



DMIRS APPROVALS REPORTING (Mining and Petroleum)

June Quarter 2020 (2Q 2020) and Financial Year 2019–20

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

Figure 1:
Mineral exploration licence applications granted
(2Q 2020)

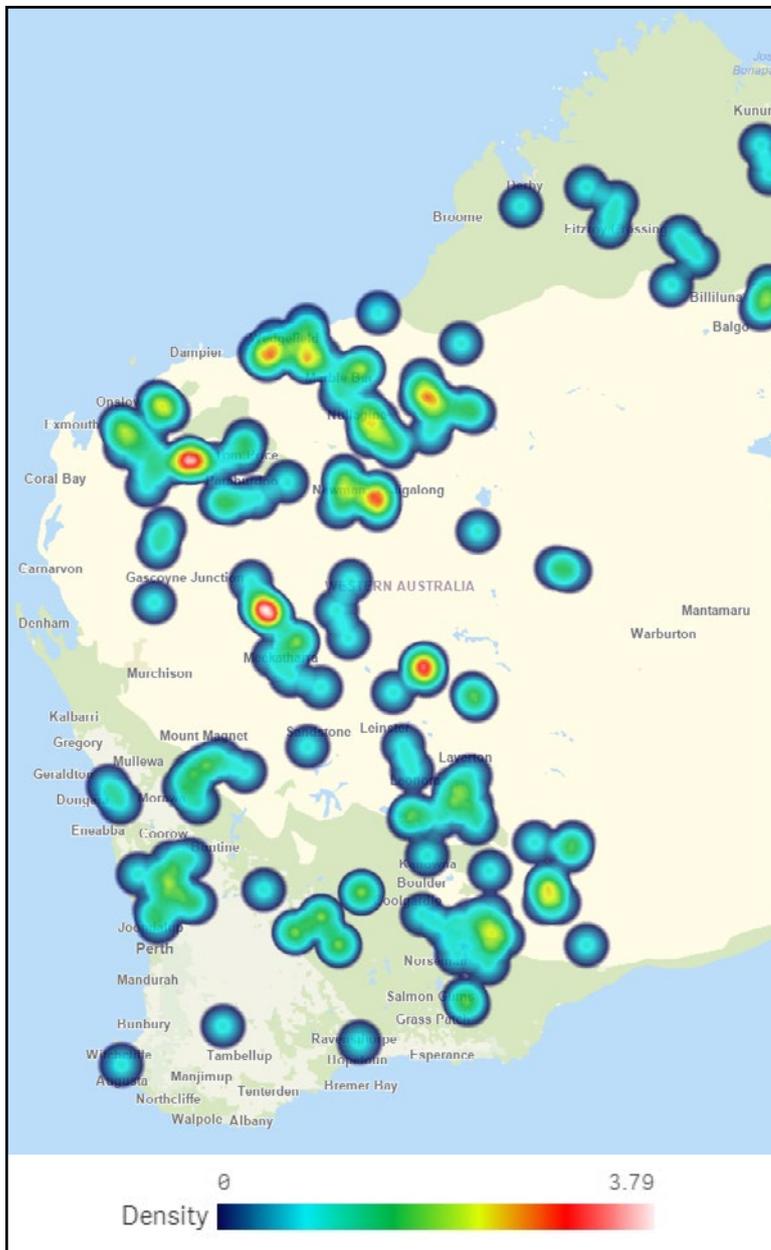
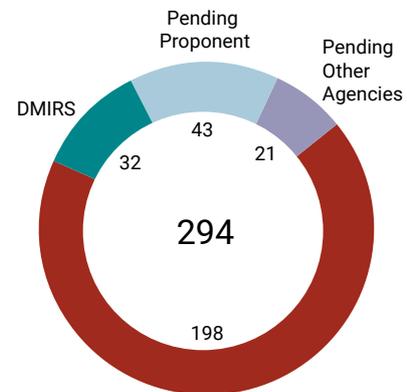
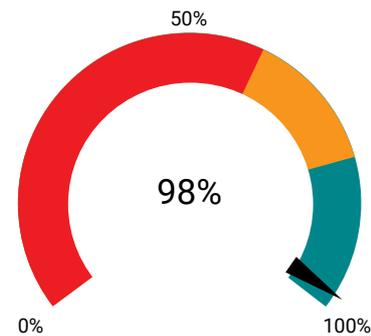


Figure 2 provides a breakdown of the total timeline for the finalisation of exploration licence applications during the quarter and DMIRS performance against the 65 business day performance target. Of the 430 exploration licence applications finalised in the June quarter, 98 per cent were within the performance target.

