



# DMIRS APPROVALS REPORTING (Mining and Petroleum) September Quarter 2020

Figure 1 shows the location and density of mineral exploration tenements granted in Western Australia during the 1 July to 30 September 2020 period.

**Figure 1:**  
Mineral exploration licence applications granted  
(3Q 2020)

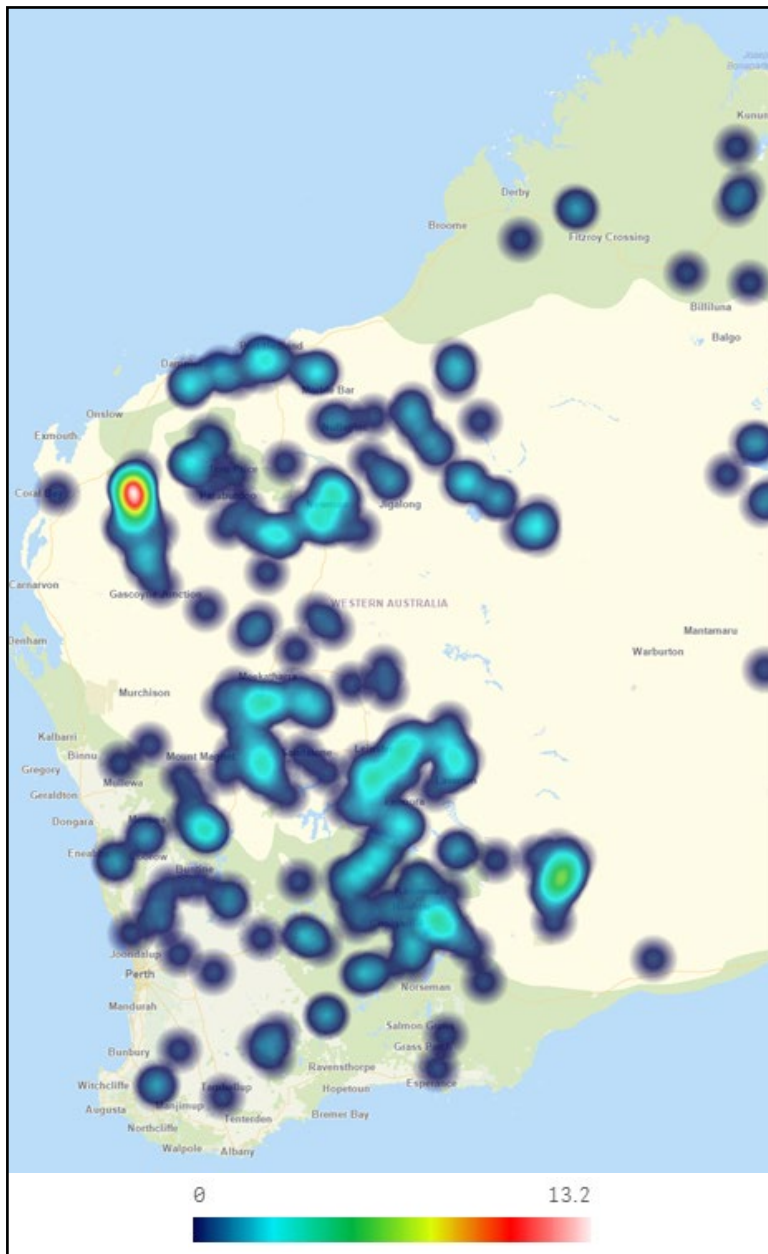
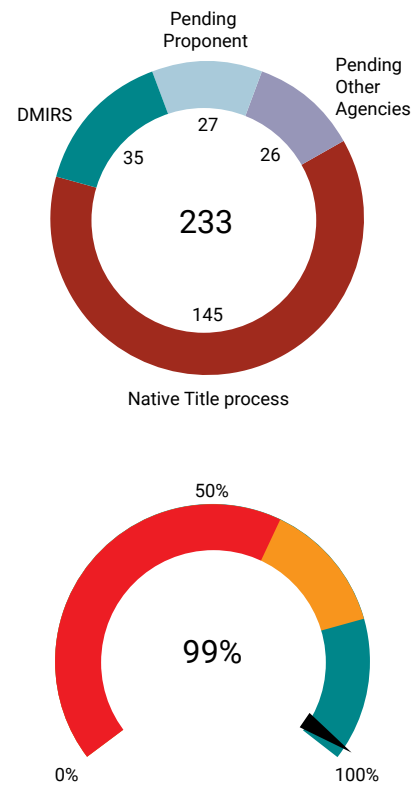


Figure 2 provides a breakdown of the total timeline for the finalisation of exploration licence applications during the quarter and DMIRS' performance against the 65 business day performance target. Of the 420 exploration licence applications finalised in the September quarter, 99 per cent were within the performance target.

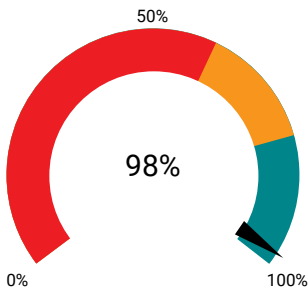
**Figure 2:**  
Exploration Licence total timeline  
and agency performance



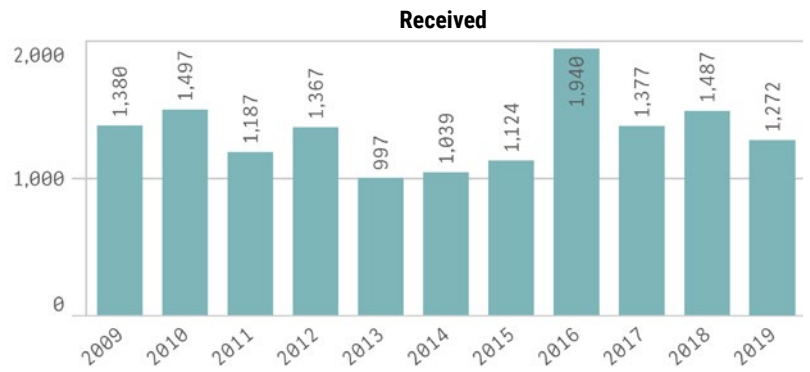
The average **total timeline** to finalise an exploration licence in the September quarter was 233 business days. This includes the time taken for the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* future act process, and the time taken for DMIRS' assessment, other government agencies and the proponent. If exploration 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*.

# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

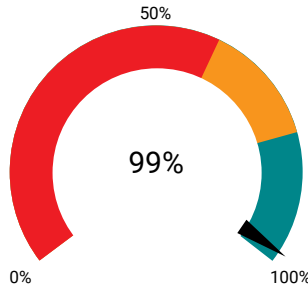
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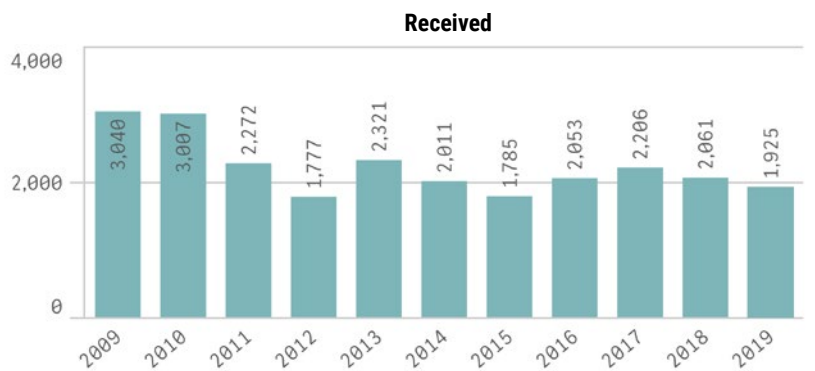
## Prospecting Licence



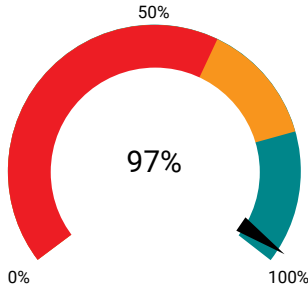
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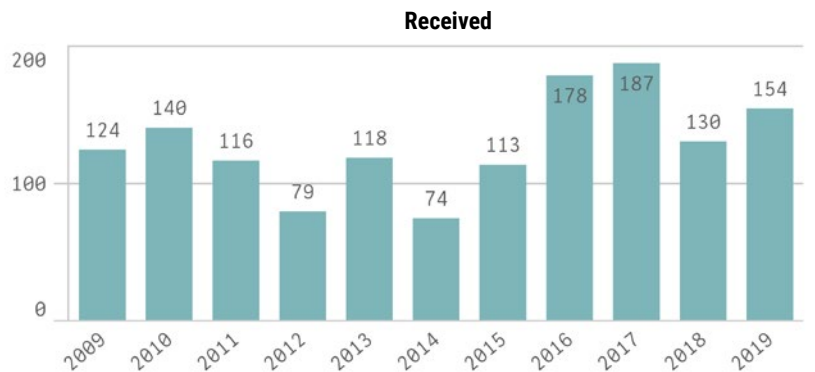
## Exploration Licence



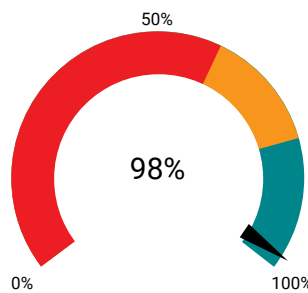
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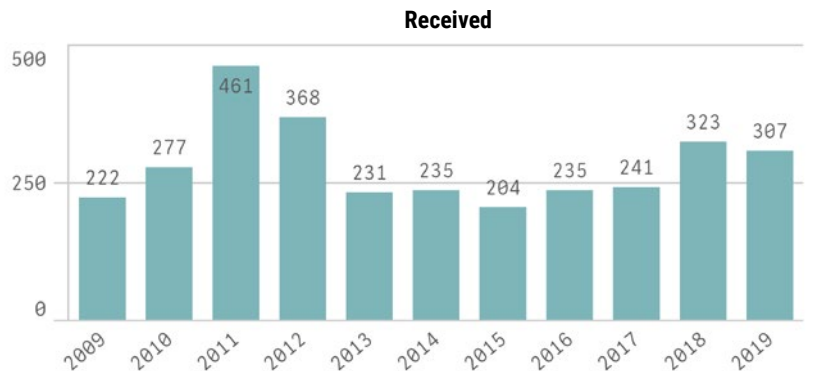
## Mining Lease



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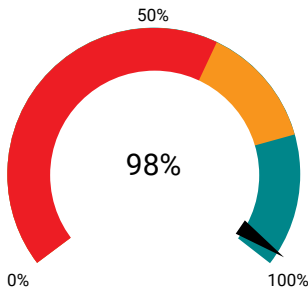


## Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

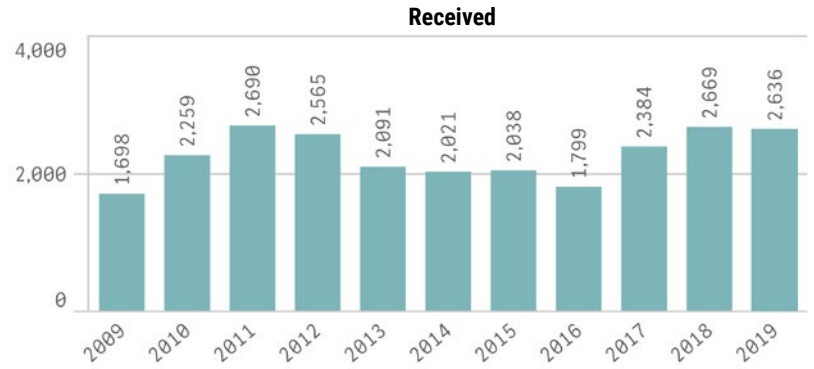


## Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

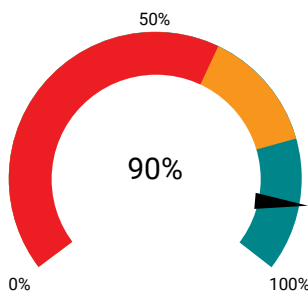
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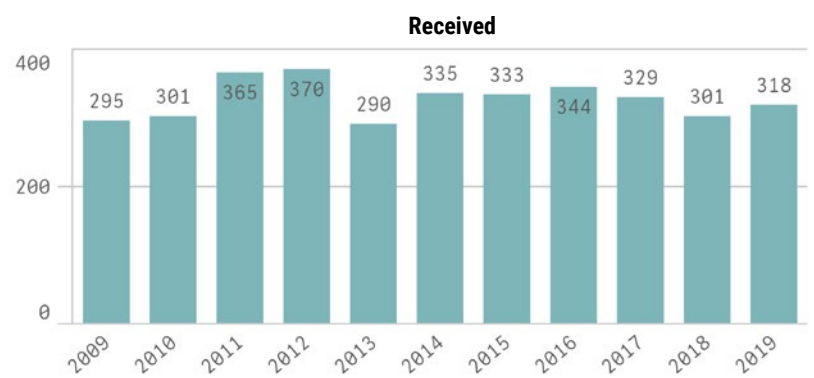
Programme of Work



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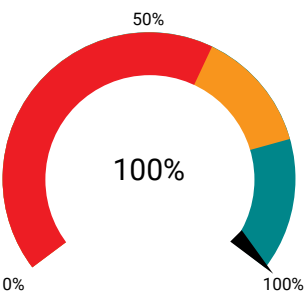
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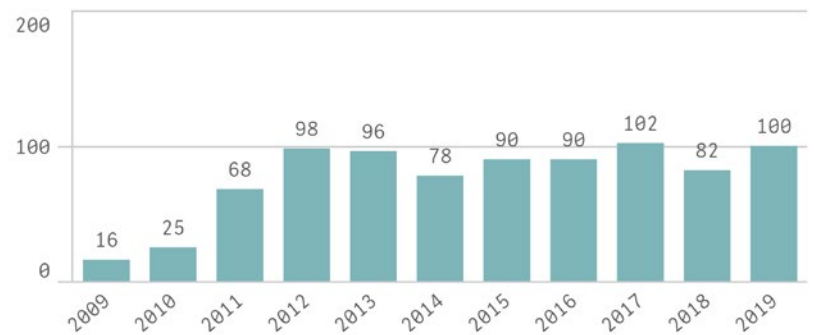
## Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994 – Mine safety applications

Project Management Plans and Radiation Management Plans

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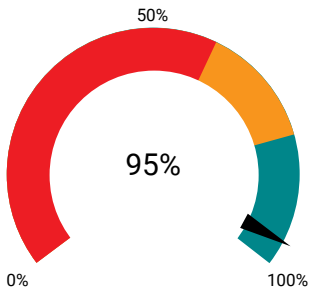
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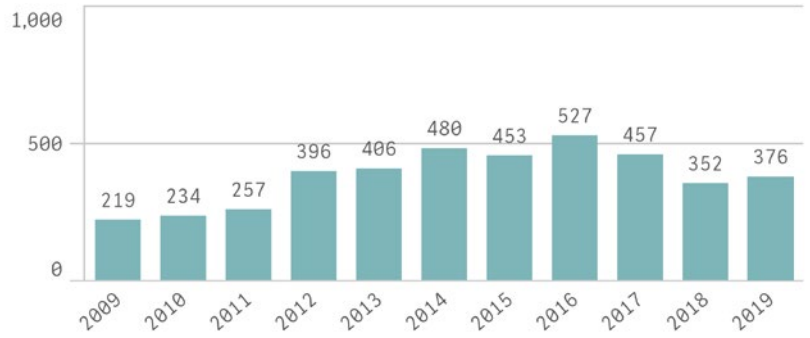
# WA Petroleum Legislation

## Petroleum tenure and activity

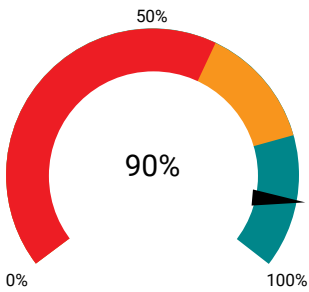
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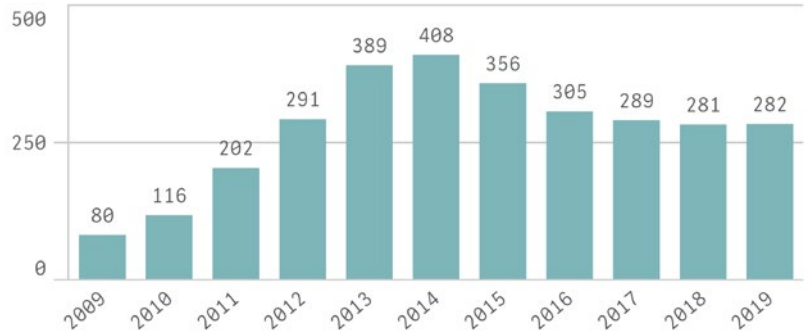


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## Petroleum environment plans

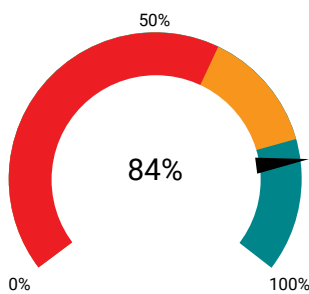
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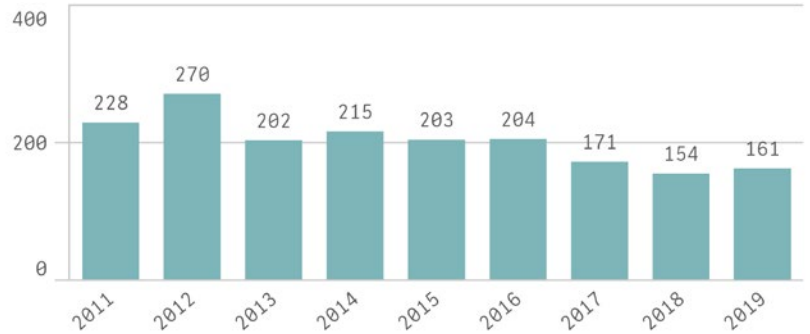
# Environmental Protection Act 1986

## Native vegetation clearing permits (resource sector related)

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## Appendix A – DMIRS target timeline information

Key Approval Processes	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	15
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 assesses and makes 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 DMIRS native vegetation clearing permit target is to finalise 80 per cent of applications within 60 calendar days.