



DMIRS Approvals Reporting – WA Resource Sector Applications March Quarter 2019 (1Q 2019)

DMIRS is changing the way approval reporting is presented. Commencing this quarter, the department will use dashboard graphics and spatial mapping to report agency approval performance and application trend information.

New spatial heat maps will show the location and density of selected mining and petroleum applications across the State during the report period.

Figure 1 opposite shows the location and density of mineral exploration tenements granted in Western Australia during the period. Figure 2 provides a breakdown of the average number of business days taken to grant exploration licences by DMIRS, the proponent and other agencies.

In this quarter, 86 per cent of exploration licence applications were finalised within the DMIRS target of 65 business days.

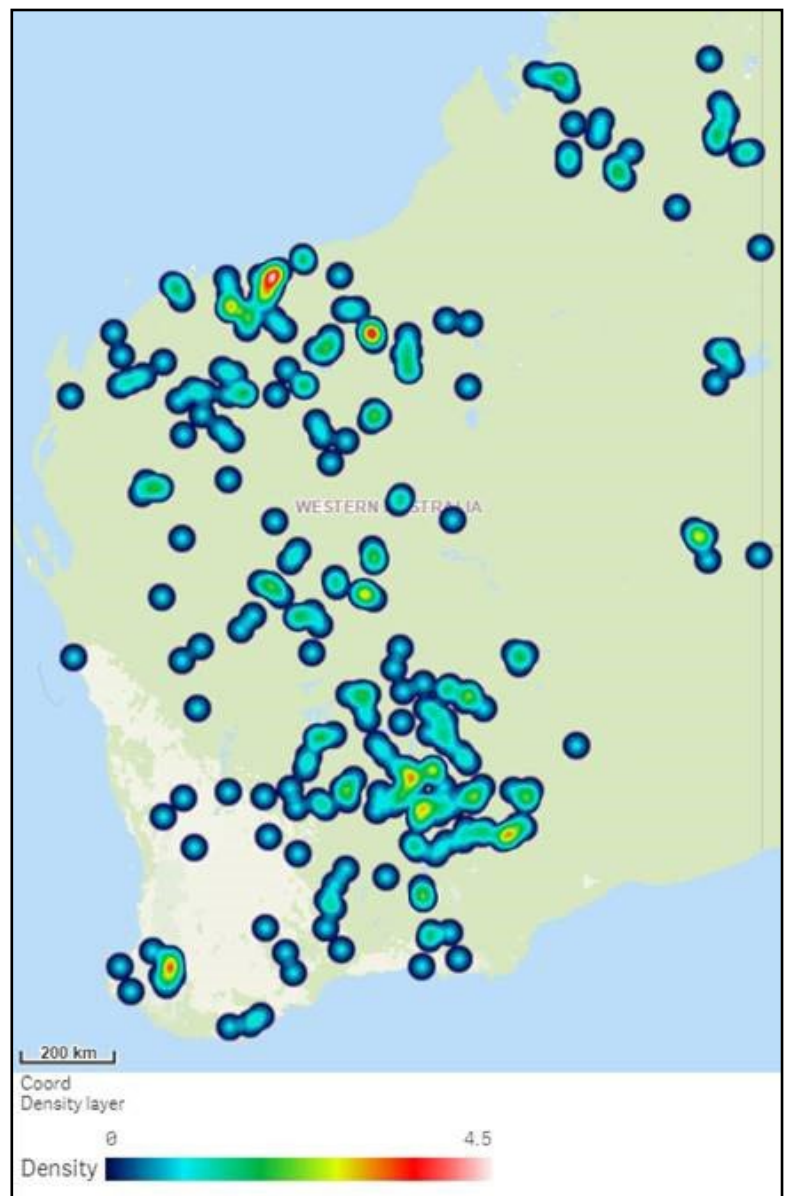


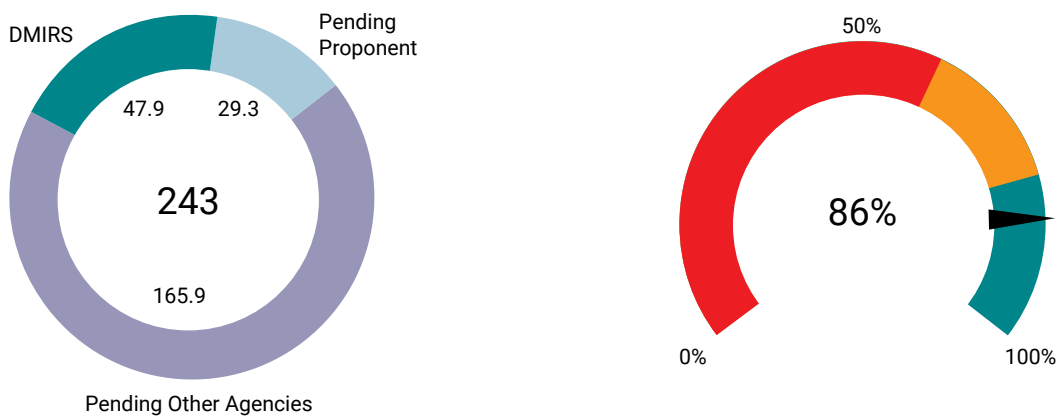
Figure 1: Mineral exploration licence applications granted (1Q 2019)

As shown in Figure 2, DMIRS averaged 47.9 business days to finalise 516 exploration licences. The proponent time of 29.3 business days represents the time proponents took to provide missing or other information required for the application.

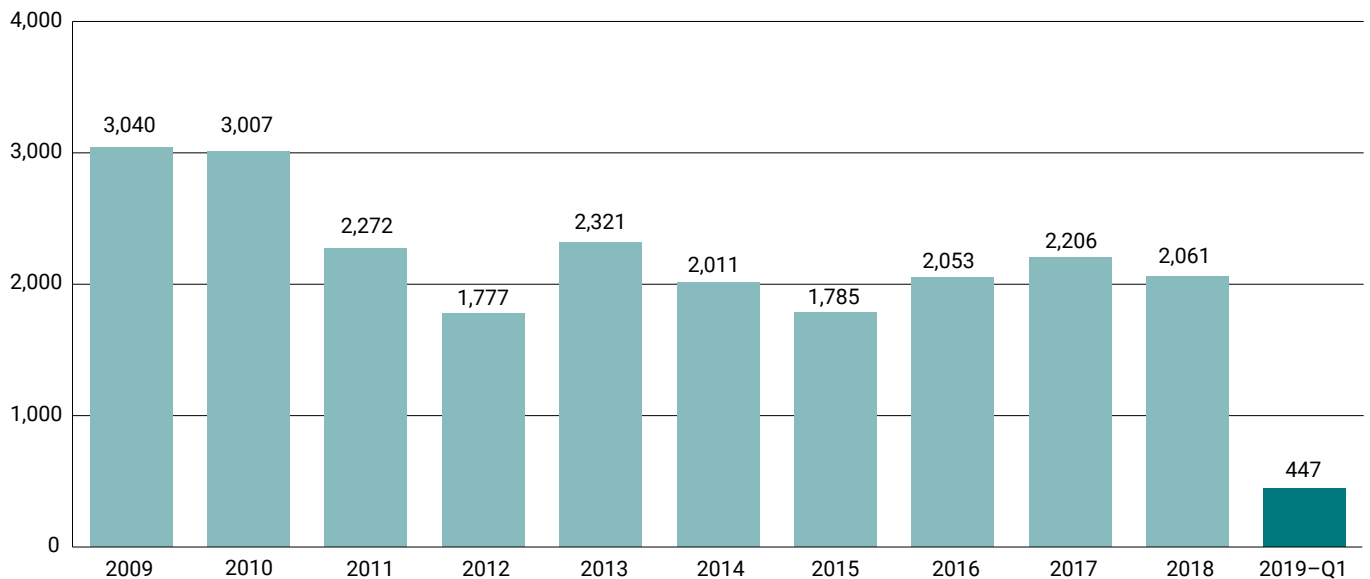
The Pending Other Agencies time of 169.5 business days includes the time taken for *Native Title Act 1993* requirements, objections in the Warden’s Court and reserve/vested land referral requirements to other agencies.

