



Department of Energy, Mines,  
Industry Regulation and Safety

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# DEMIRS Approvals Performance Reporting (Mining and Petroleum) June Quarter 2024

The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) is committed to transparency in its approval performance, which helps drive continuous improvement and assists industry planning.

DEMIRS continues to see an increase in the complexity of both programmes of work and mining proposals applications, which are subsequently subject to a longer approval processes. The introduction of the Eligible Mining Activity framework and proposed Mining Development and Closure Proposals is anticipated to assist in reduced the pressure on timeframes, less duplication and free up assessor time for the more complex applications.

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## Performance summary

Key highlights and changes for the percentage of applications finalised within target timelines for the March to June 2024 quarters include:

- petroleum tenure increased from 76 to 100 per cent;
- programmes of work decreased from 51 to 24 per cent; and
- petroleum environmental plans decreased from 69 to 49 per cent.

The average total timeline is the time taken in the assessment process by DEMIRS, the proponent and where applicable, other government agencies. Other agency input may be required for complex applications, particularly if access is required to culturally important or environmentally sensitive areas.

The DEMIRS performance objective is to finalise 80 per cent of applications within the target timeline. Departmental performance is measured against a range of administrative and statutory targets. For example, the DEMIRS target for finalising a mineral exploration programme of work application is 15 business days (BD). The “speedo” dashboard graphics used in this report represent performance against each approval type for the quarter.

The segment titled parallel processing shows the number of overlap days where an application was on hold for both the proponent and another agency.

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 this Act. This period is included as part of the “other agencies” component for mineral and petroleum tenure applications.

The average total timeline to finalise an exploration licence application is 297 business days (approx. 14 months). This consists of DEMIRS processing time (39 days), proponent time (19 days) and other agencies (225 days). There were 14 days of parallel processing. Ninety five per cent of exploration licence applications were finalised within the target for DEMIRS processing time of 65 business days. *Native Title Act 1993* requirements represent the majority of this timeline (approx. 10 months).

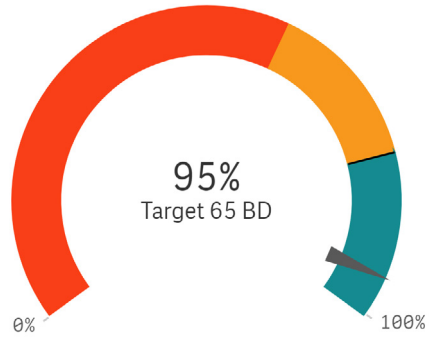
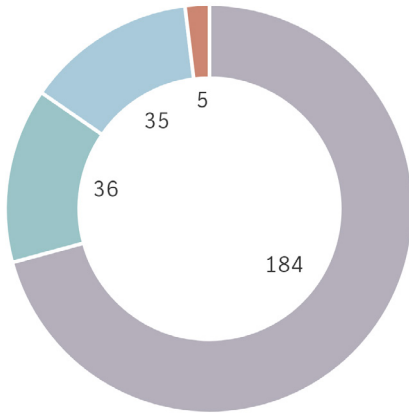
This report provides detailed information about the number of received, finalised and open applications.

# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

## Prospecting Licence

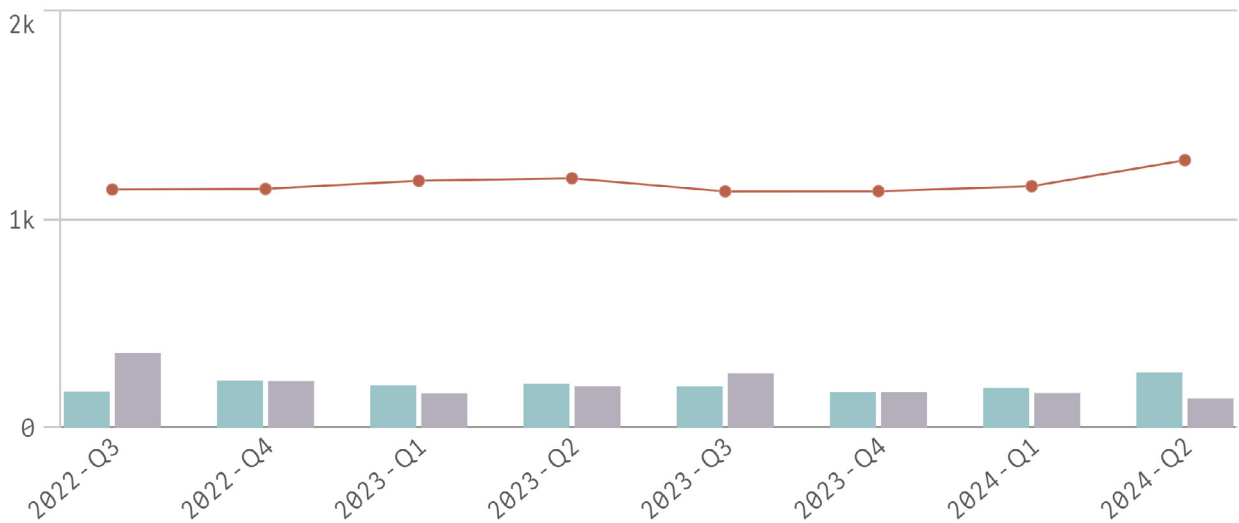
Average **260** days total

% Finalised within target timeline



■ DEMIRS Licensing 
 ■ Proponent 
 ■ Other Agencies  
■ Parallel Processing

### Trends for received, finalised and open



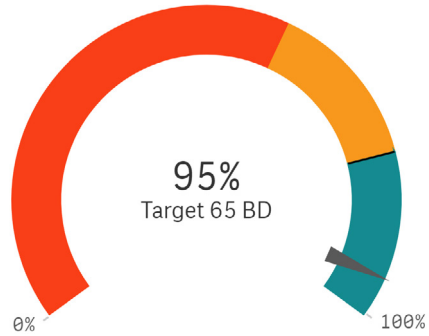
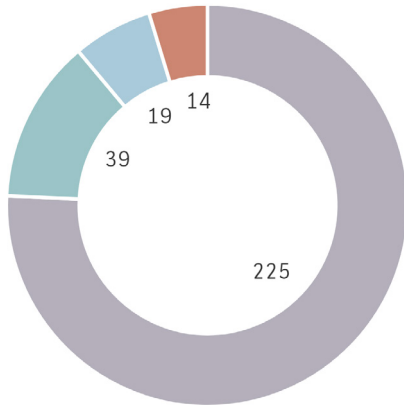
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 — Open at end of quarter

# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

## Exploration Licence

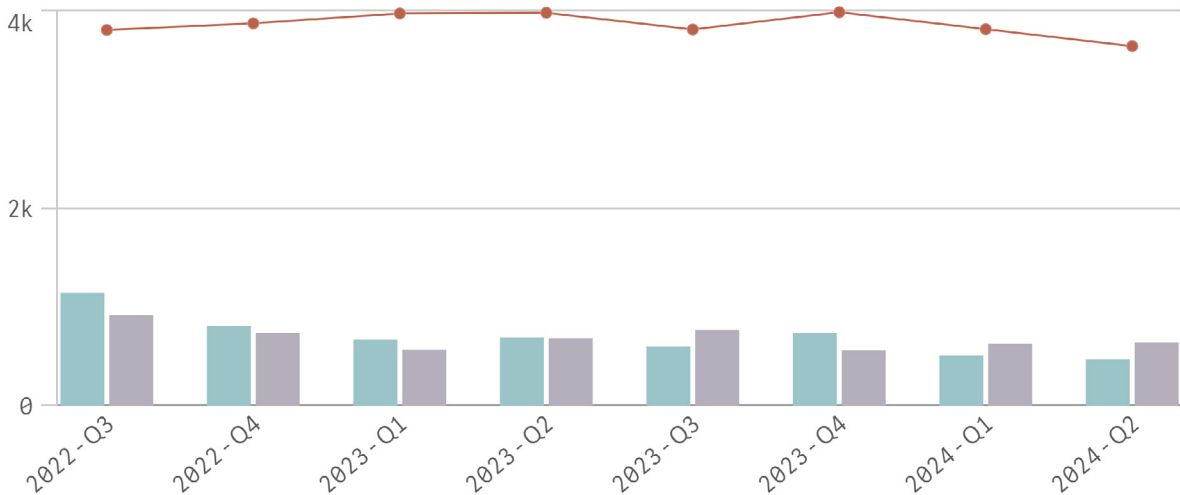
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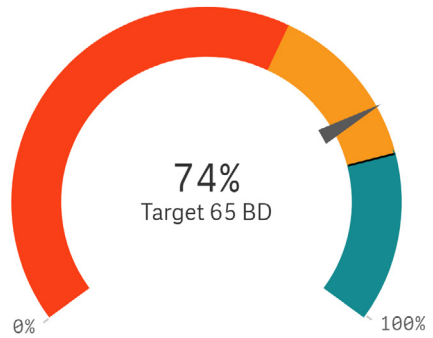
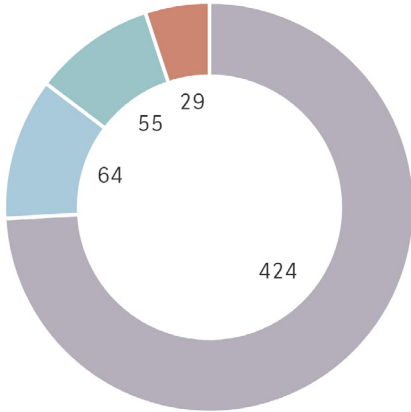
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# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

