



DMIRS APPROVALS PERFORMANCE REPORTING (Mining and Petroleum) – June Quarter 2021

The DMIRS performance objective is to finalise 80 per cent of applications within the target timeline.

The department's performance is measured against a range of administrative and statutory targets. For example, the target for finalising a mineral exploration "Programme of Work" application is 15 business days. Key approval targets are listed in the appendix of this report. The "speedo" dashboard graphic represents the department's performance against each approval type for the quarter.

This report incorporates new information for 2021 and reflects industry feedback. There is more emphasis on total timeline information to assist mineral and petroleum companies plan for exploration and development activities. The average total timeline is the time taken in the assessment process by DMIRS, the proponent and, where applicable, other government agencies. Input from other agencies may be required for complex applications, particularly if access is required to culturally important or environmentally sensitive areas.

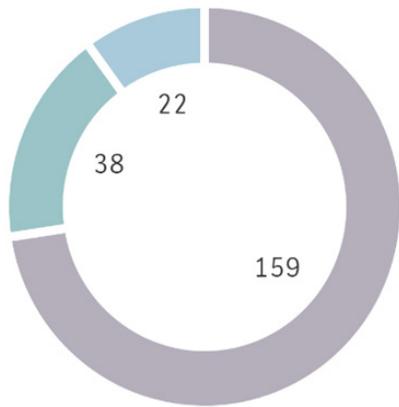
Most mineral and petroleum tenure applications are subject to the requirements of the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*. These applications include a four-month notification period (around 80 business days) prescribed under S29 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. This period is included as part of the "Other agencies" component for mineral and petroleum tenure applications.

This report provides the number of received, finalised and open applications from 2015. This shows exploration and development activity trends over time and the number of open applications awaiting finalisation by the department.

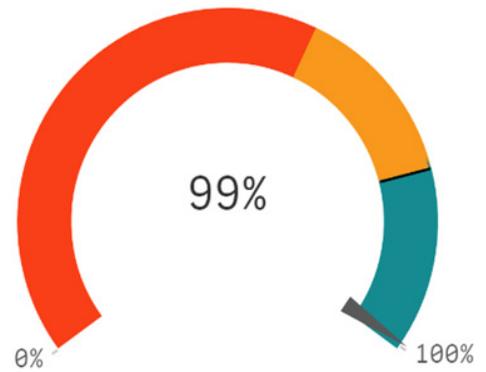
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Prospecting Licence

Average **219** days total



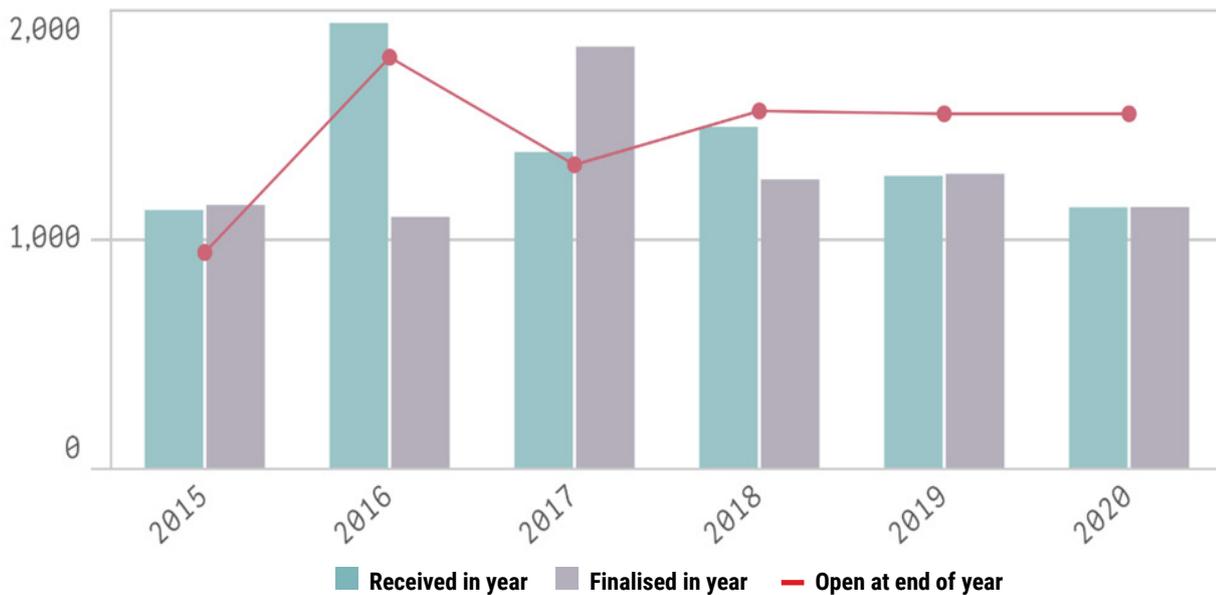
% Finalised within target timeline



DMIRS Proponent Other Agencies

Trends for Received, Finalised and Open Applications

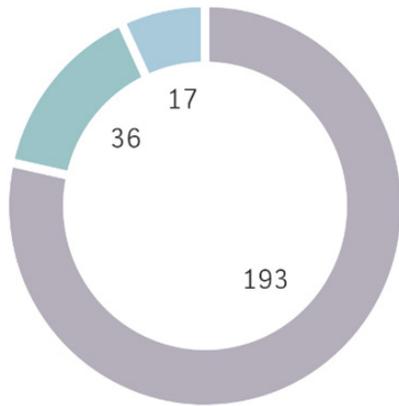
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Received | 1,124 | 1,939 | 1,377 | 1,487 | 1,272 | 1,135 |
| Finalised | 1,145 | 1,093 | 1,836 | 1,258 | 1,282 | 1,136 |
| Open | 948 | 1,792 | 1,333 | 1,562 | 1,552 | 1,551 |



Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

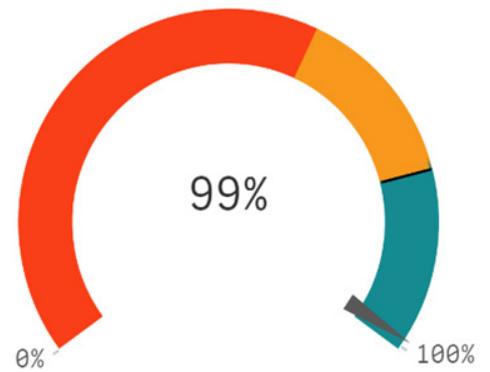
Exploration Licence

Average **246** days total



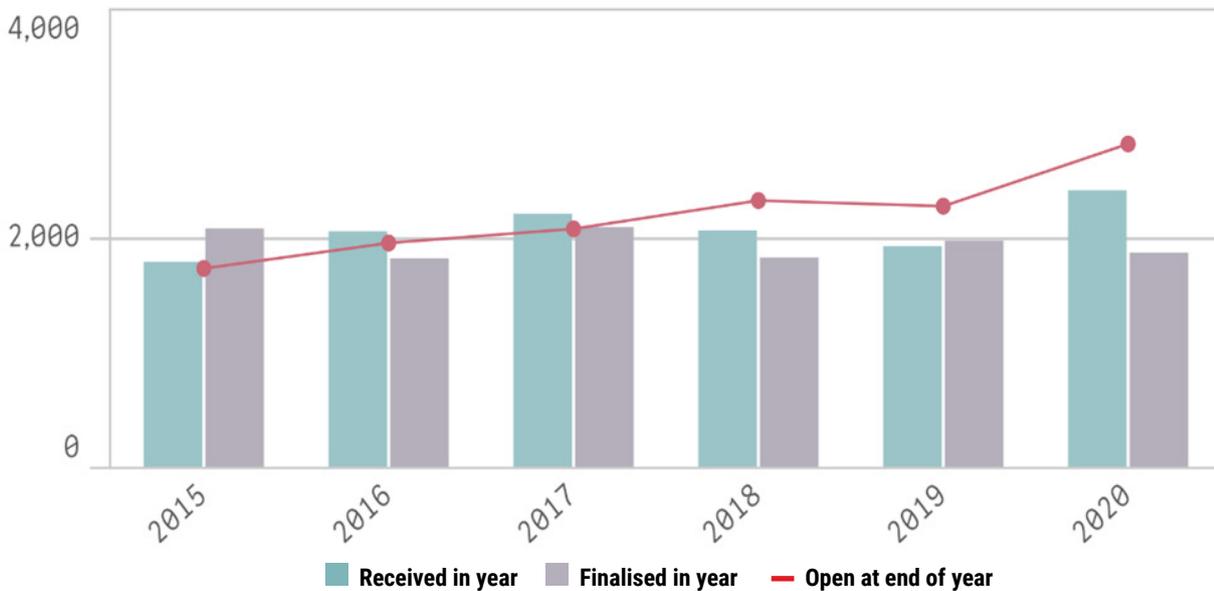
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% Finalised within target timeline



Trends for Received, Finalised and Open Applications

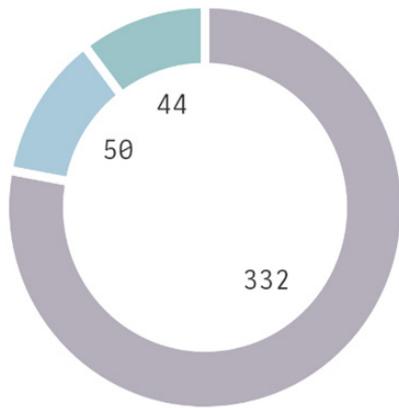
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Received | 1,785 | 2,053 | 2,206 | 2,061 | 1,925 | 2,410 |
| Finalised | 2,079 | 1,815 | 2,089 | 1,824 | 1,970 | 1,865 |
| Open | 1,731 | 1,969 | 2,086 | 2,323 | 2,278 | 2,823 |



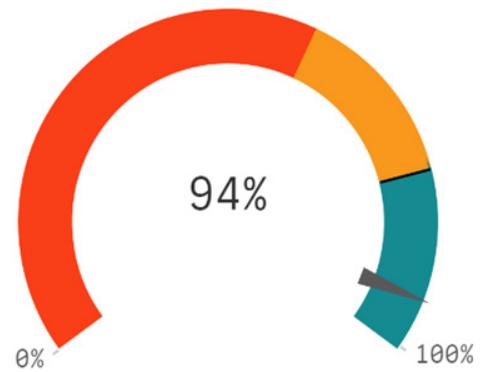
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Mining Lease

