



# DMIRS APPROVALS REPORTING (Mining and Petroleum) March Quarter 2020 (1Q 2020)

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

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

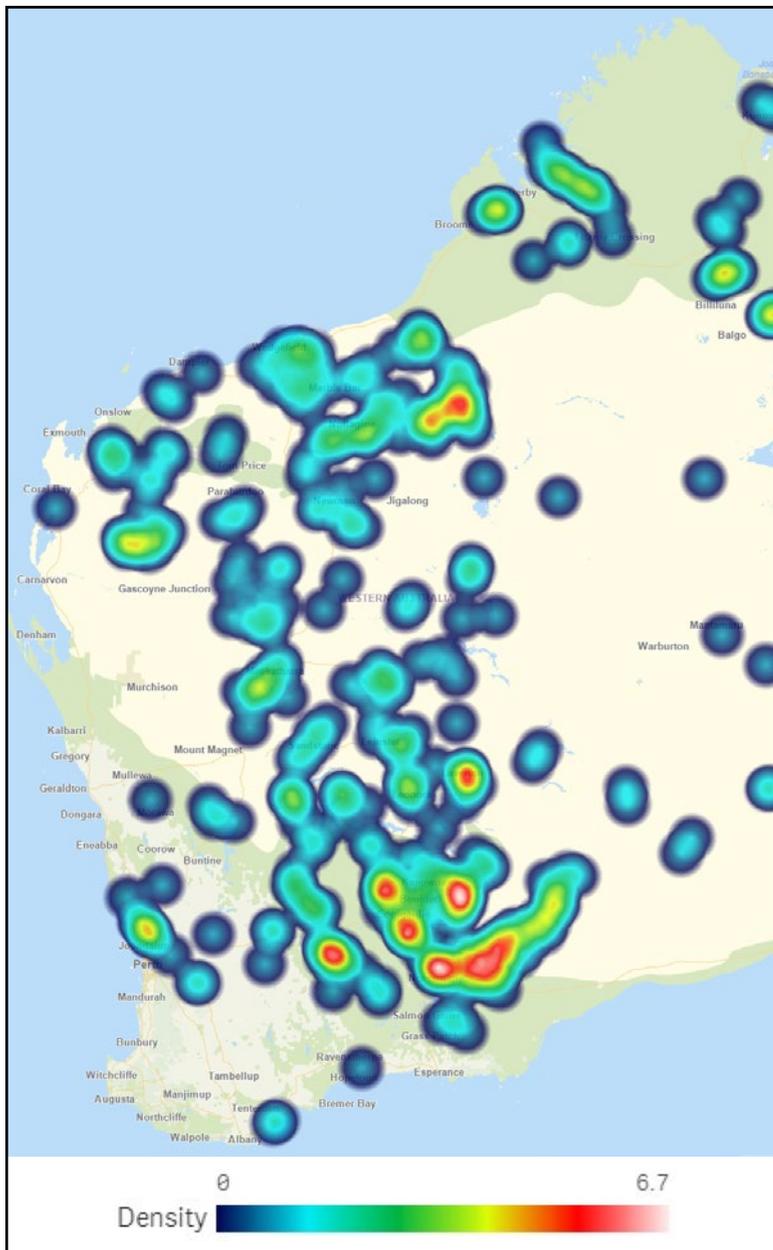
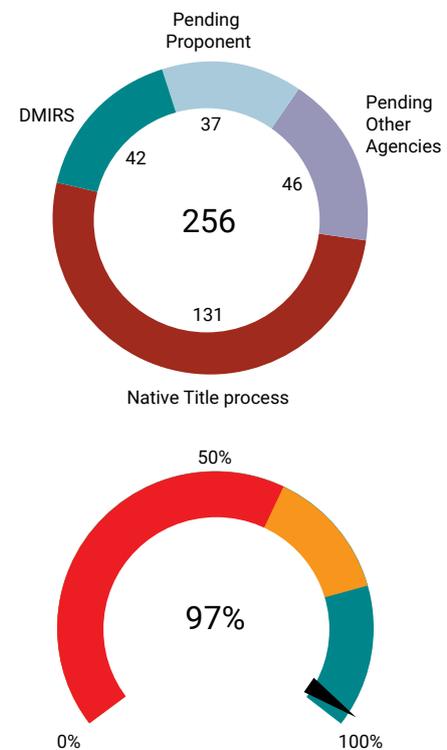


Figure 2 provides a breakdown of the total timeline for the finalisation of exploration licence applications during the quarter and DMIRS performance against the 65 business day performance target. Of the 633 exploration licence applications finalised in the March quarter, 97 per cent were within the performance target.

**Figure 2:**  
**Exploration Licence total timeline and agency performance**

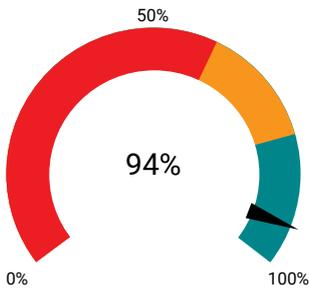


The average **total timeline** to finalise an exploration licence in the March quarter was 256 business days. This includes the time taken for the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* expedited process, and times taken for the DMIRS assessment, other government agencies and with the proponent. All exploration 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*.

The impact of COVID-19 has changed government agency staff working arrangements and may affect application assessment timelines.

# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

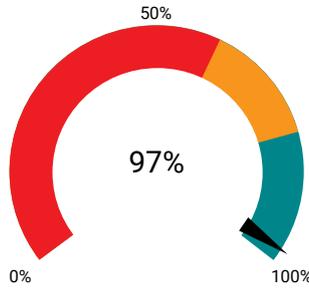
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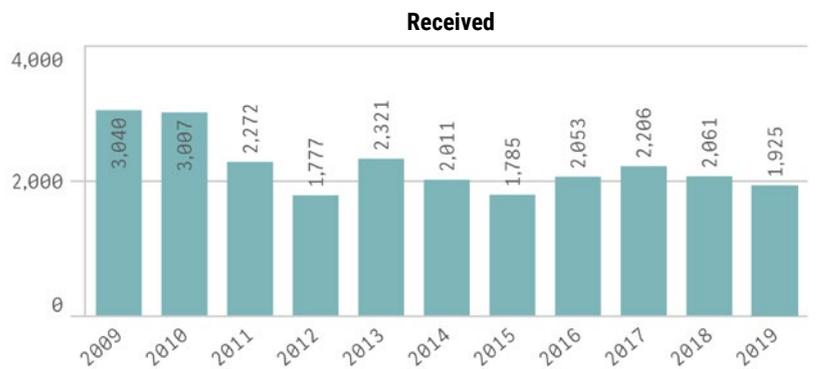
## Prospecting Licence



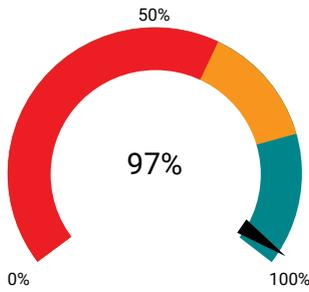
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## Exploration Licence



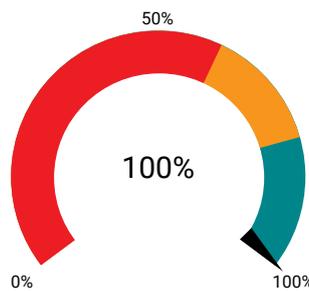
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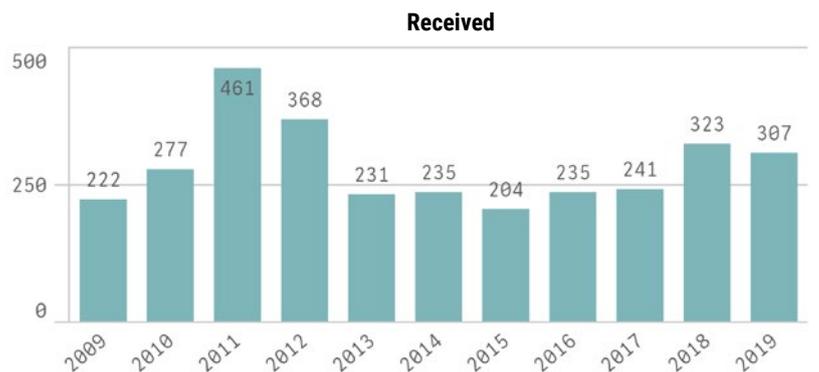
## Mining Lease



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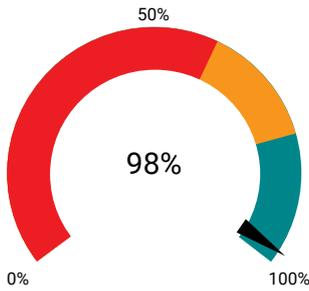


## Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

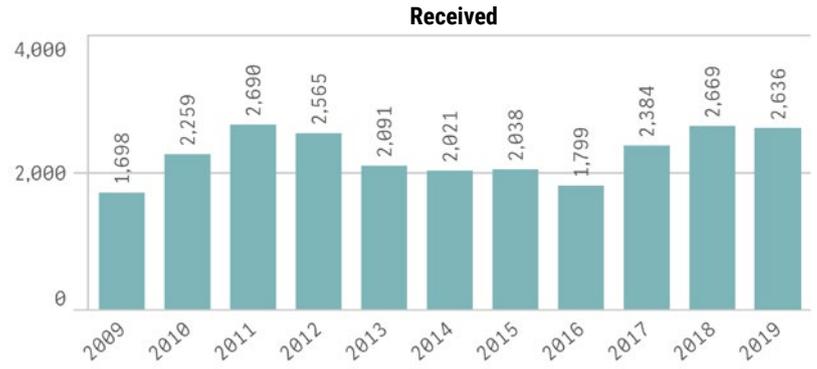


## Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

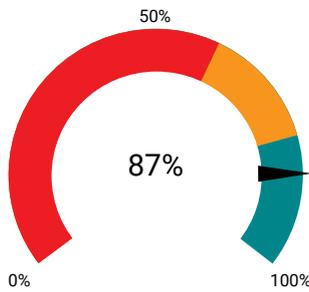
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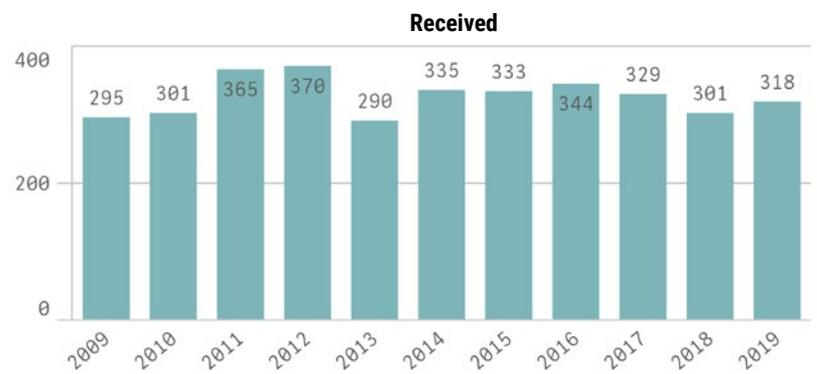
Programme of Work



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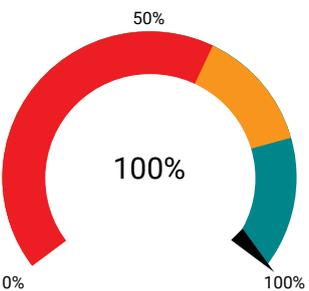
Mining Proposal



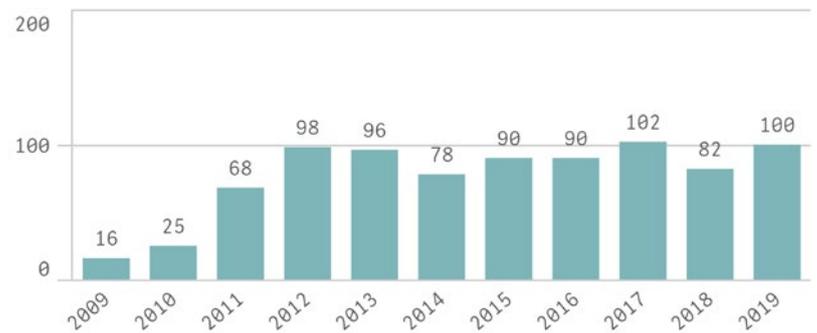
## Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994 – Mine safety management plans

Project Management Plans and Radiation Management Plans

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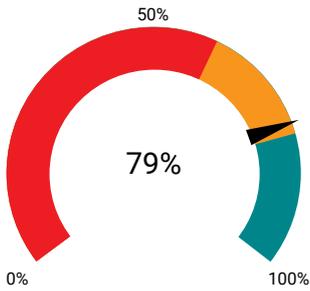
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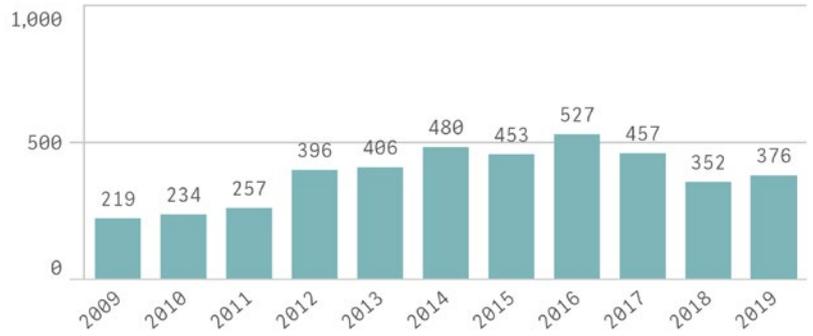
# WA Petroleum Legislation

## Petroleum tenure and activity

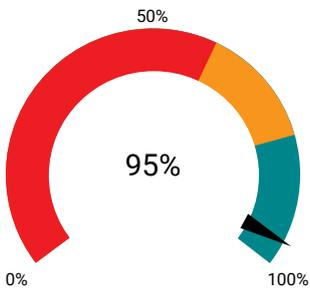
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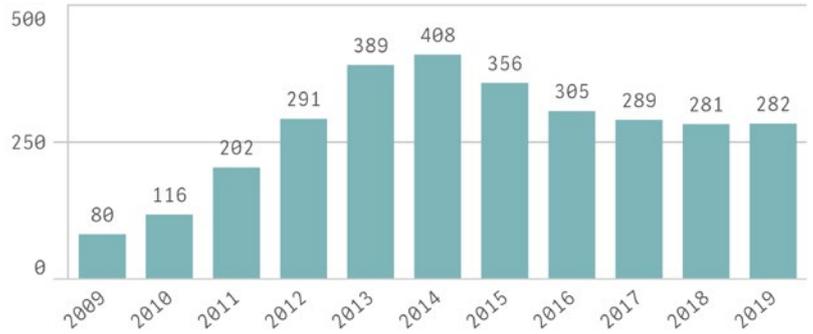


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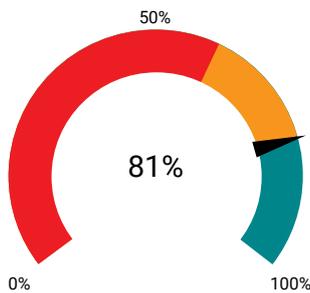
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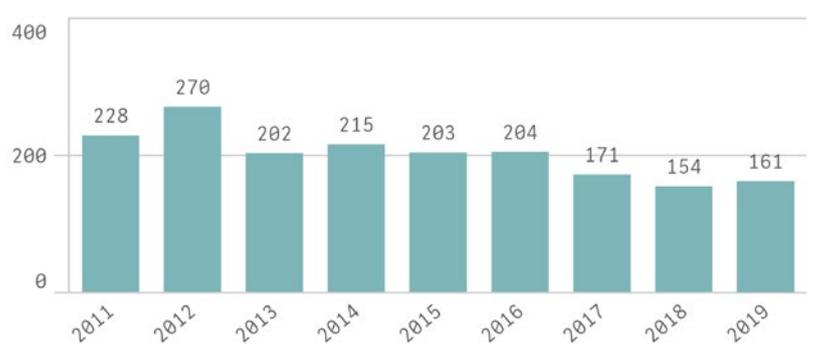


## Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Native vegetation clearing permits

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## Appendix One – DMIRS target timeline information

Key Approval Processes	Target Timeline (Business Days)
Mining Tenure	65
Petroleum Tenure	120
Petroleum Environment Plan	30
Mining Proposal	30
Programme of Work	30*
Project Management Plan	30
Radiation Management Plan	30
Native Vegetation Clearing Permit	60**

\* Effective 1 July 2020, the Programme of Work 30 business day target will be reduced to 15 business days. (Media statement – Minister Bill Johnston 26 Feb 2020).

Note: Petroleum Environment Plans have a statutory target of 30 calendar days.

\*\* 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 DMIRS target is 60 calendar days.