Figure 2:
Exploration Licence total timeline
and agency performance



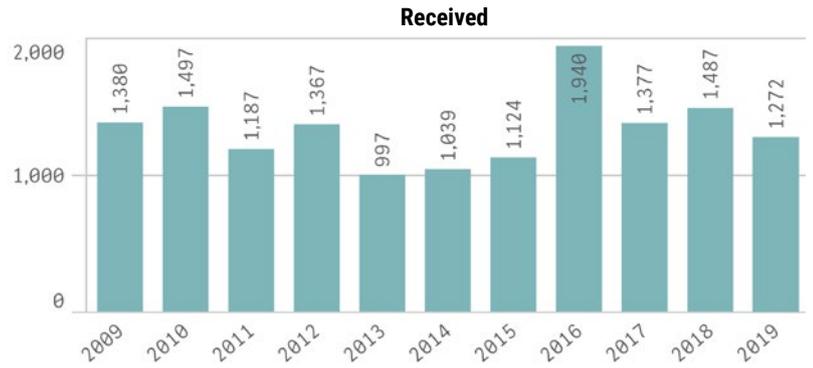
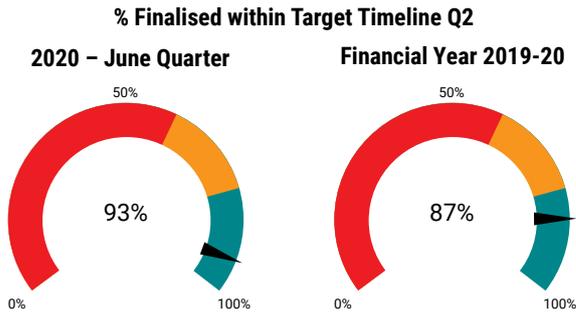
Native Title process



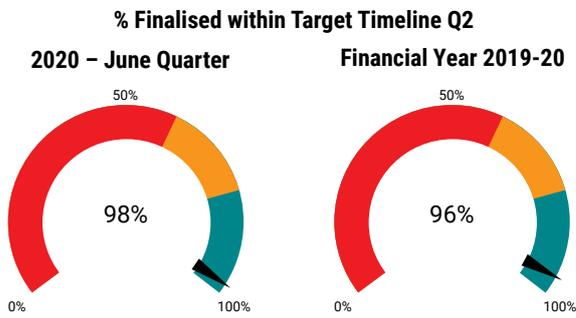
The average **total timeline** to finalise an exploration licence in the June quarter was 294 business days. This includes the time taken for the *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993* future act process, and times taken for the DMIRS assessment, other government agencies and with the proponent. If exploration licence applications are subject to the Native Title expedited process, this 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

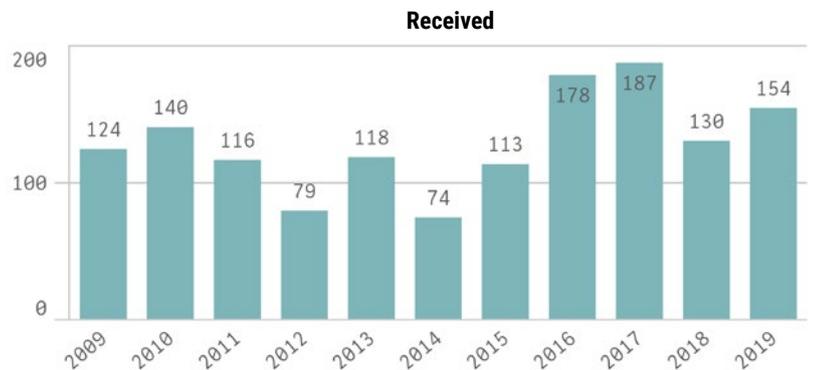
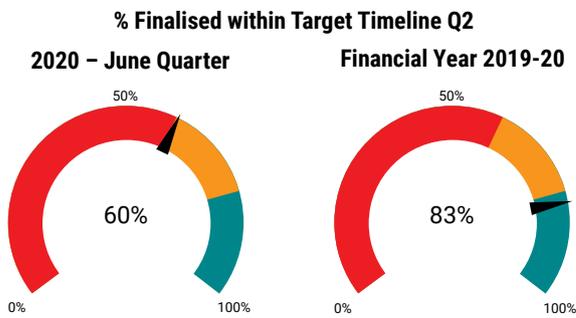
Prospecting Licence