Average **426** days total



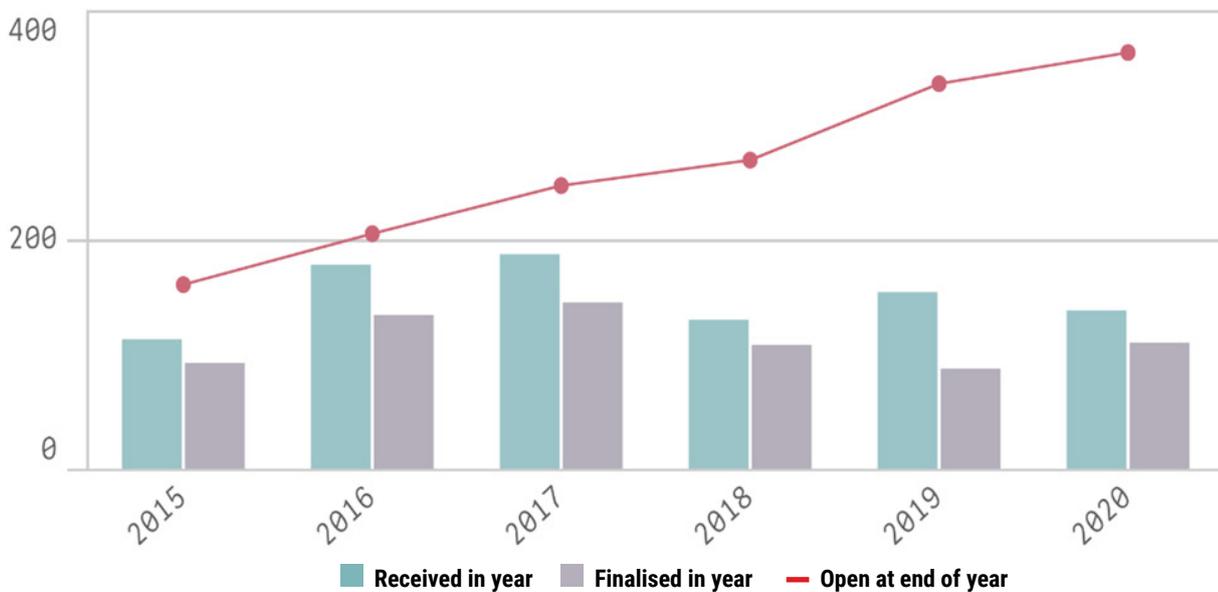
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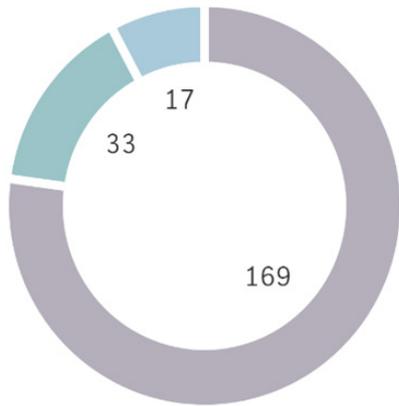
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Received | 113 | 178 | 187 | 130 | 154 | 138 |
| Finalised | 92 | 134 | 145 | 108 | 87 | 110 |
| Open | 162 | 206 | 248 | 270 | 337 | 365 |



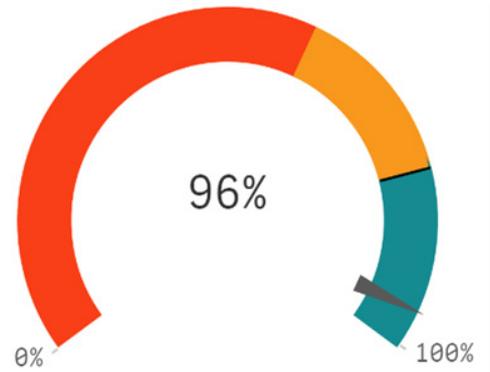
Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