All exploration licence applications are subject to the expedited process which includes a four month notification period prescribed under S29 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. In this quarter, 20 per cent of exploration licence applications were subject to objections lodged in the Warden’s Court and 13 per cent were subject to reserve/vested land referrals to other agencies.

Figure 2: Total timeline and agency performance for the grant of exploration licences

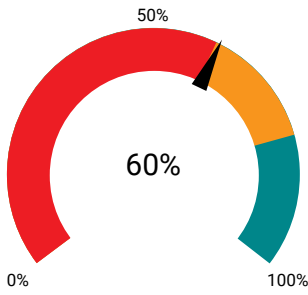


Number of exploration licence applications received

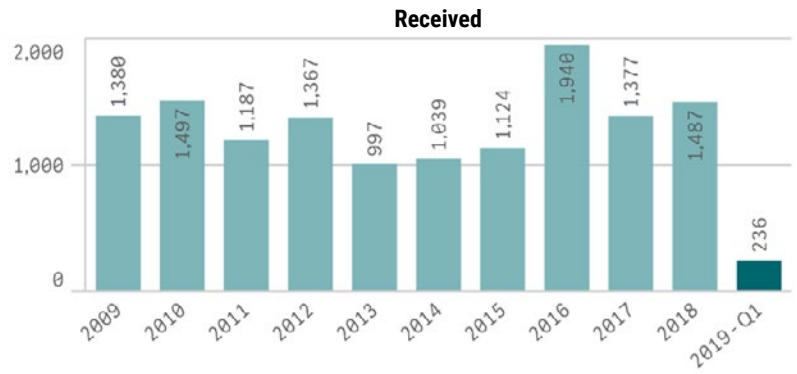


Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

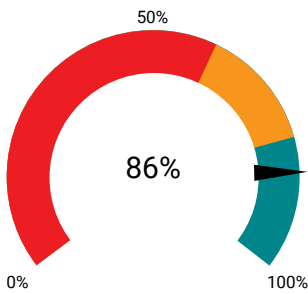
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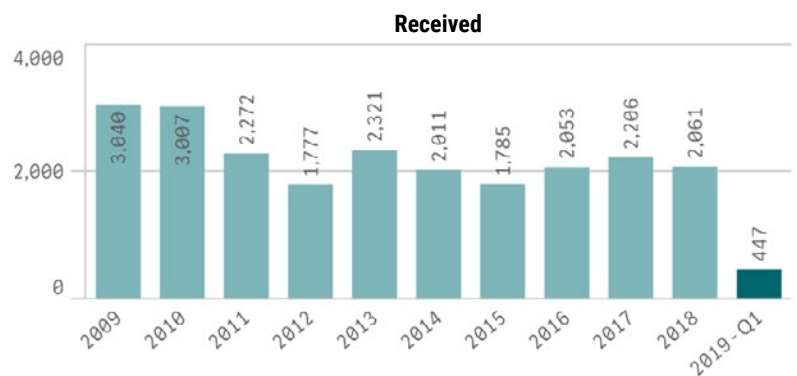
Prospecting Licence



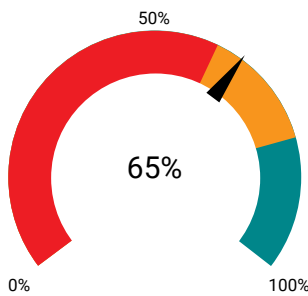
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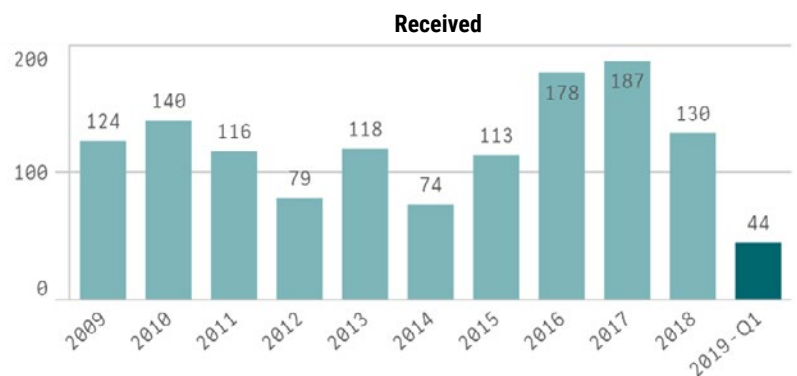
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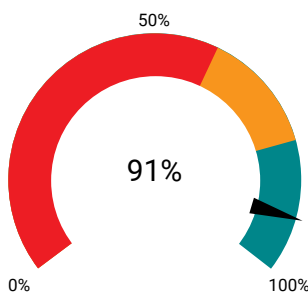
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Mining Lease



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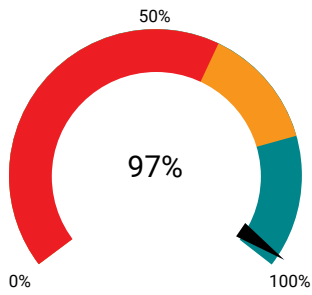


Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

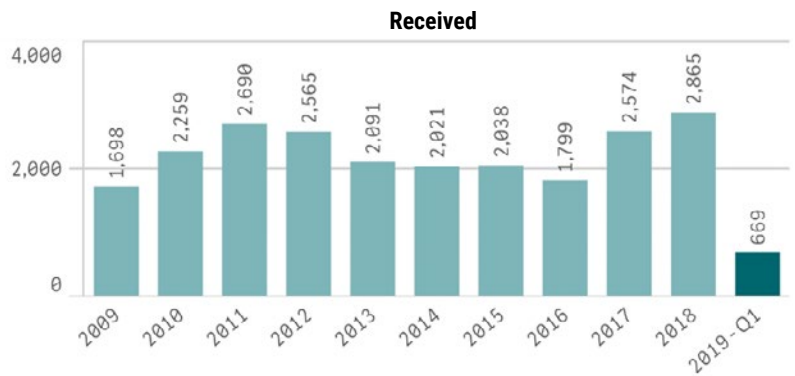


Mining Act 1978 – Environmental Management Plans

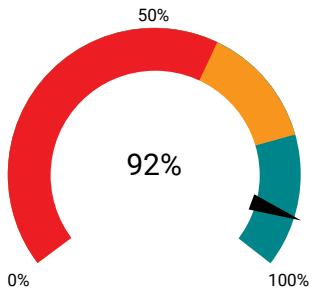
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Programme of Work



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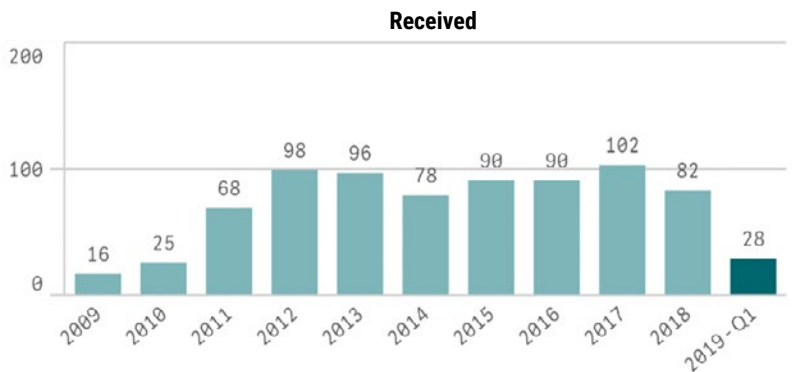
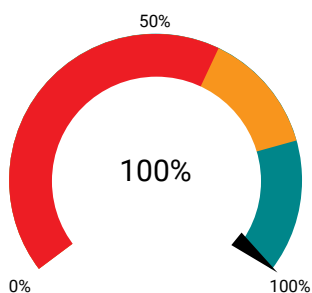
Mining Proposal



Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994 – Mine Safety Management Plans