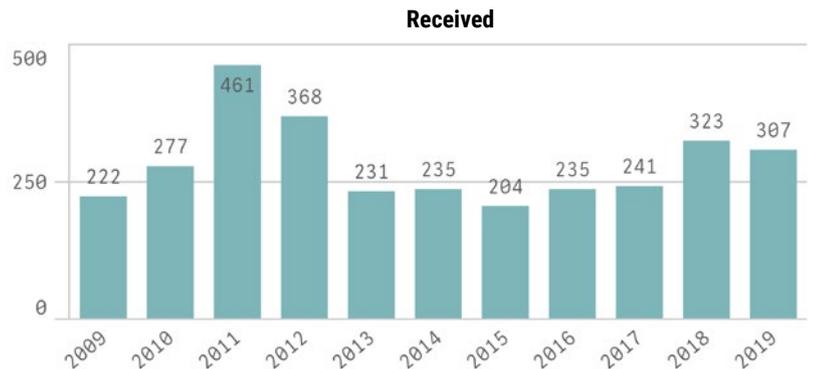
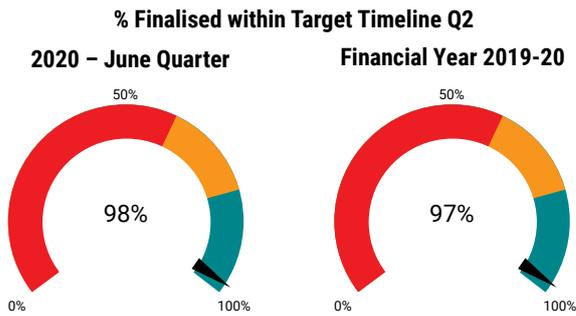
Exploration Licence



Mining Lease

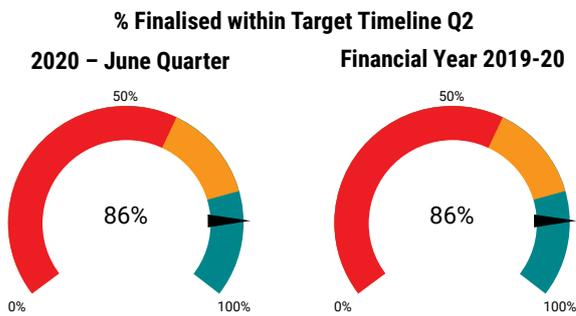
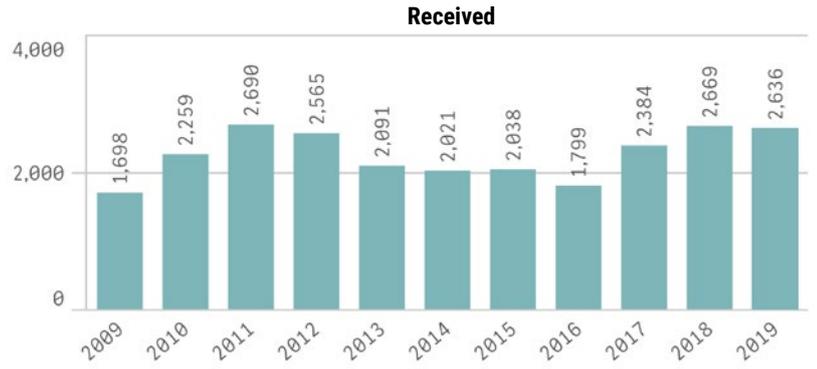
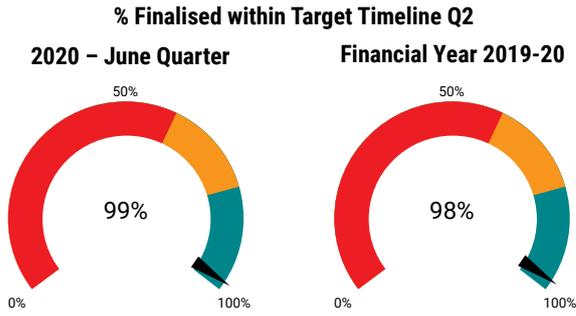


Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure



Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

Programme of Work

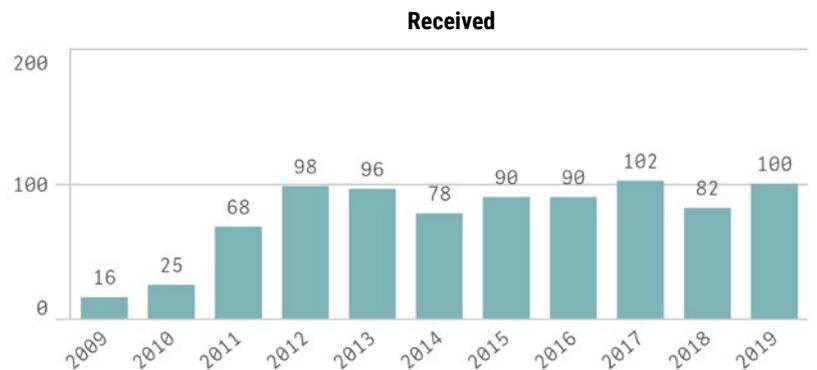
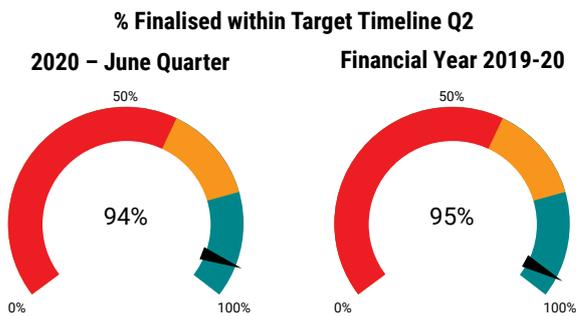


Mining Proposal



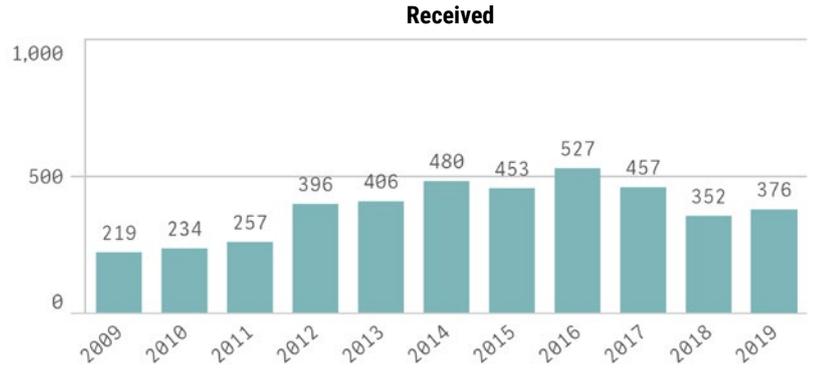
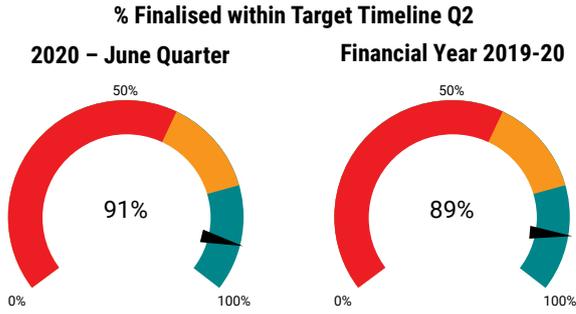
Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994 – Mine safety management plans

