



Approvals Performance Report (July– Sept 2015)

The department's 3Q 2015 approvals performance continued to be at high levels across key approval areas. Highlights include:

- 99 per cent of mineral Prospecting Licence applications (336) were finalised within 65 working days;
- 94 per cent of Native Vegetation Clearing Permit applications (51) were finalised within 60 calendar days; and
- 99 per cent of petroleum Environment Plans (112) were finalised within 30 calendar days.

Online lodgement trends

Figure one below provides information about the proportion of online applications compared to paper based applications submitted to DMP. Seventy nine per cent of mineral Exploration Licence applications were lodged online. Only 34 per cent of Mining Lease applications were lodged online.

Overall 65 per cent of all mining tenure applications received by DMP in the September 2015 quarter were lodged online.

Mining Tenure Applications			
Application Type	Received		
	Paper	Online	Totals
Exploration Licence	87	319	406
General Purpose Lease	4	10	14
Mining Lease	23	12	35
Miscellaneous Licence	12	32	44
Propsecting Licence	132	129	261
Retention Licence	7	1	8
Application Type Total	265	503	768

Figure One: Proportion of mining tenure online applications submitted to DMP in the Sept 2015 quarter.

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DMP timeline targets, approval performance measures and number of applications carried over to the next quarter are provided for key approval processes. The timeline targets apply to assessment processes for approvals completed within DMP, and do not include, for example, the time taken for assessment by other government agencies or where the assessment process is put on hold while additional information is being sought from applicants.

Minerals Sector								
Timeline target (business days)	No. carried over from previous quarter	No. applications received	Total No. finalised	No. refused, lapsed, rejected or withdrawn	Total no. finalised within timeline target	% finalised within timeline target	No. carried over to next quarter	
Tenure applications								
Data used to assess performance against the timeline target only applies to applications received since 1 January 2009 (when the tracking of applications commenced). The total number of applications in the system have been separated into two categories – those received since 1/1/2009 and those received prior.								
Prospecting Licence	65	960	261	336	54	332	99%	885
- pre 1/1/09*		31		3				28
Exploration Licence	65	1806	406	443	303	420	95%	1769
- pre 1/1/09		98		0				98
Mining Lease	65	173	35	31	7	26	84%	177
- pre 1/1/09		299		10				289
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Licence)	65	333	66	57	19	56	98%	342
- pre 1/1/09		85		8				77
Exploration and mining applications								
Programme of Work	30	341	456	559	15	539	96%	238
Mining Proposal	30	242	95	91	12	86	94%	146
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	51	58	51	2	48	94%	58
Note: DMP assess resource sector native vegetation clearing permit applications via a delegation from the Department of Environment Regulation. DMP's approval performance target is to achieve greater than 80 per cent of applications finalised within 60 calendar days.								
Mine safety applications								
Project Management Plan	30	16	8	14	1	14	100%	10
Radiation Management Plans	30	1	4	3	0	3	100%	2

Petroleum and Geothermal Sector

Target Timeline (business days)	No. carried over from previous quarter	No. applications received	Total number finalised	No. refused, rejected or withdrawn	Total no. finalised within timeline target	% finalised within timeline target	No. carried over to next quarter	
Petroleum Tenure and Activity Applications # Note 2								
A detailed list of application categories is available on the DMP approvals / approvals reporting website.								
Compliance Approval	40	23	16	21	5	12	57%	18
Joint Authority Decision	20	74	34	67	11	44	66%	41
Exploration Permit	120	66	2	1	1	1	100%	67
Other Title	120	1	0	1	1	1	100%	0
Other Activity	40	0	4	1	0	1	100%	3
Pipeline Licence	90	4	1	1	0	1	100%	4
Prod. Licence	120	7	0	2	0	2	100%	5
Retention Lease	90	3	0	2	0	2	100%	1
Survey	40	6	0	6	1	6	100%	0
Well	40	55	13	15	1	14	93%	53
Petroleum environmental and safety applications								
Environment plans incorporate a small number of oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plan	30*	42	97	112	61	111	99%	23
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	1	3	4	0	4	100%	0
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	1	3	2	0	2	100%	2

Note 1: * Denotes calendar days instead of business days.

Note 2: Effective 1 July 2014, Petroleum Tenure and Activity applications include additional categories of petroleum applications.