Average **219** days total



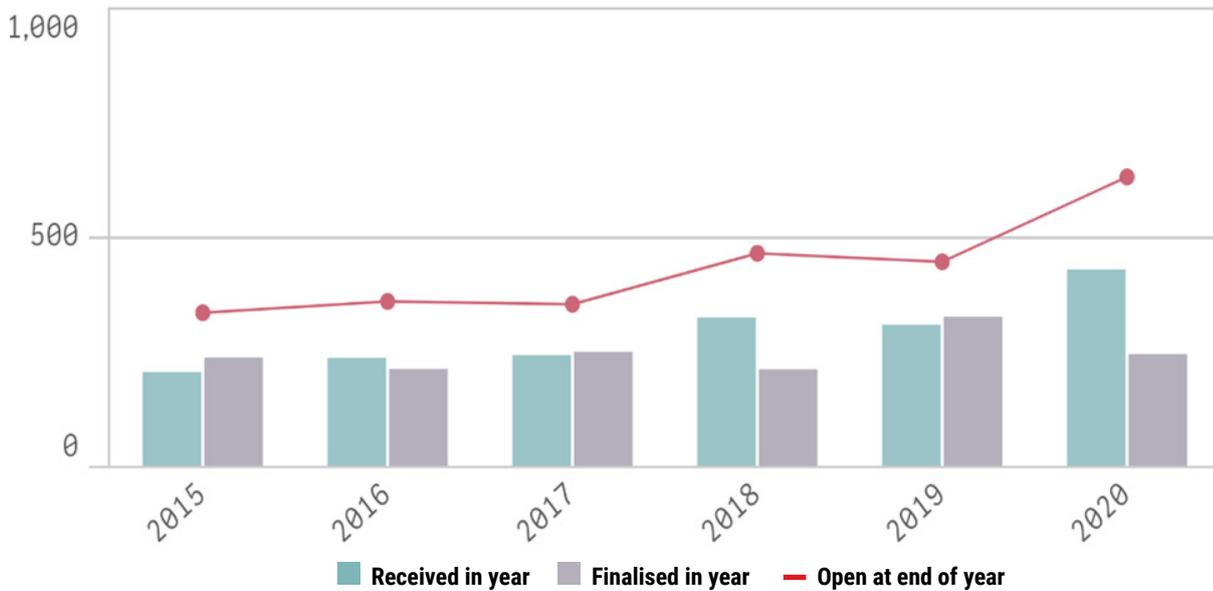
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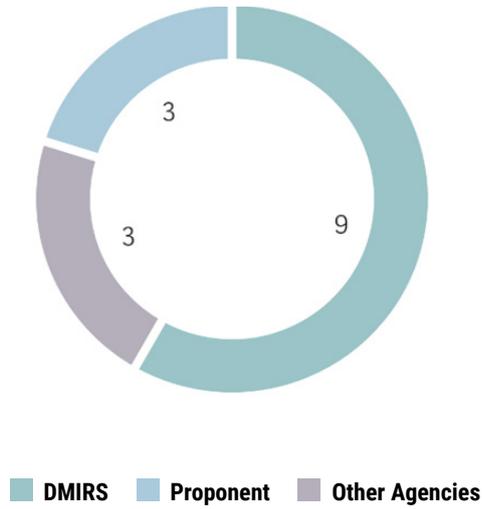
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Received | 204 | 235 | 241 | 323 | 307 | 428 |
| Finalised | 236 | 211 | 248 | 210 | 325 | 243 |
| Open | 336 | 360 | 353 | 466 | 448 | 633 |



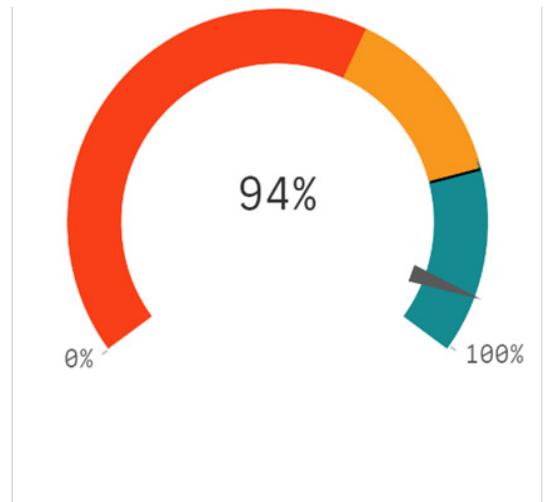
Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

Programme of Work

Average 15 days total

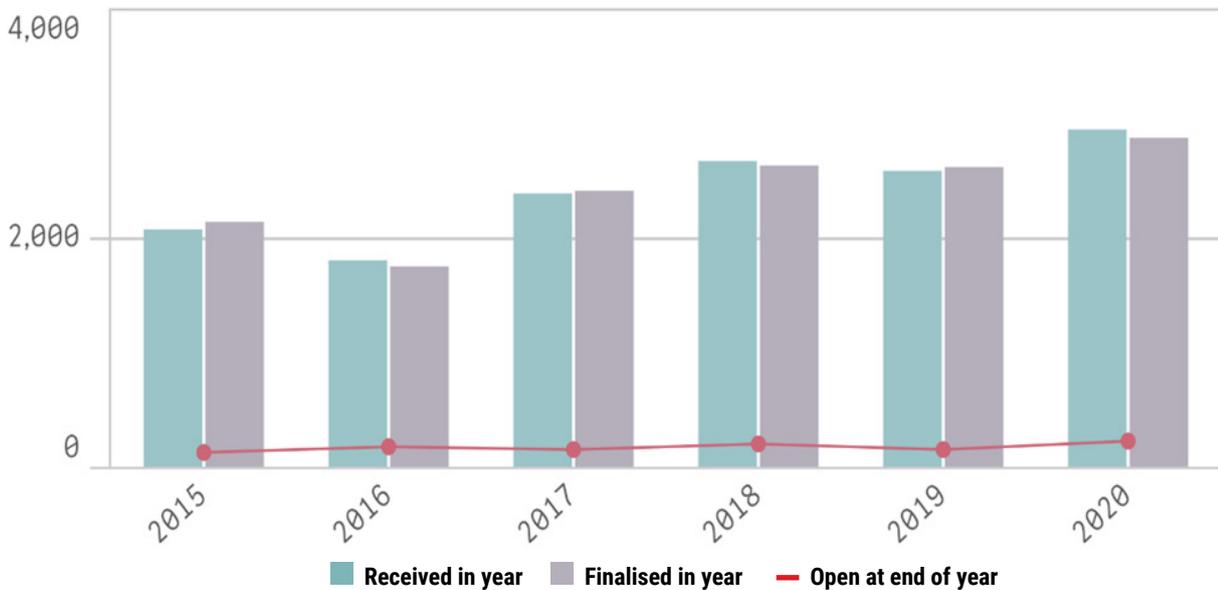


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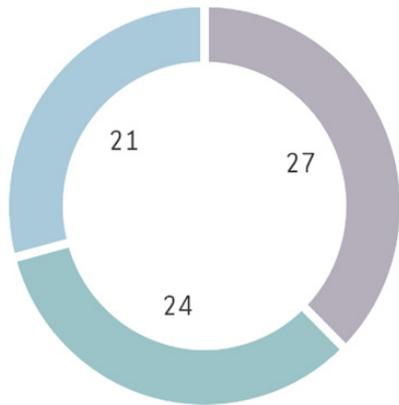
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Received | 2,068 | 1,799 | 2,384 | 2,667 | 2,581 | 2,942 |
| Finalised | 2,135 | 1,745 | 2,406 | 2,626 | 2,613 | 2,871 |
| Open | 126 | 180 | 158 | 199 | 167 | 238 |



Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

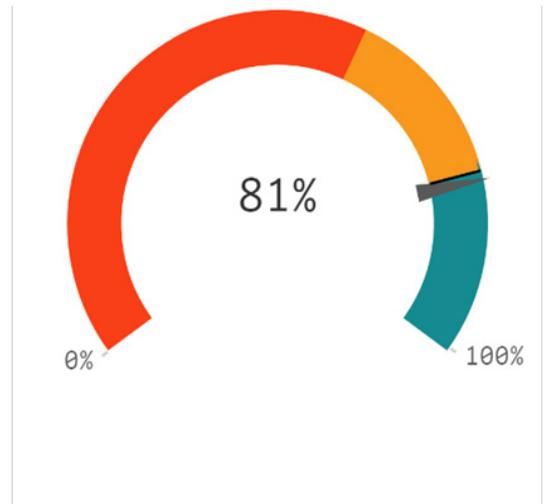
Mining Proposal

Average **72** days total



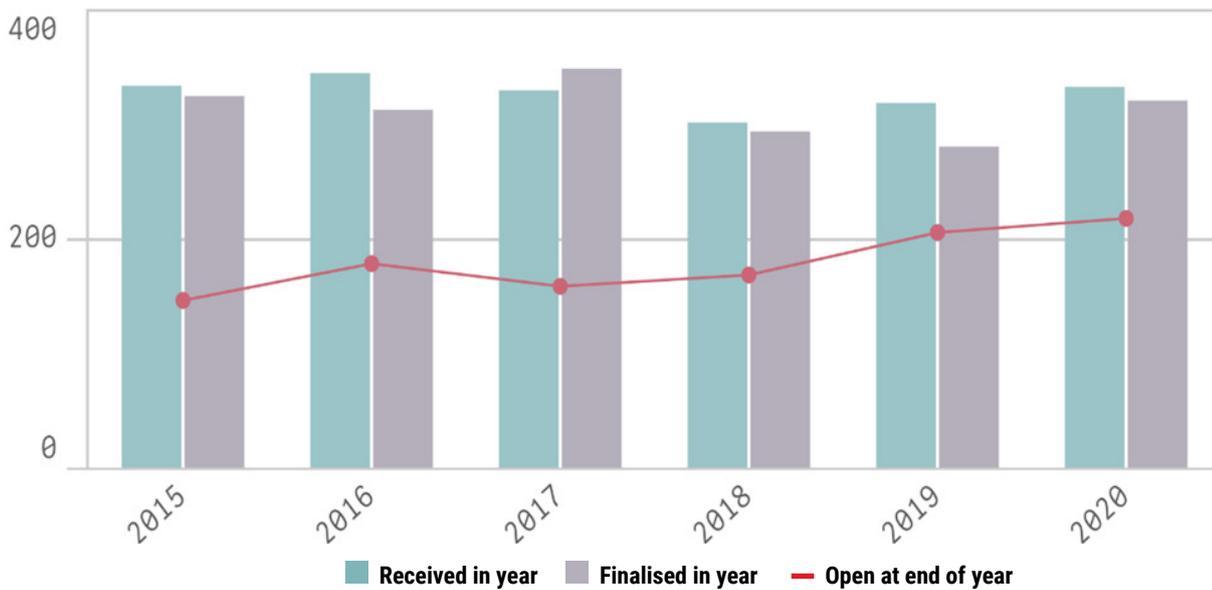
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% Finalised within target timeline



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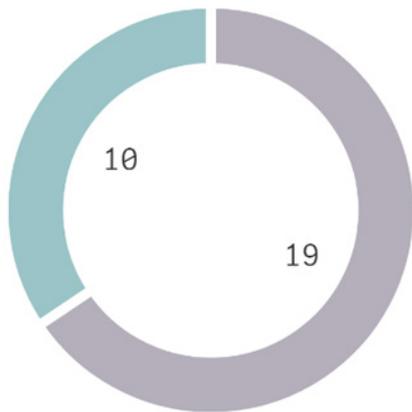
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Received | 333 | 344 | 329 | 301 | 318 | 332 |
| Finalised | 324 | 312 | 348 | 293 | 280 | 320 |
| Open | 147 | 179 | 160 | 168 | 206 | 218 |



Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994 – Mine safety management plans

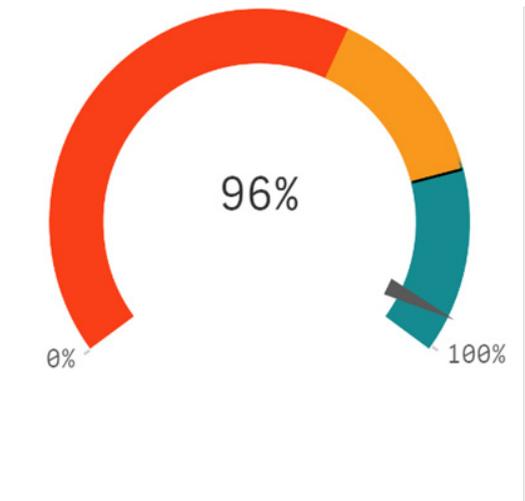
Project Management Plans and Radiation Management Plans

Average 29 days total



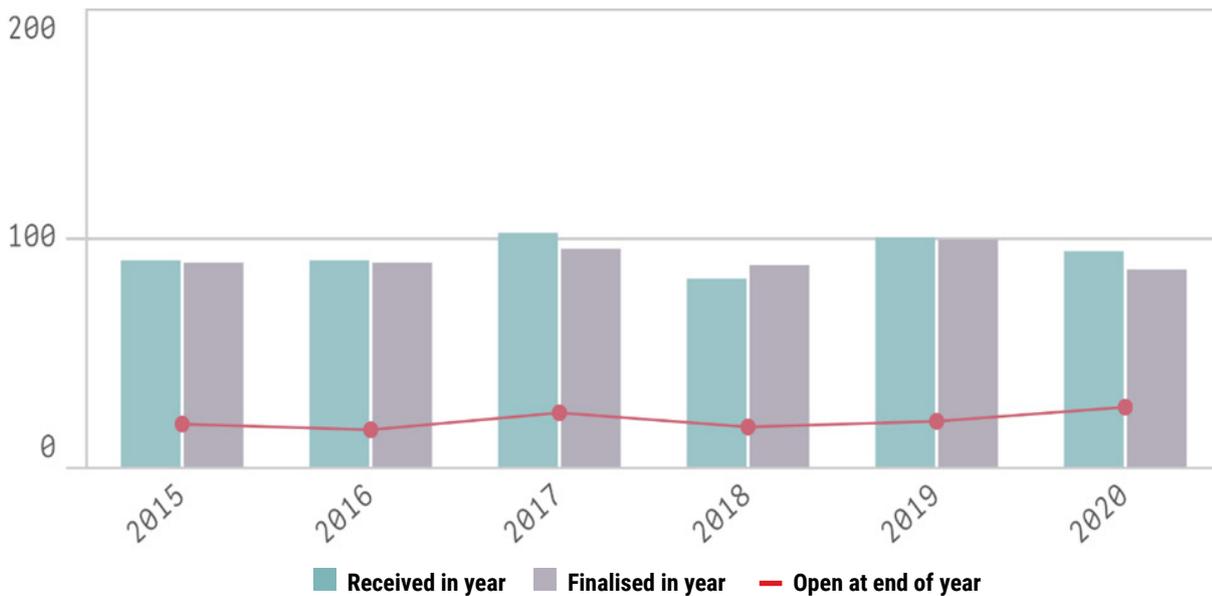
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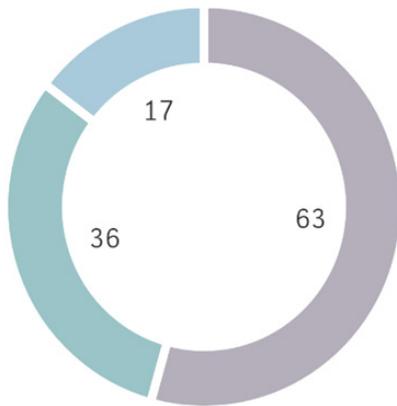
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Received | 90 | 90 | 102 | 82 | 100 | 94 |
| Finalised | 89 | 89 | 95 | 88 | 99 | 86 |
| Open | 19 | 17 | 24 | 18 | 20 | 27 |



WA Petroleum Legislation

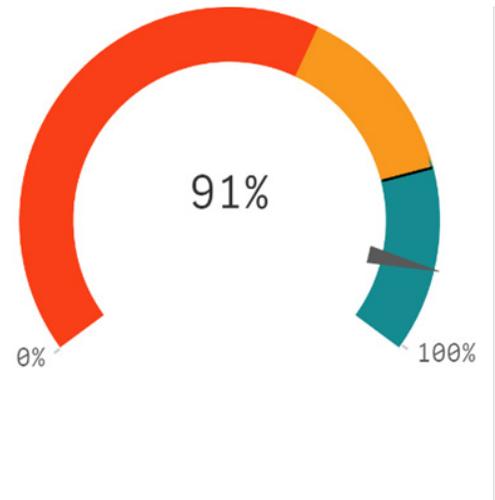
Petroleum tenure and activity

Average **116** days total



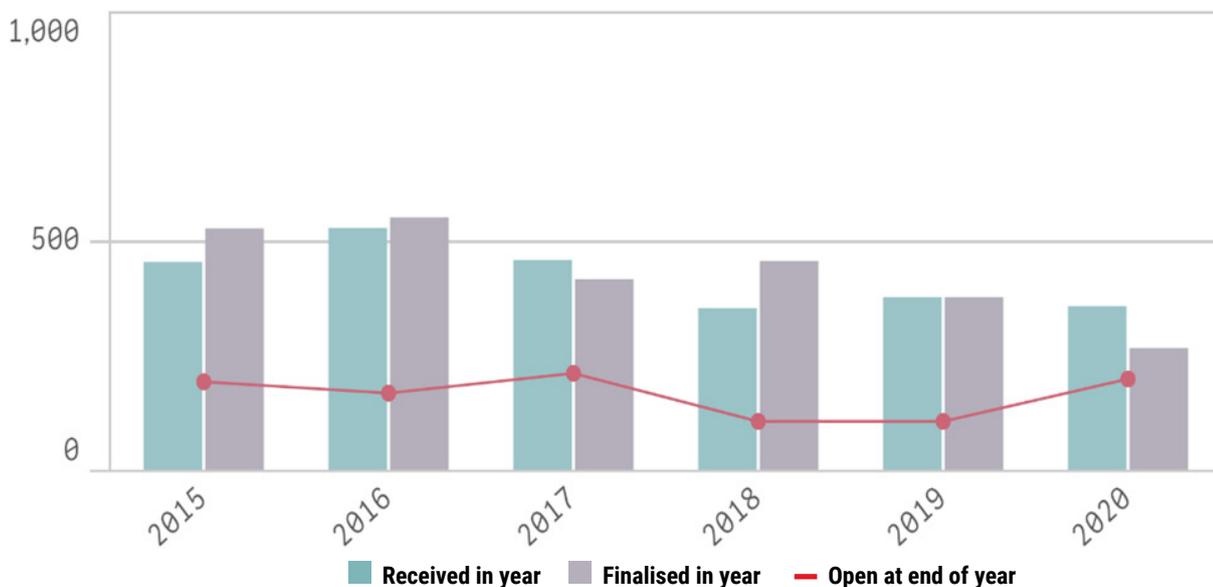
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% Finalised within target timeline



Trends for Received, Finalised and Open Applications

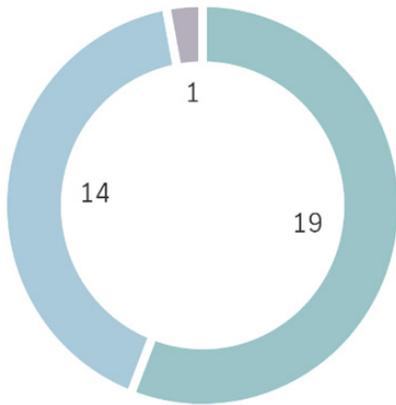
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Received | 453 | 527 | 457 | 352 | 376 | 356 |
| Finalised | 526 | 550 | 415 | 455 | 376 | 265 |
| Open | 192 | 169 | 211 | 108 | 108 | 199 |



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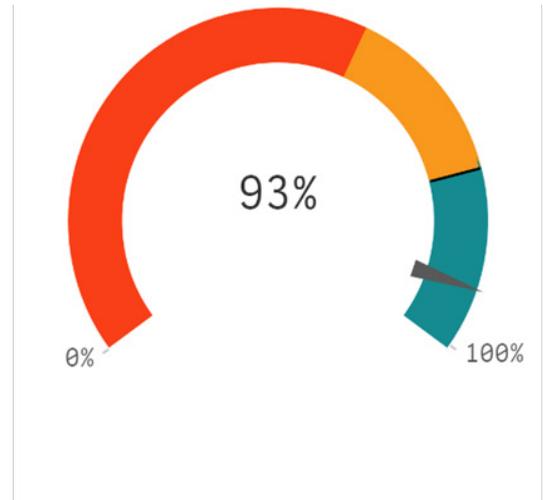
Petroleum Environment Plans

Average **34** days total



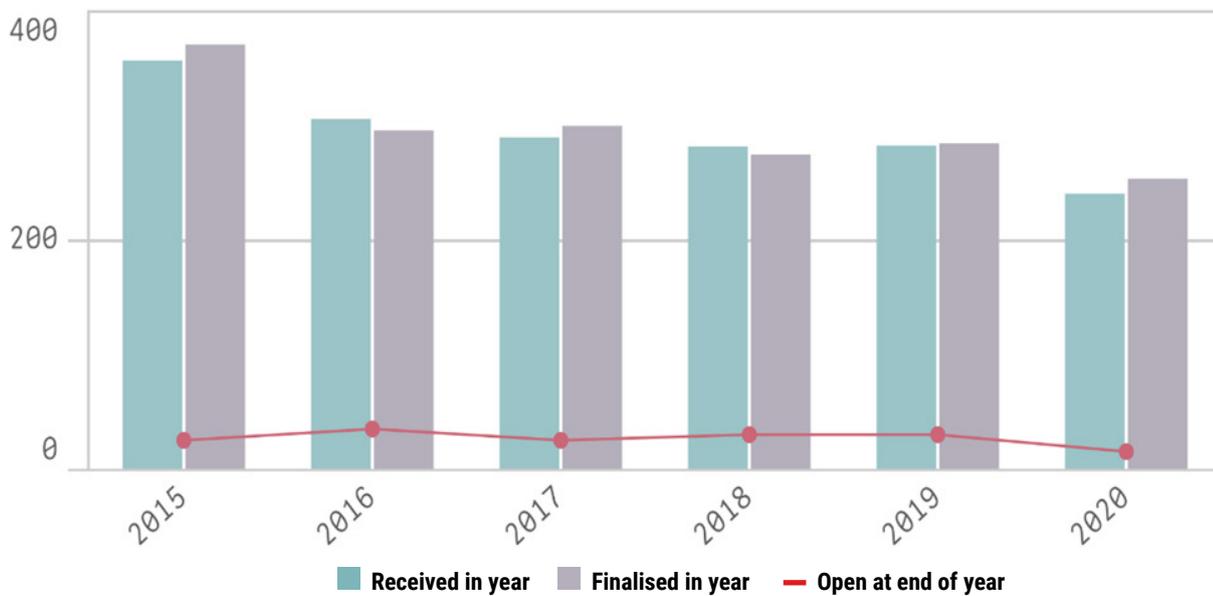
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% Finalised within target timeline



Trends for Received, Finalised and Open Applications

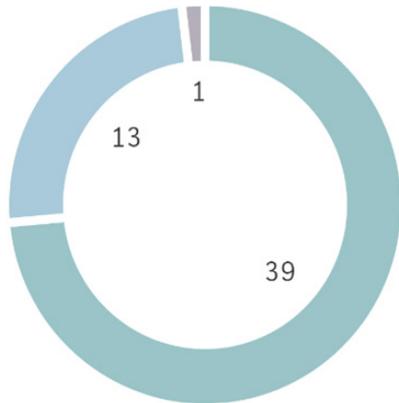
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Received | 356 | 305 | 289 | 281 | 282 | 240 |
| Finalised | 370 | 295 | 299 | 274 | 284 | 253 |
| Open | 25 | 35 | 25 | 32 | 30 | 17 |



Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Native vegetation clearing permits (Resource Sector)

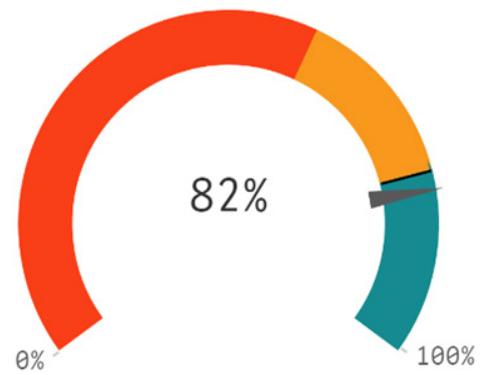
By delegation from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Average **53** days total



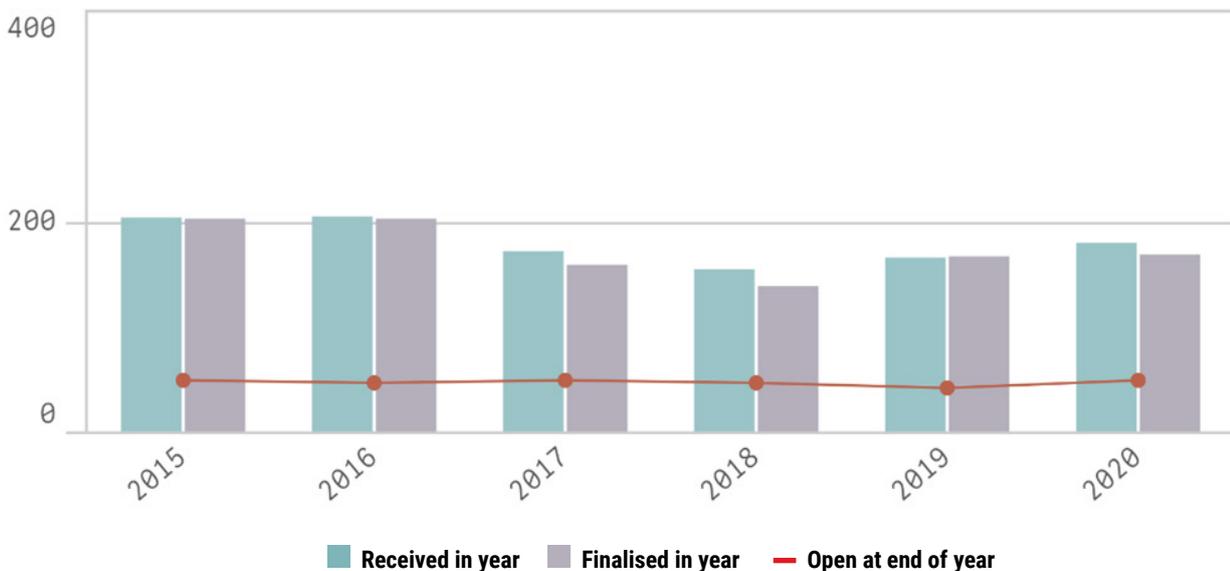
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% Finalised within target timeline



Trends for Received, Finalised and Open Applications

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Received | 203 | 204 | 171 | 154 | 165 | 179 |
| Finalised | 202 | 202 | 158 | 138 | 166 | 168 |
| Open | 49 | 47 | 49 | 47 | 42 | 50 |



Appendix – DMIRS target timeline information

| Key approval processes | Target timeline (business days) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mining Tenure | 65 |
| Petroleum Tenure | 120 |
| Petroleum Environment Plan | 21 |
| Mining Proposal | 30 |
| Programme of Works | 15 |
| Project Management Plan | 30 |
| Radiation Management Plan | 30 |
| Native Vegetation Clearing Permit | 43 |

Note: Petroleum Environment Plans have a statutory target of 30 calendar days (21 business days).

The DMIRS native vegetation clearing permit target is to finalise 80 per cent of applications within 60 calendar days (43 business days).