Project Management Plans and Radiation Management Plans

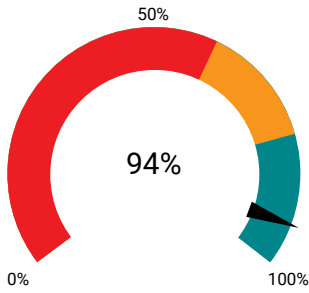
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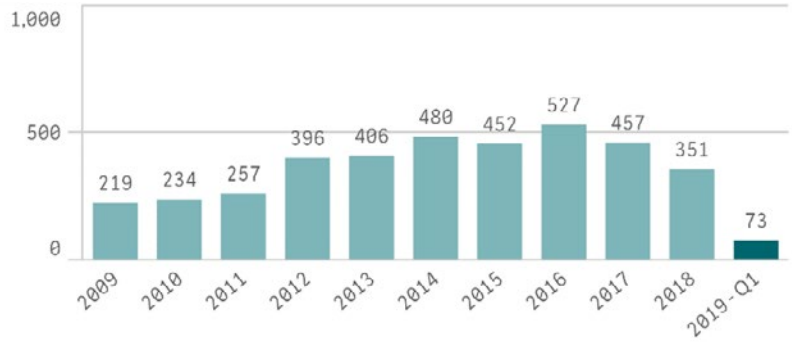
WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum tenure and activity applications

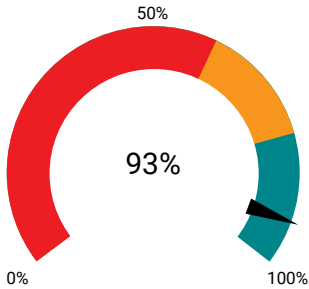
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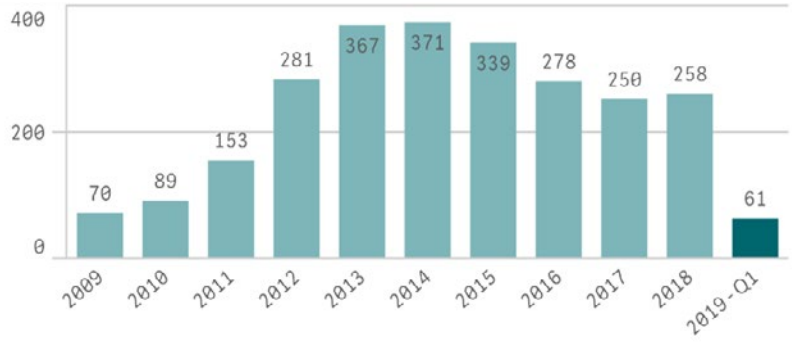


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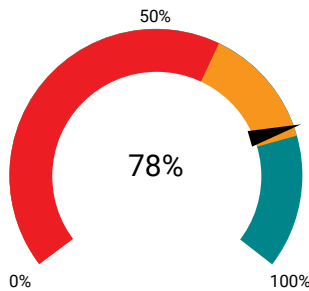
Petroleum Environment Plans

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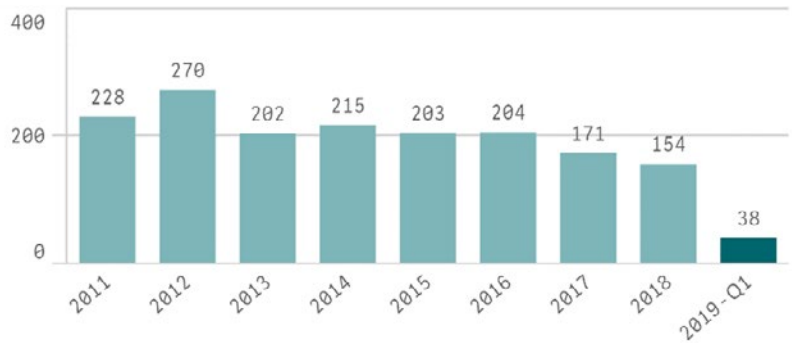


Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Native Vegetation Clearing Permits

% Finalised within Target Timeline



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Appendix A – Agency target timeline information

Key Approval Process	DMIRS 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 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DMIRS and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER).