



DMIRS APPROVALS REPORTING (Mining and Petroleum) December Quarter 2019 (4Q 2019)

Figure 1 shows the location and density of mineral exploration tenements granted in Western Australia during the 1 October to 31 December 2019 period.

Figure 1:

Mineral exploration licence applications granted (4Q 2019)

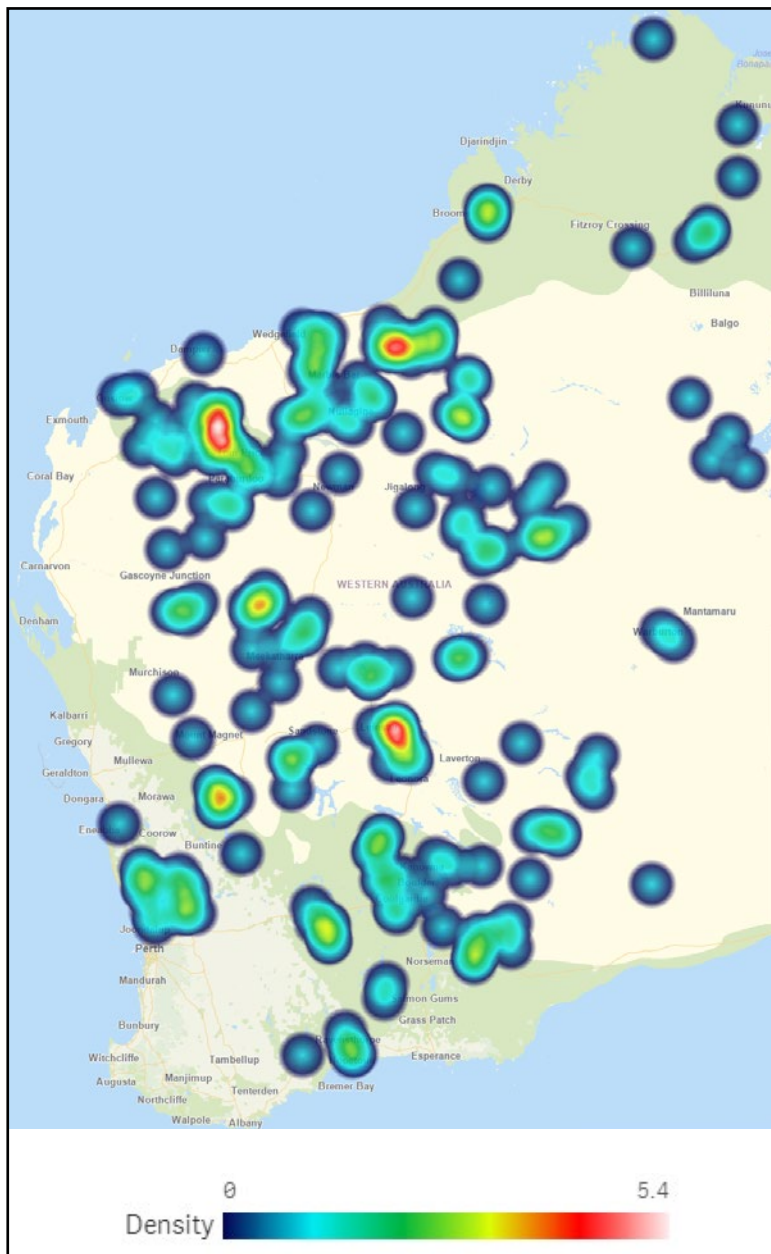
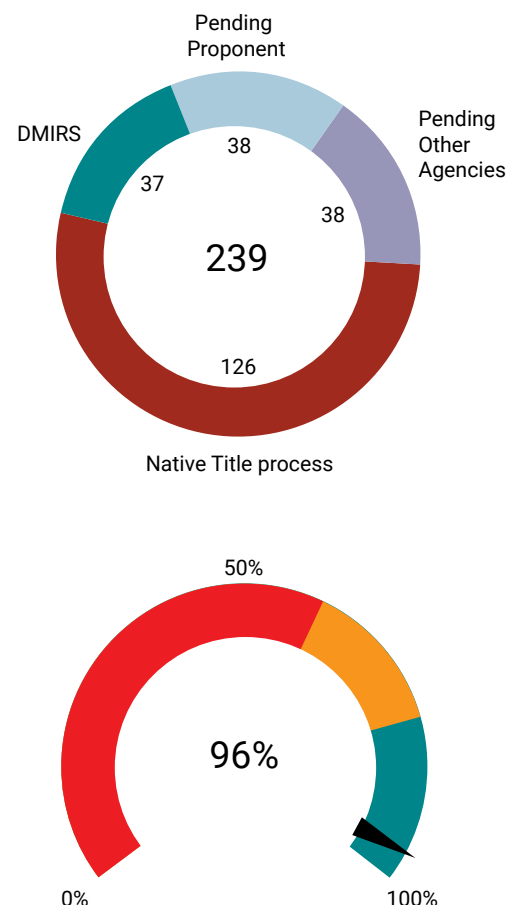


Figure 2 provides a breakdown of the total timeline for the finalisation of exploration licence applications during the quarter and DMIRS performance against the 65 business day performance target.

Of the 473 exploration licence applications finalised in the December quarter, 96 per cent were within the performance target.

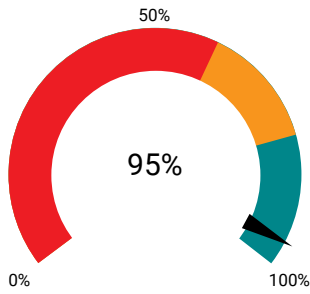
Figure 2:
Exploration Licence total timeline
and agency performance



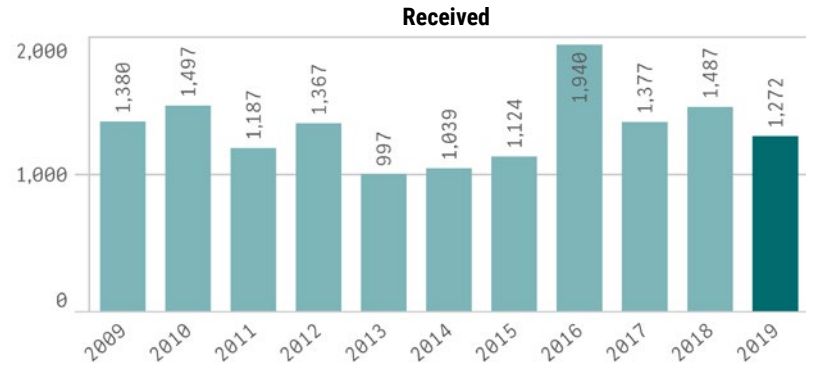
The average **total timeline** to finalise an exploration licence in the December quarter was 239 business days. This includes the time taken for the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* expedited process, and times taken for the DMIRS assessment, other government agencies and with the proponent. All exploration licence applications are subject to the Native Title expedited process, which includes a four-month notification period (around 80 business days) prescribed under S29 of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

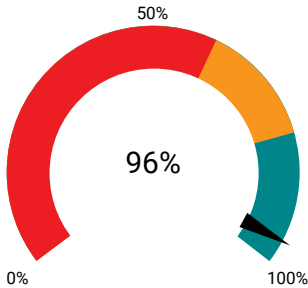
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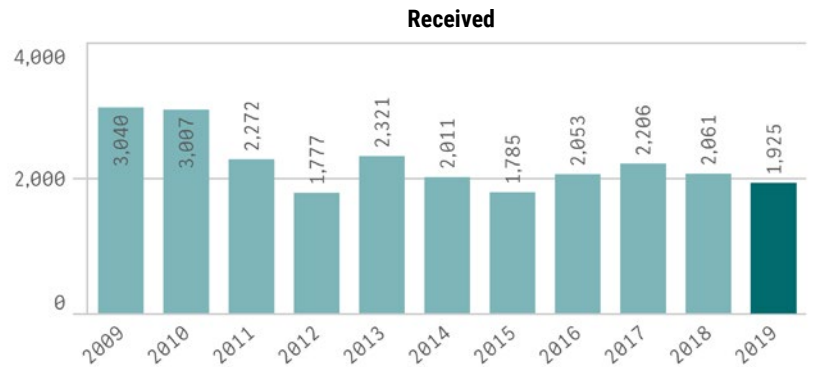
Prospecting Licence



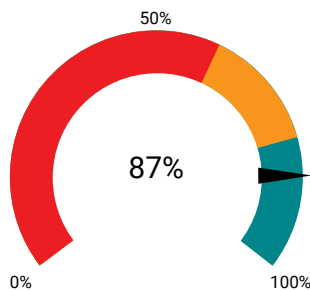
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Exploration Licence



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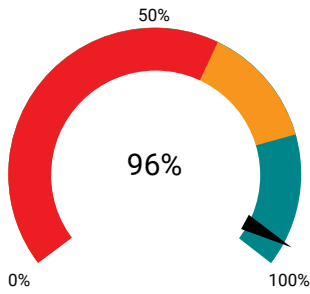


Mining Lease

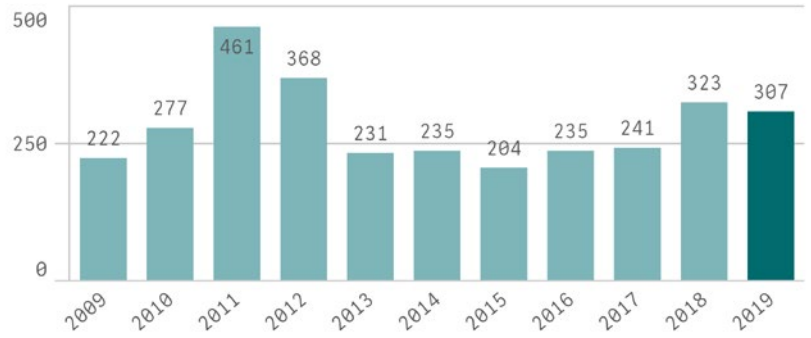


Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

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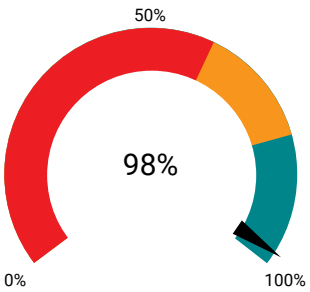


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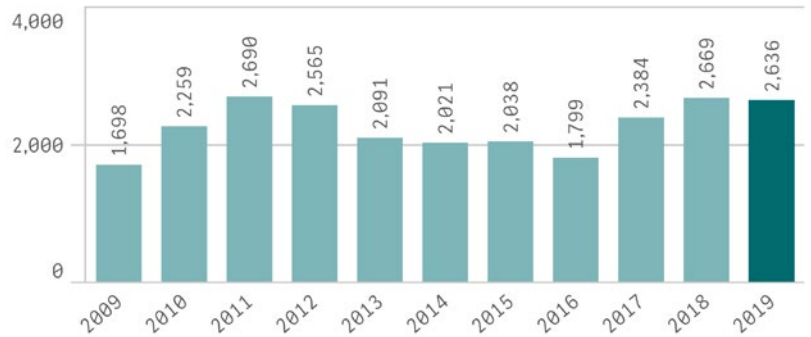
Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

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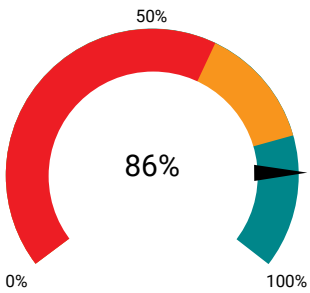


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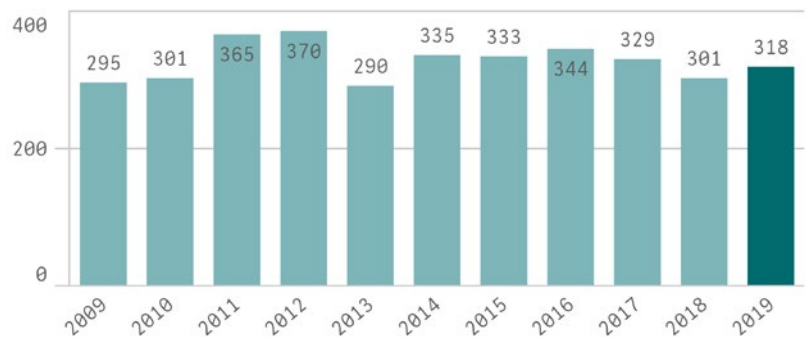


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Mining Proposal

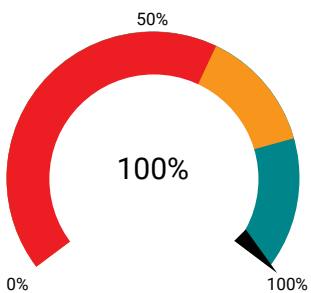
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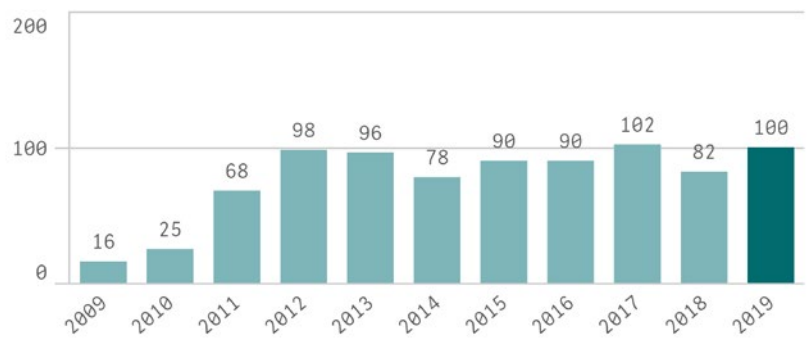
Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994 – Mine safety management plans

Project Management Plans and Radiation Management Plans

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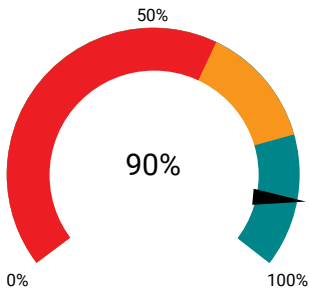
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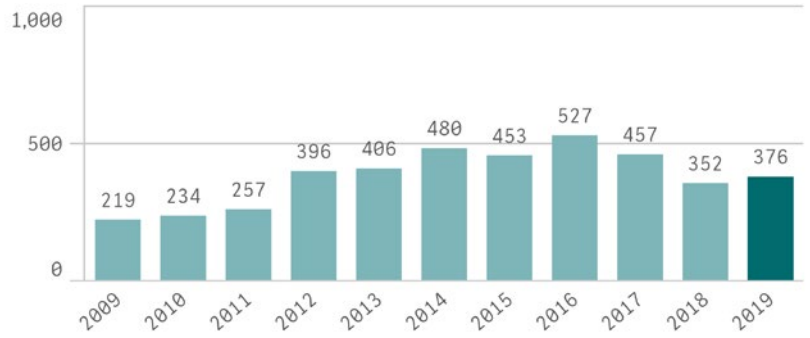
WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum tenure and activity

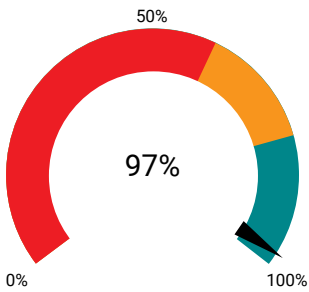
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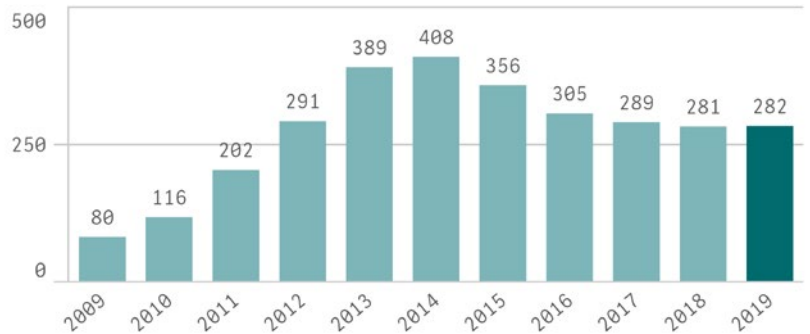


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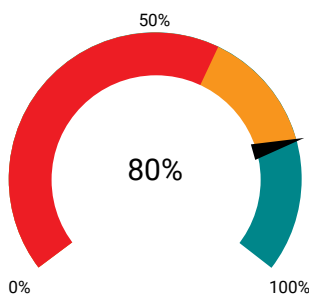
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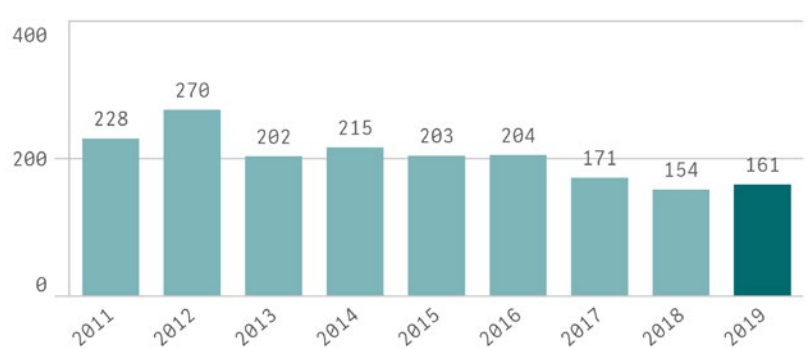


Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Native vegetation clearing permits

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Appendix A – Agency target timeline information

Key Approval Process	Target Timeline Business Days
Prospecting Licence	65
Exploration Licence	65
Mining Lease	65
Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure	65
Mining Proposal	30
Programme of Work	30
Project Management Plan	30
Radiation Management Plan	30
Petroleum Exploration Permit	120
Petroleum Pipeline Licence	90
Petroleum Production Licence	120
Petroleum survey	40
Petroleum well	40
Petroleum Environment Plan	30 calendar days
Petroleum Safety Case/SMS (new)	90 calendar days
Petroleum Safety Case/SMS (revised)	30 calendar days
Native Vegetation Clearing Permit	60 calendar days

Note: DMIRS assess and make decisions on resource sector native vegetation clearing permit applications under a delegation from the CEO under the WA *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The delegation has been in effect since 1 July 2005. The native vegetation clearing permit target timeline of 60 calendar days is in accordance with a MOU between DMIRS and the WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER).