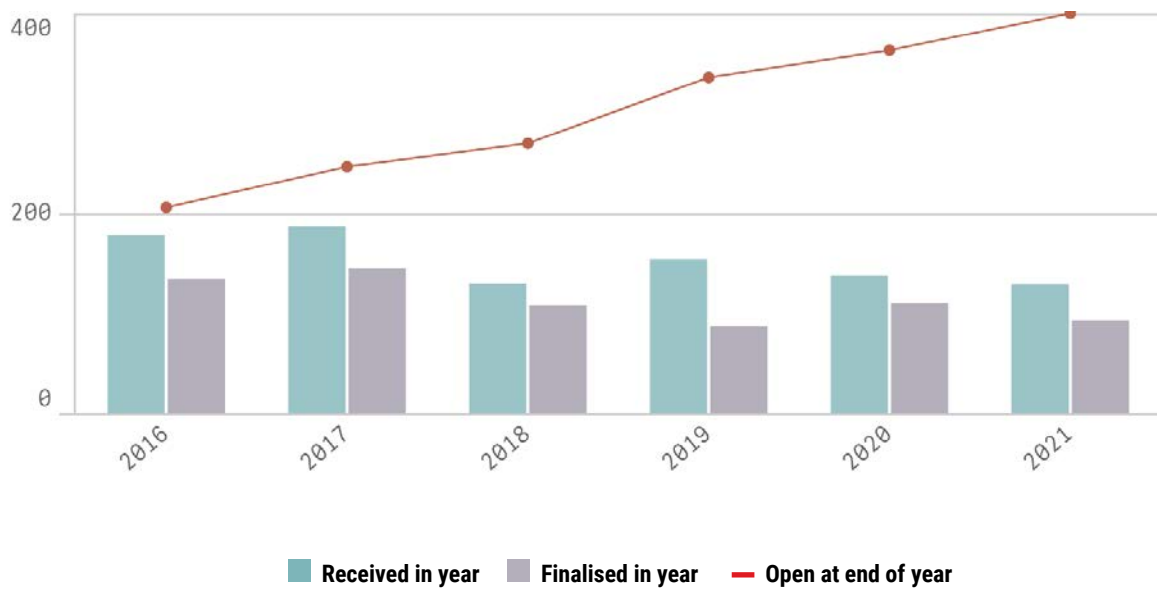


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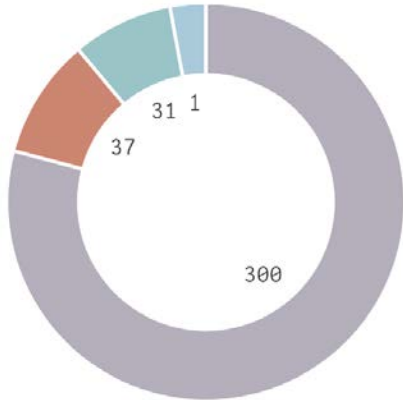
Trends for Received, Finalised and Open



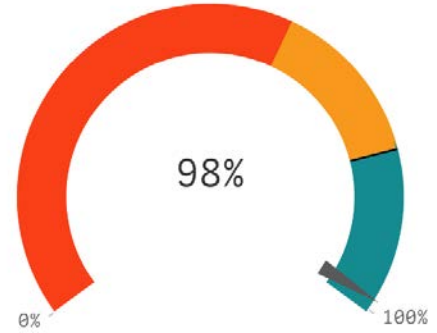
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

Average **379** days total



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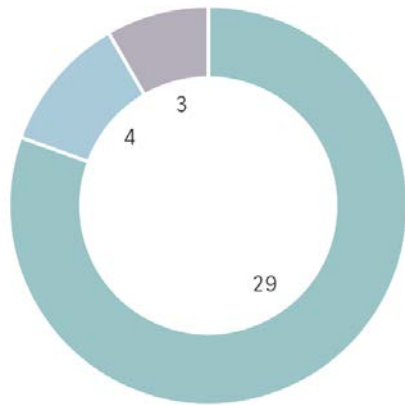
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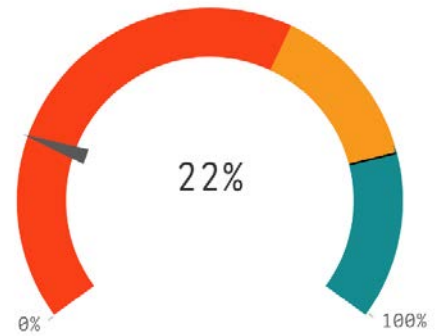
Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

Programme of Work

Average **36** days total

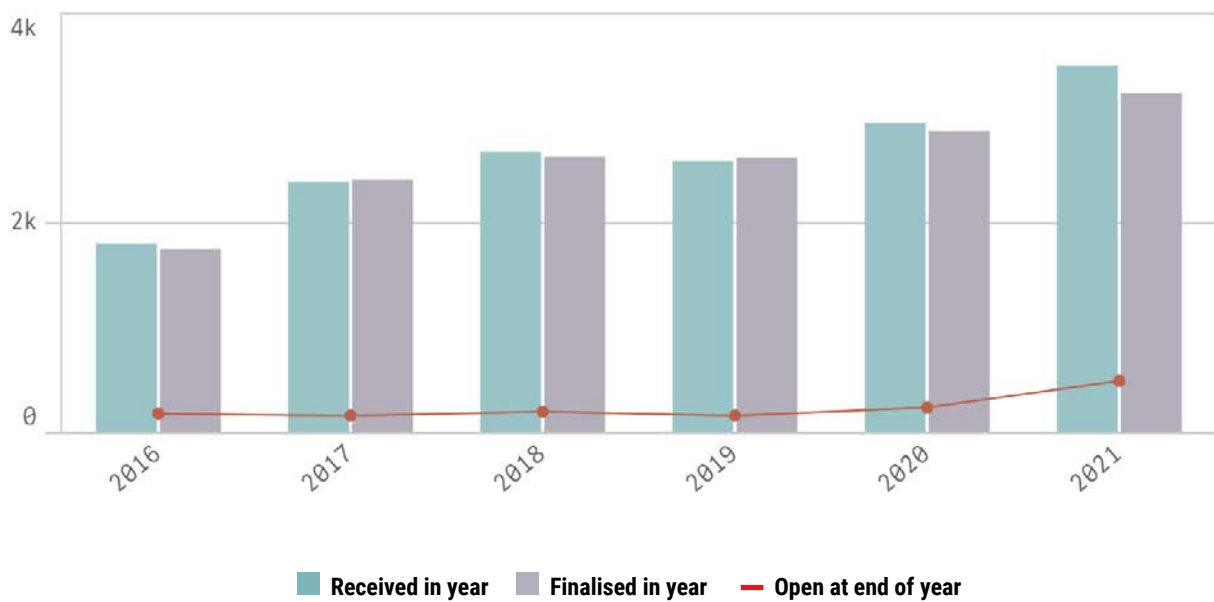


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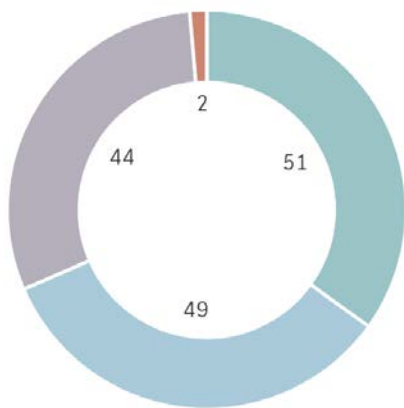
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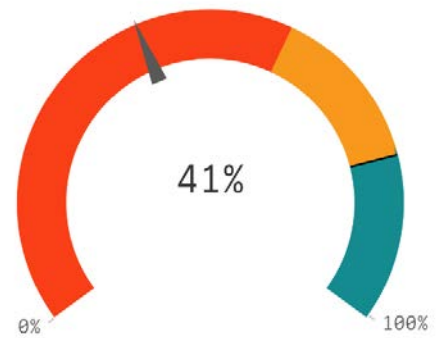
Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

Mining Proposal

Average **146** days total

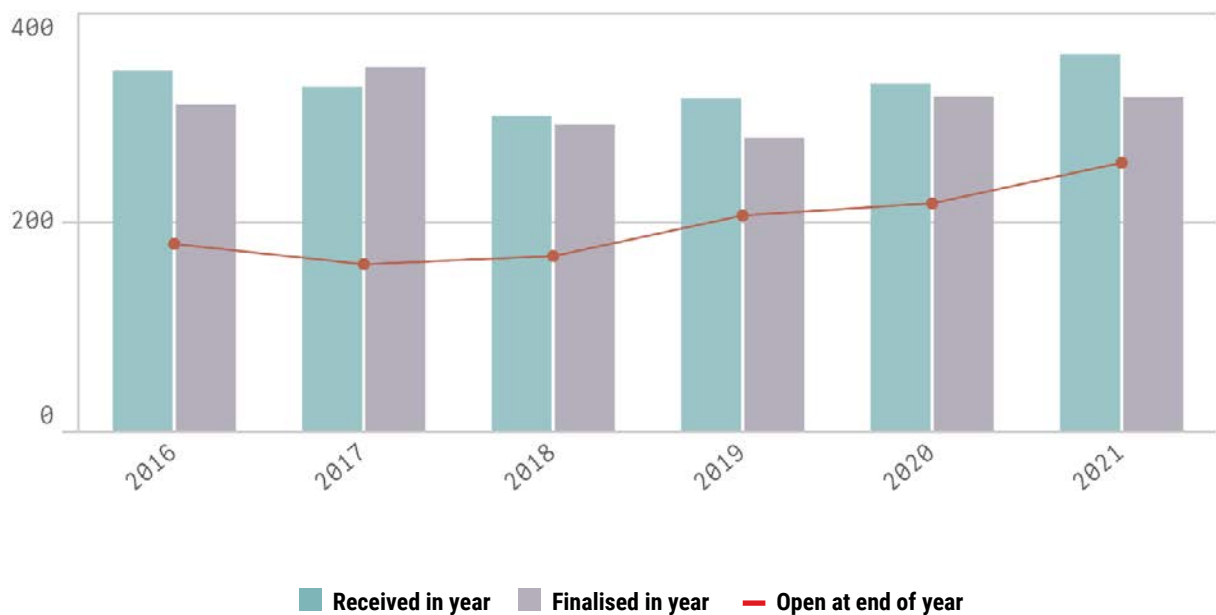


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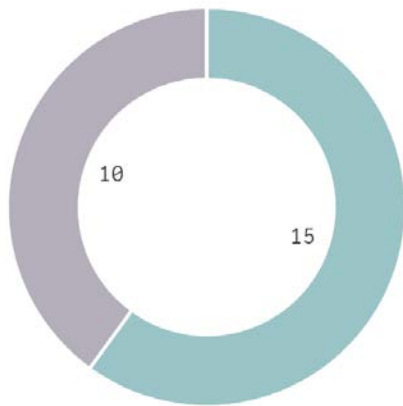
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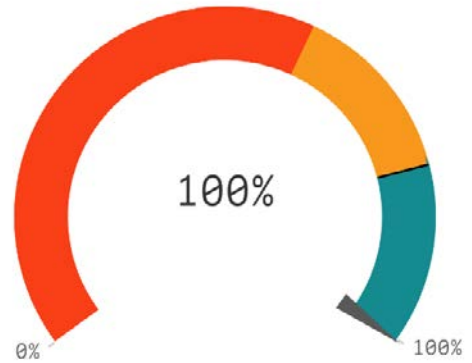
Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994 – Mine safety management plans

Radiation Management Plans

Average 25 days total

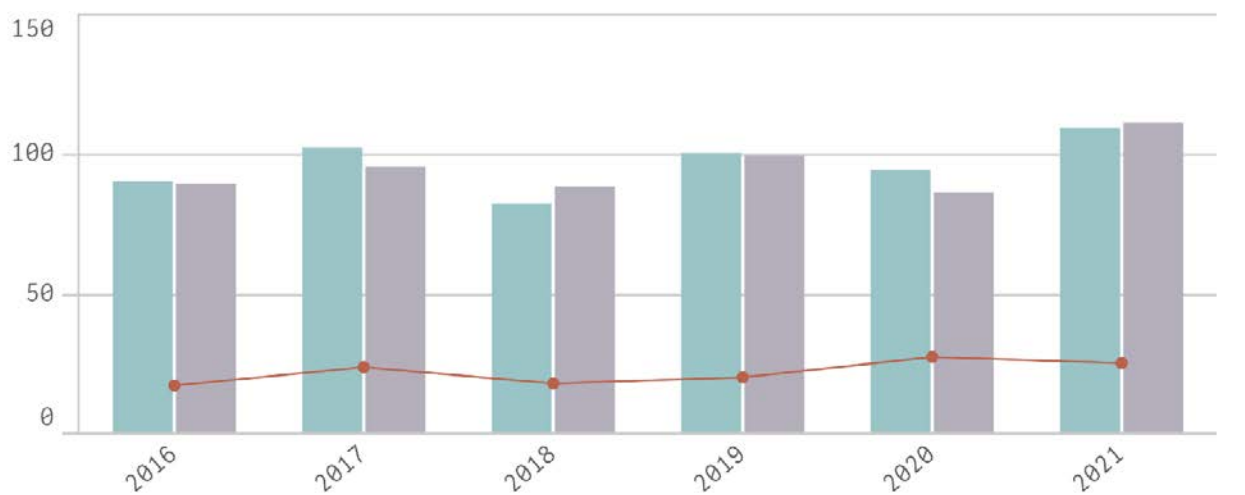


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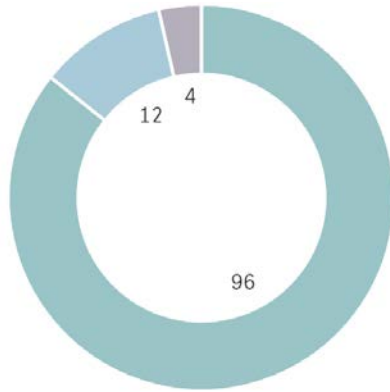


- Received in year
- Finalised in year
- Open at end of year (includes Project Management Plans up to 31 March 2022)

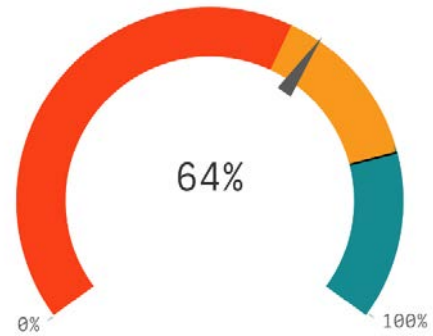
WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum Tenure

Average **112** days total

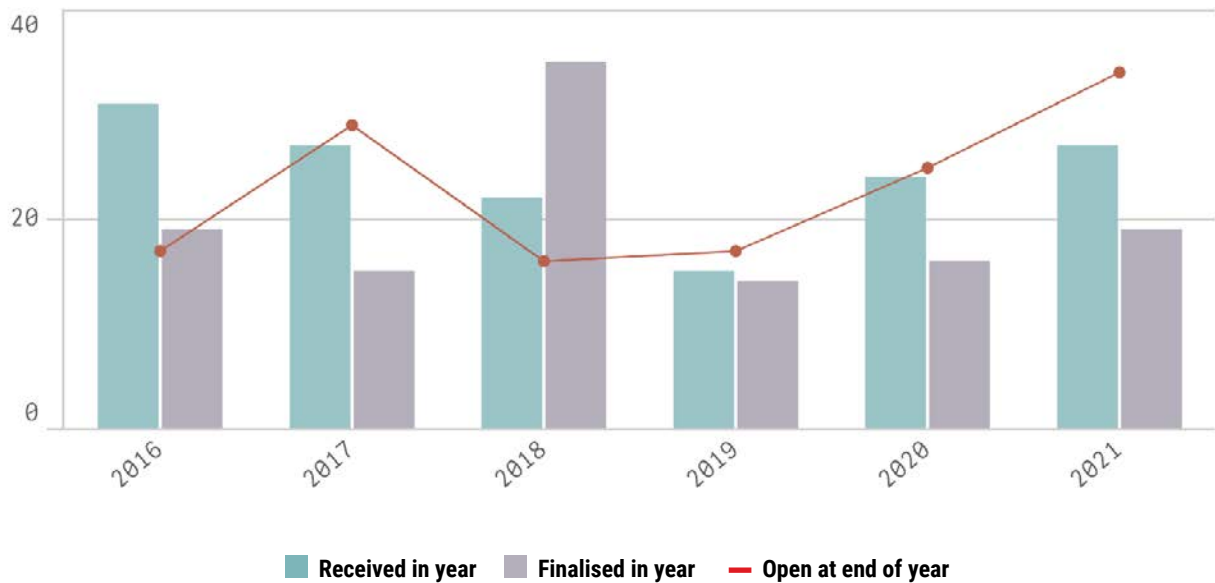


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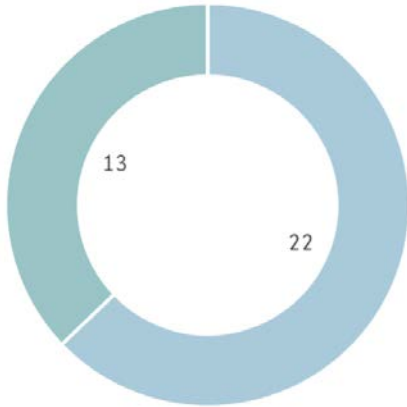
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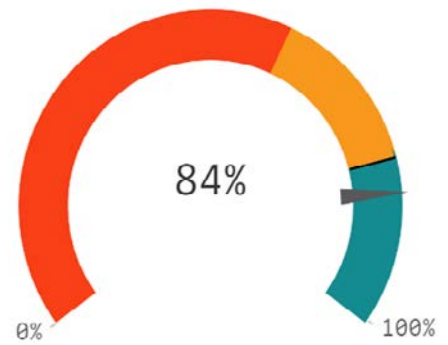
WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum Environment Plans

Average 35 days total

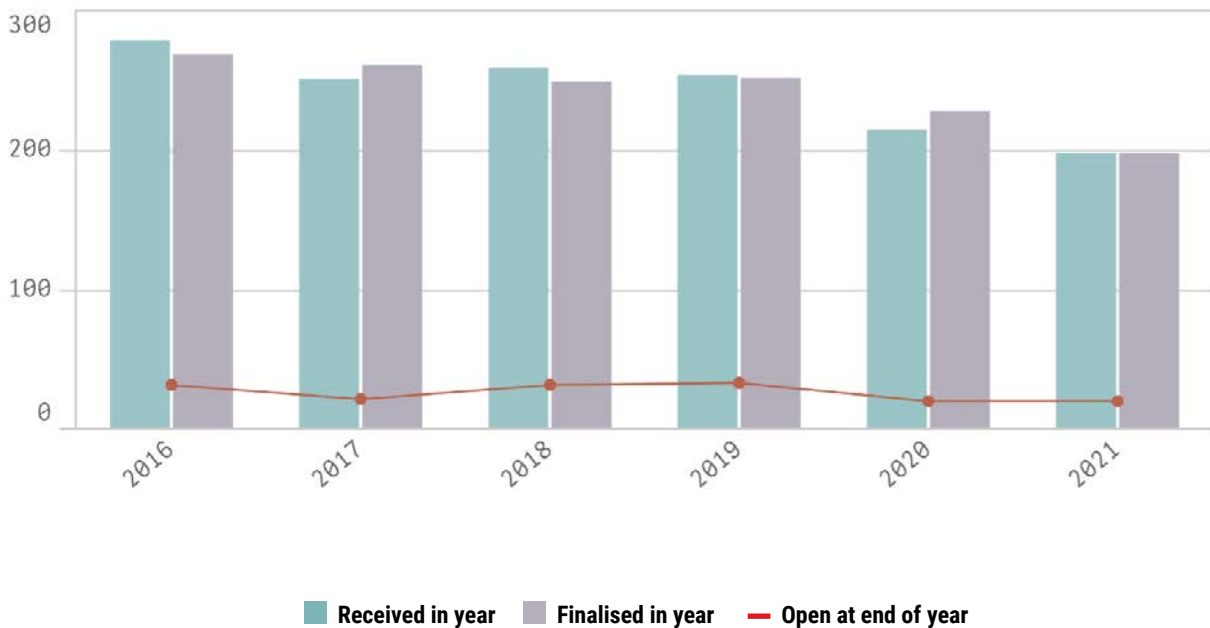


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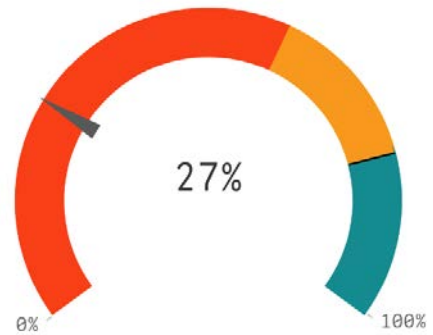
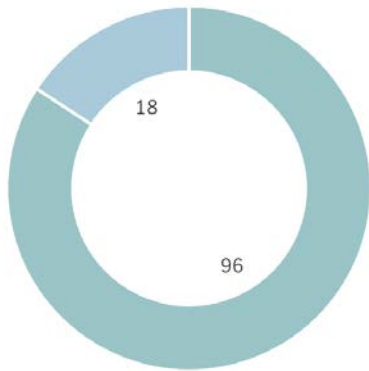


WA Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Native vegetation clearing permits

By delegation from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

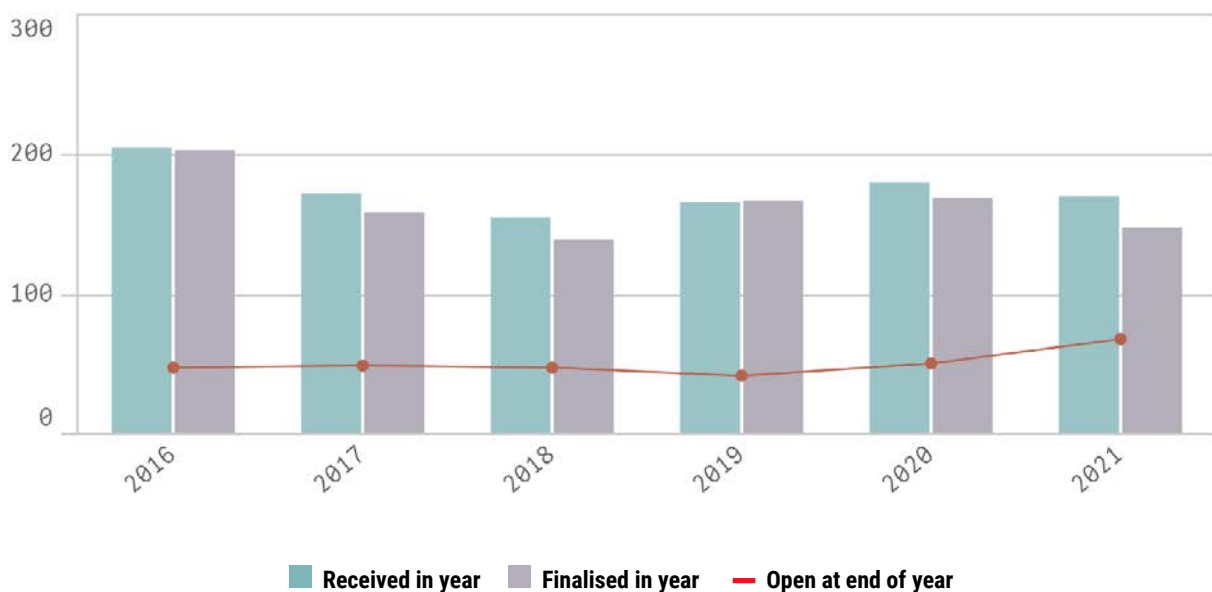
Average **114** days total

% Finalised within Target Timeline



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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
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).