Project Management Plans and Radiation Management Plans

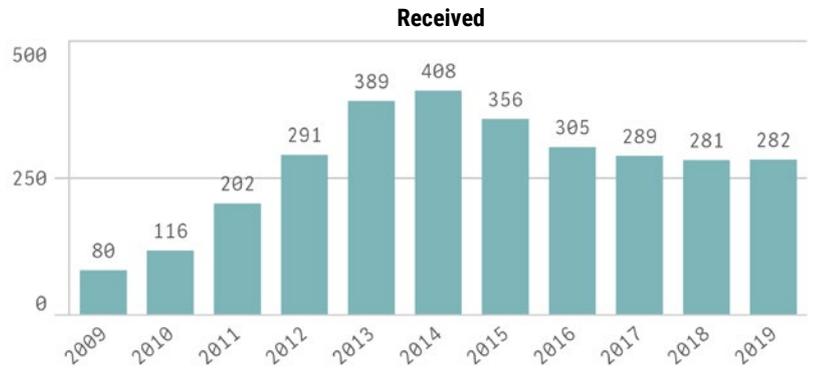
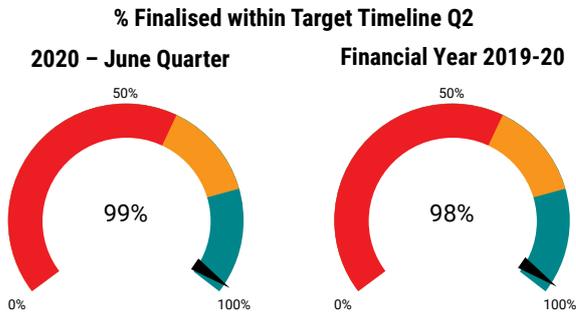


WA Petroleum Legislation

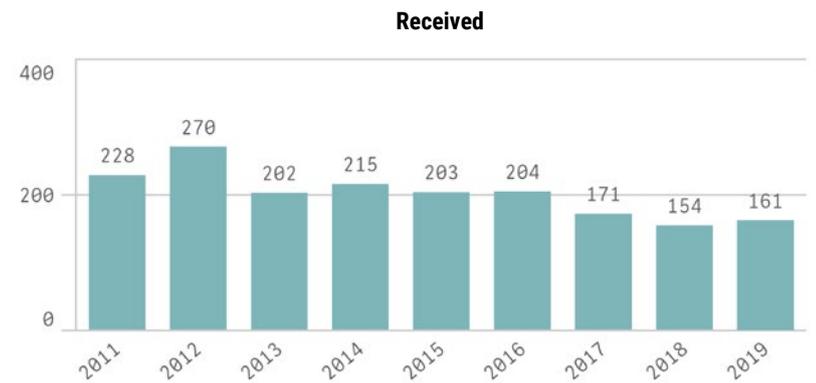
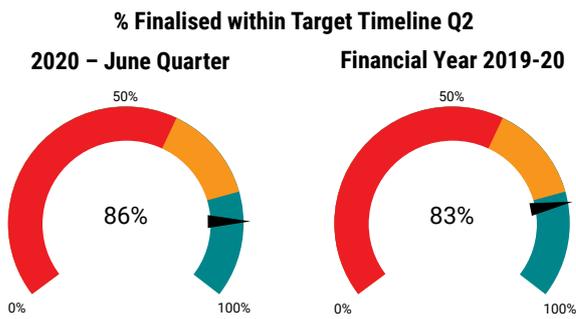
Petroleum tenure and activity



Petroleum environment plans



Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Native vegetation clearing permits



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 Works	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 regarding resource sector native vegetation clearing permit applications by delegation under the *WA Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The delegation has been in effect since 1 July 2005. The DMIRS native vegetation clearing permit target timeline is to finalise 80 per cent of applications within 60 calendar days.