## Mining Lease

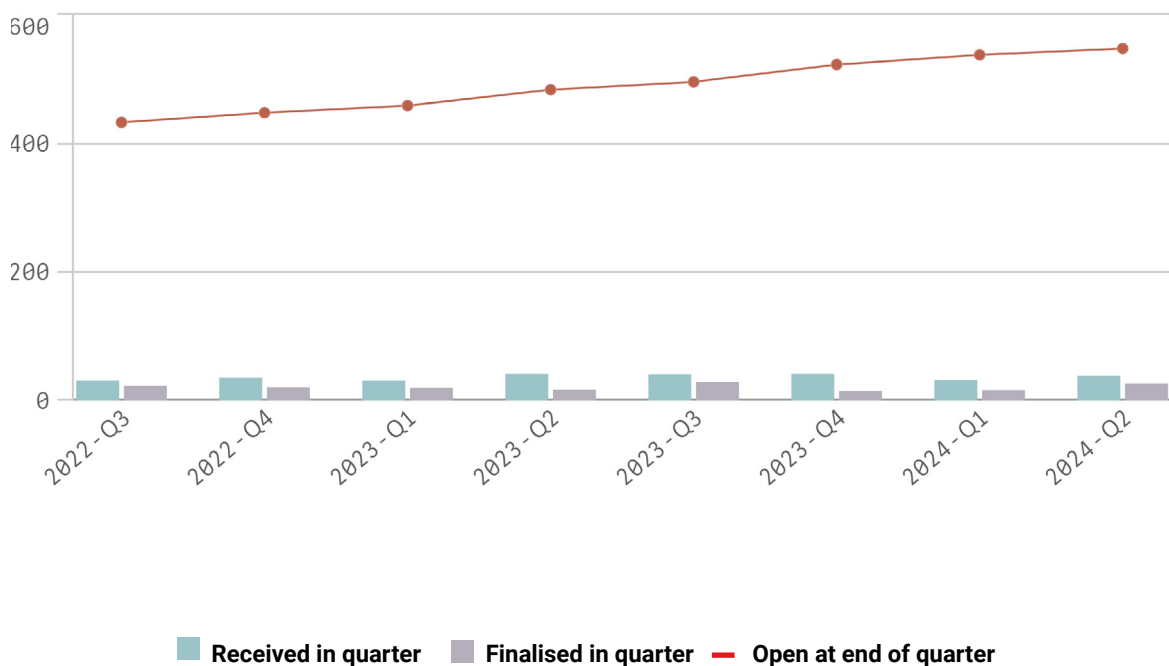
Average **572** days total

% Finalised within target timeline



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 ■ Proponent 
 ■ Other Agencies  
■ Parallel Processing

### Trends for received, finalised and open

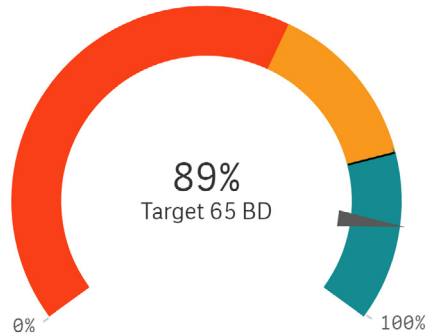
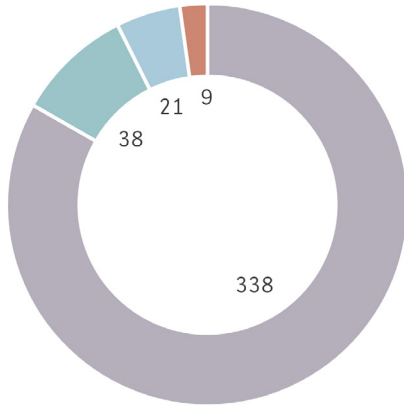


# Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

## Miscellaneous Licence and other tenure

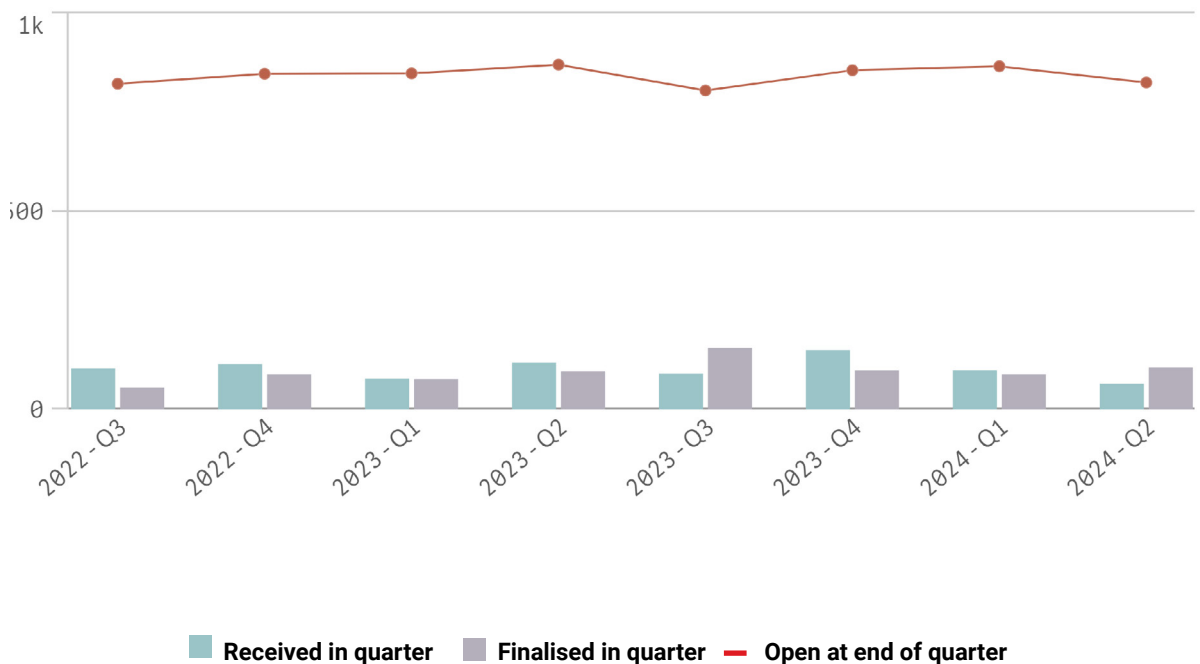
Average **406** days total

% Finalised within target timeline



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### Trends for received, finalised and open

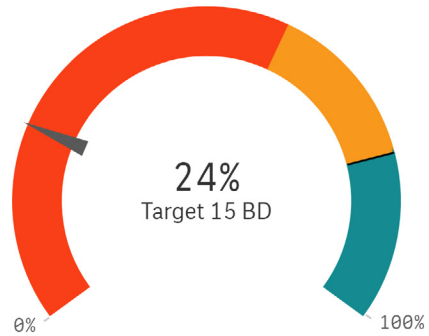
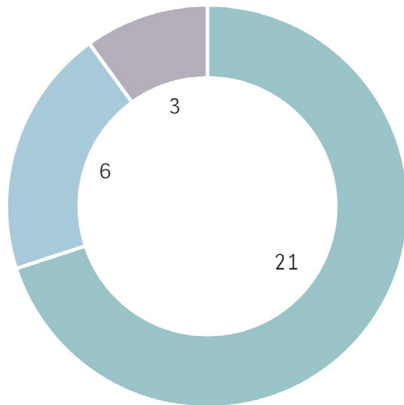


# Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

## Programme of Work

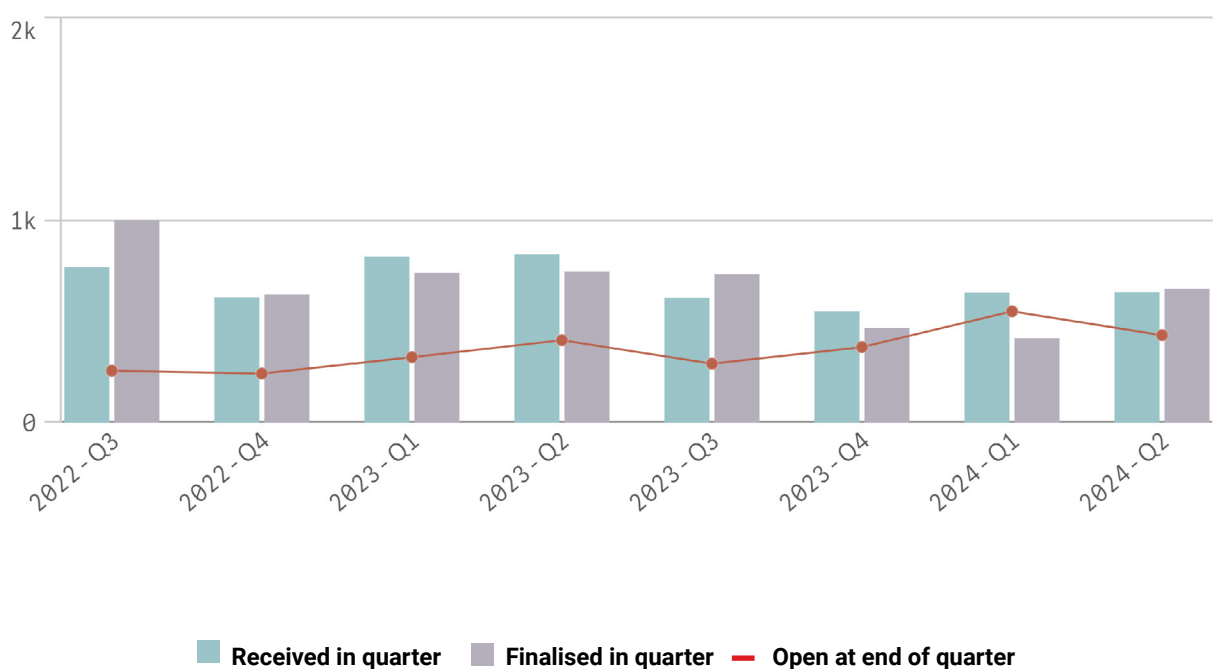
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% Finalised within target timeline



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### Trends for received, finalised and open

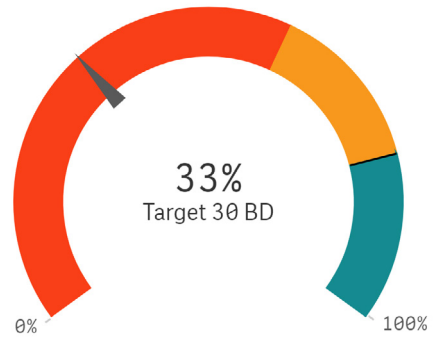
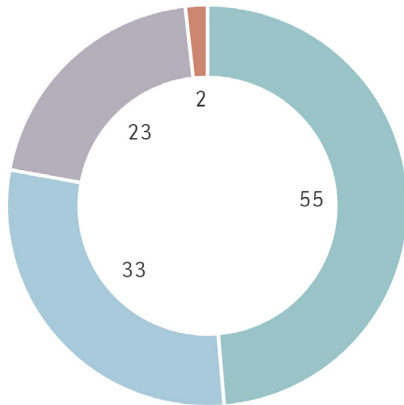


# Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

## Mining Proposal

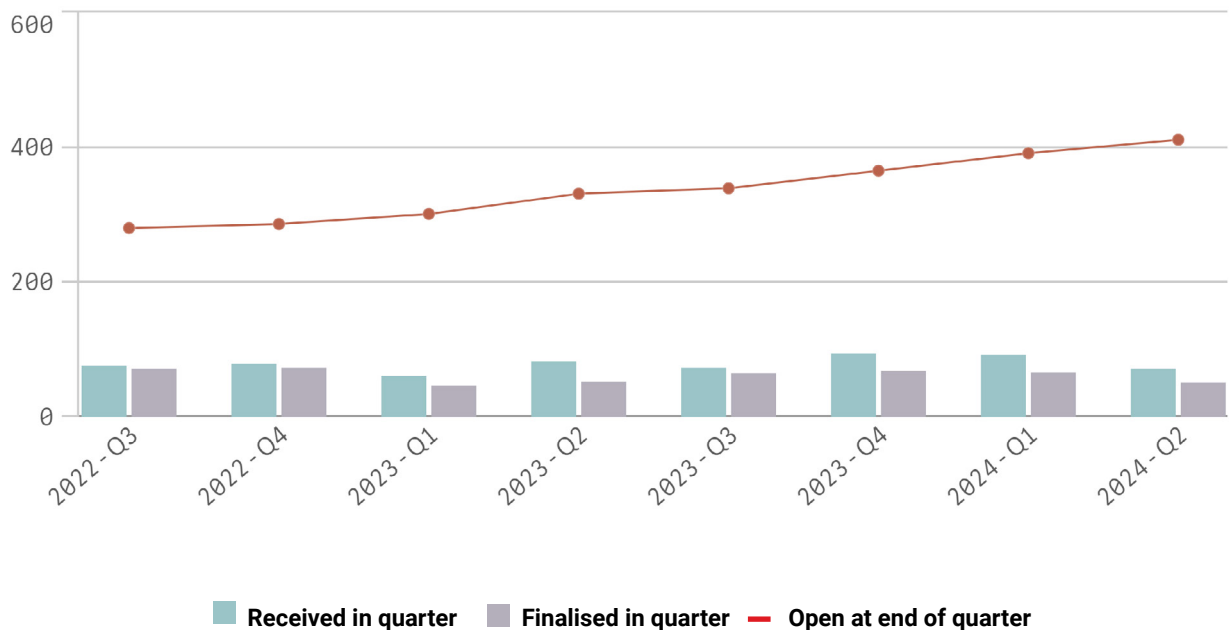
Average **113** days total

% Finalised within target timeline



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■ Parallel Processing

### Trends for received, finalised and open



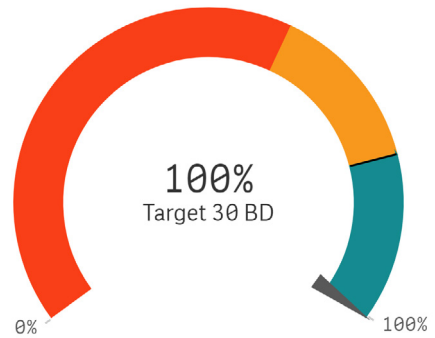
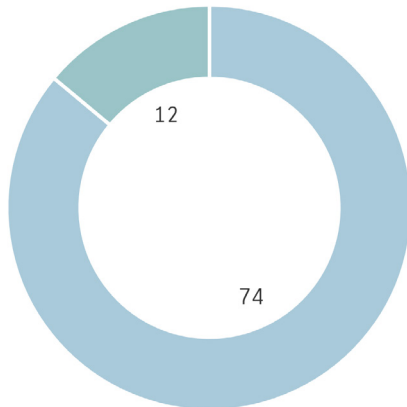


# Work Health and Safety (Mines) Regulations 2022

## Radiation Management Plans

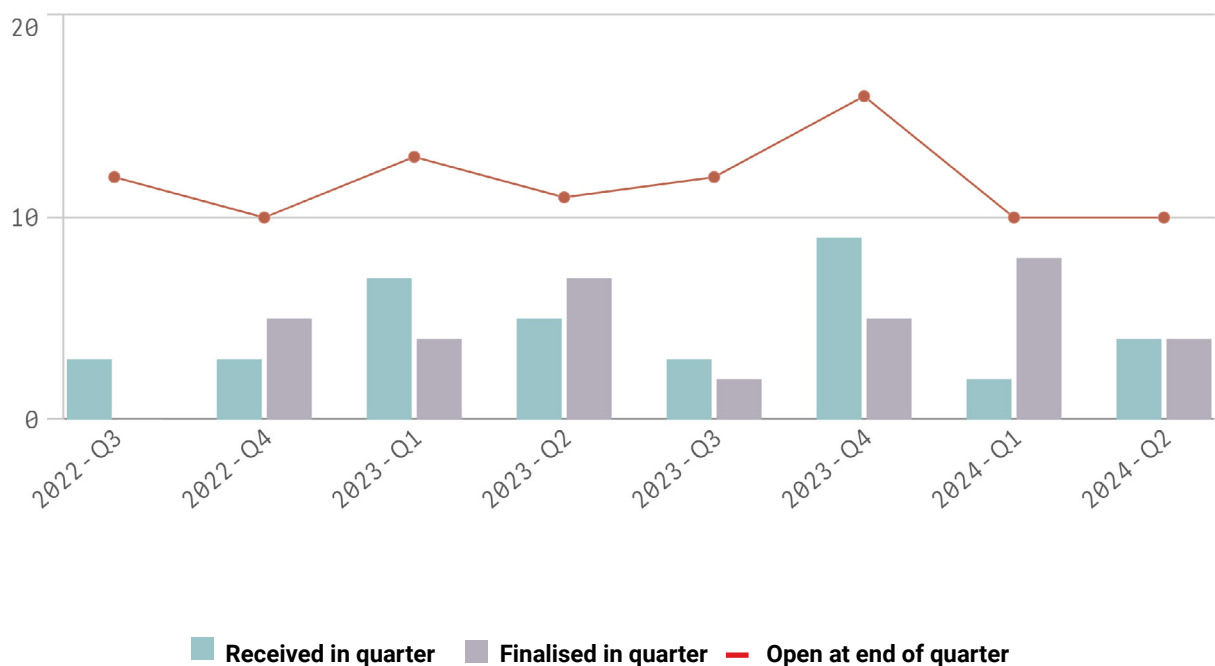
Average **86** days total

% Finalised within target timeline



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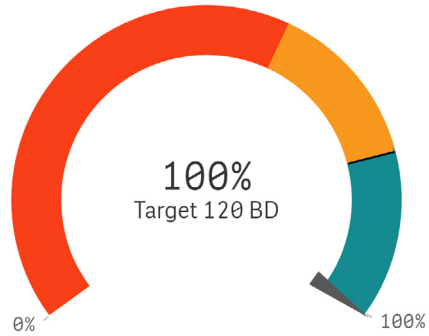
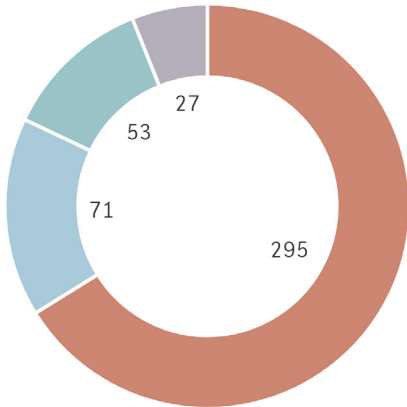


# WA Petroleum Legislation

## Petroleum Tenure

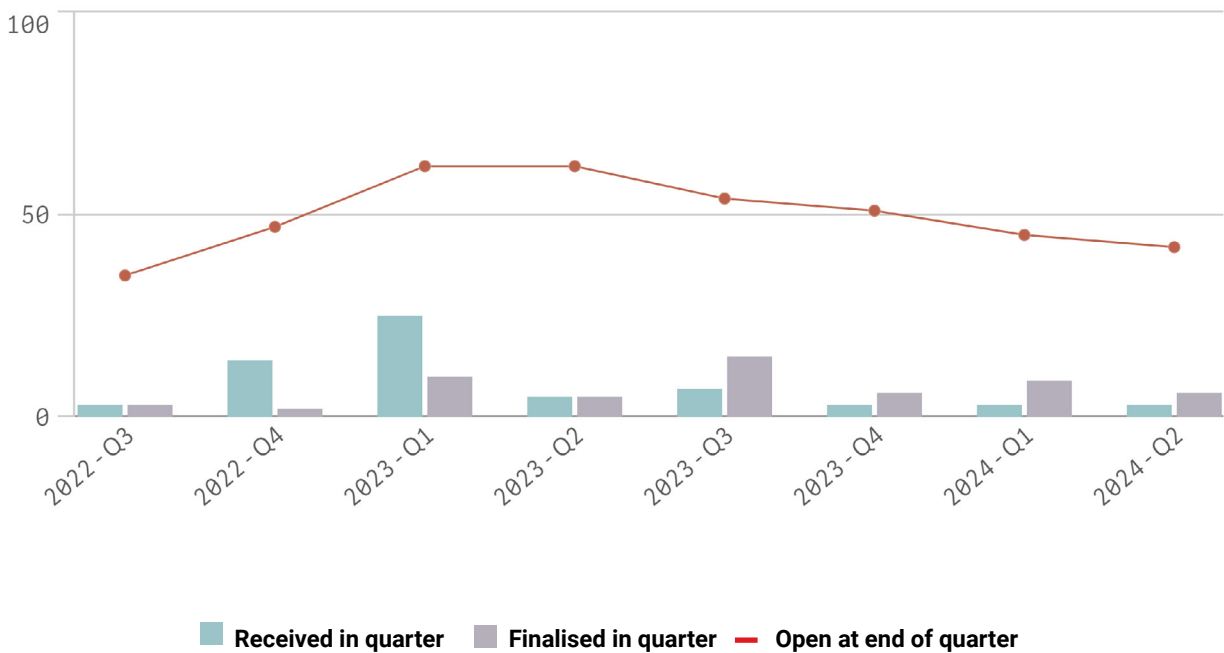
Average **446** days total

% Finalised within target timeline



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- Proponent
- Other Agencies
- Parallel Processing

### Trends for received, finalised and open

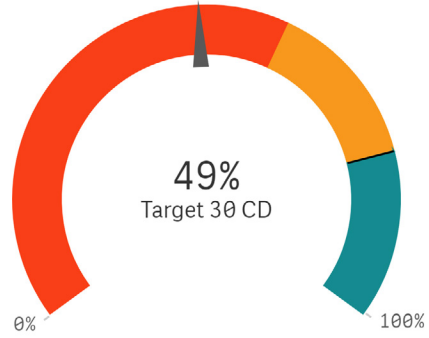
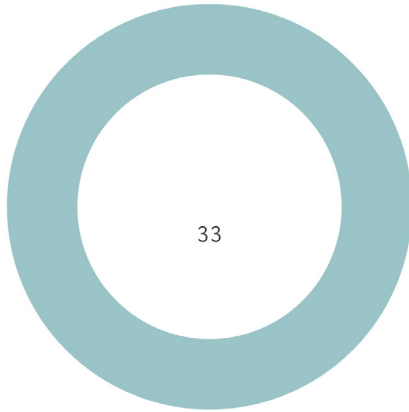


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## Petroleum Environment Plans

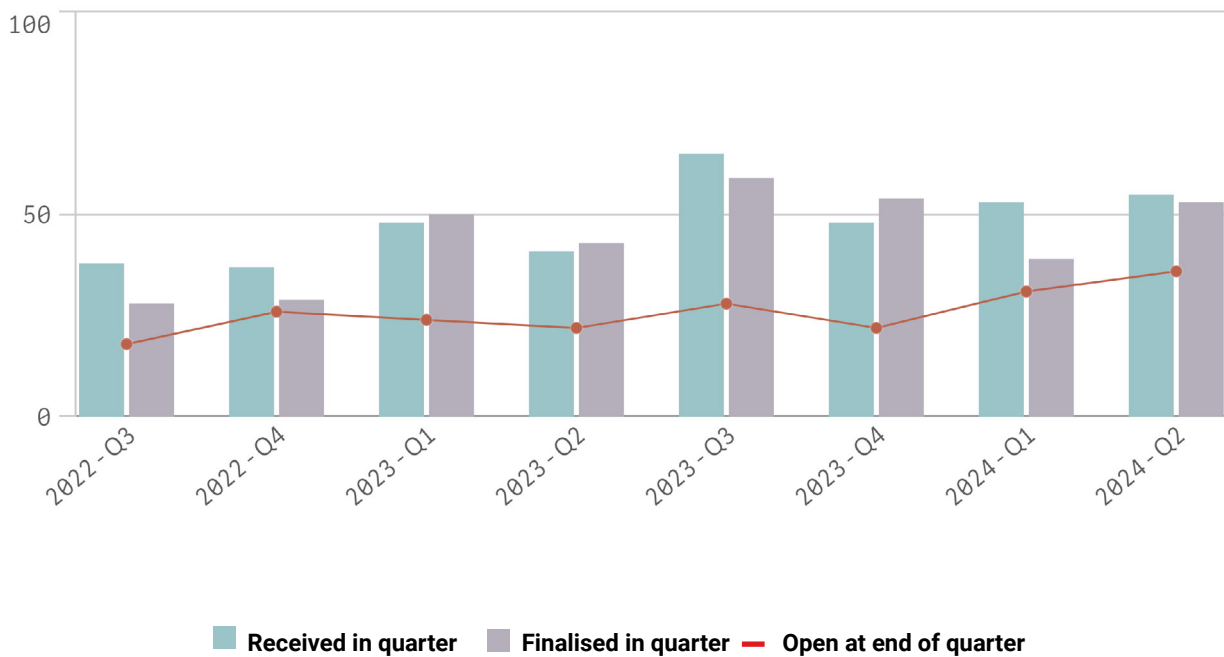
Average **33** days total

% Finalised within target timeline



■ DEMIRS

### Trends for received, finalised and open

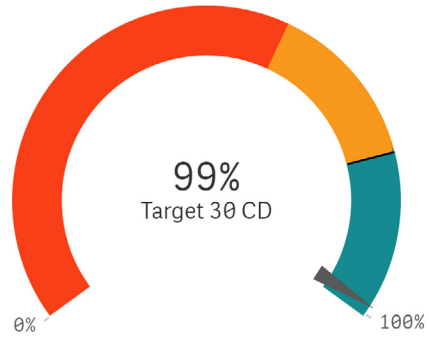
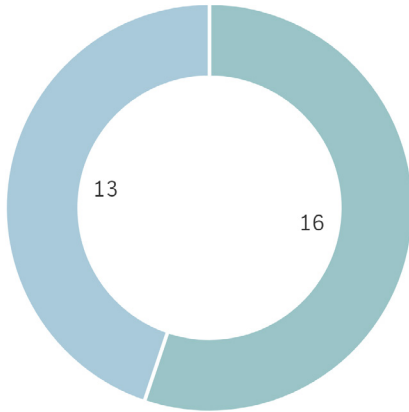


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## Well Activities

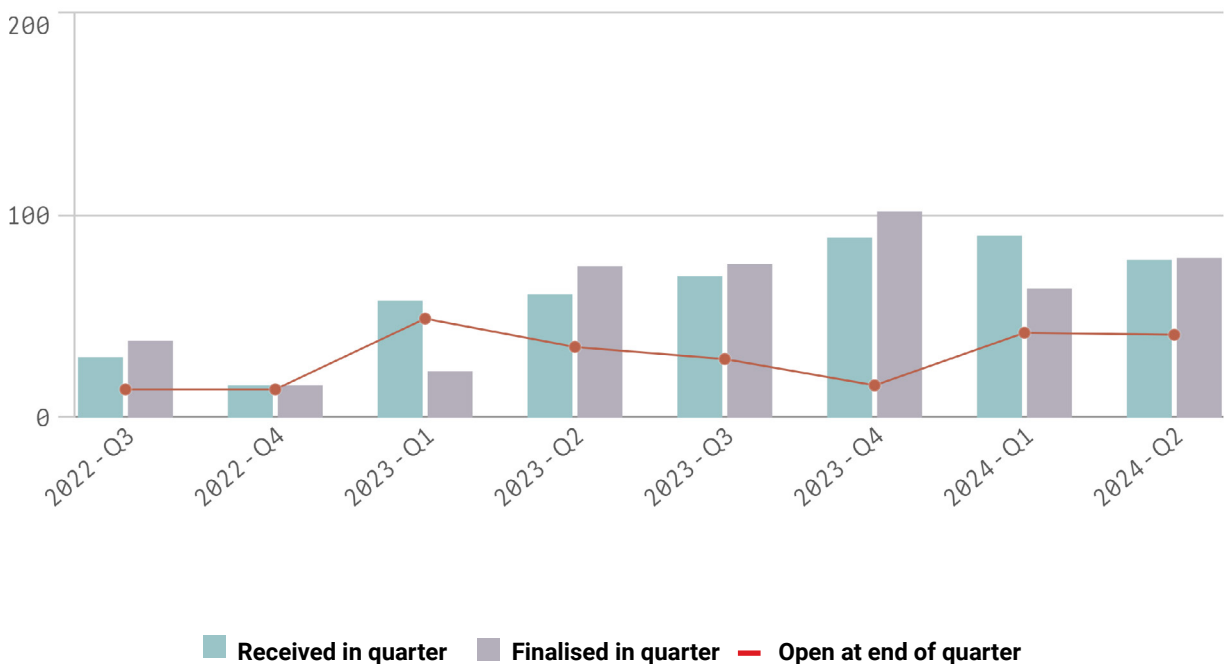
Average **29** days total

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■ DEMIRS Licensing ■ Proponent

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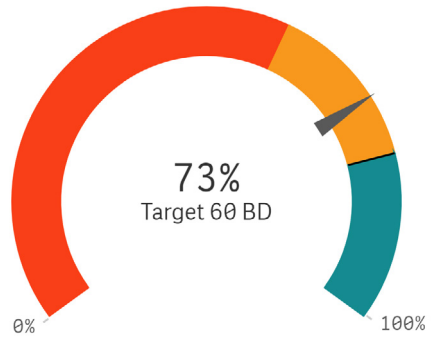
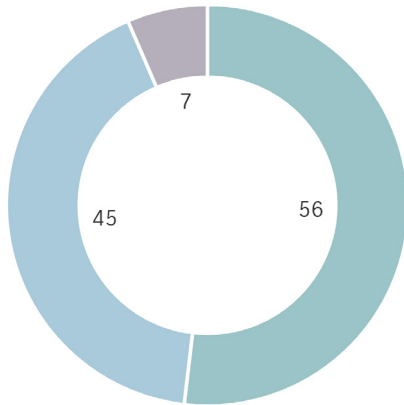


# WA Environmental Protection Act 1986 –

## Native vegetation clearing permits – By delegation from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

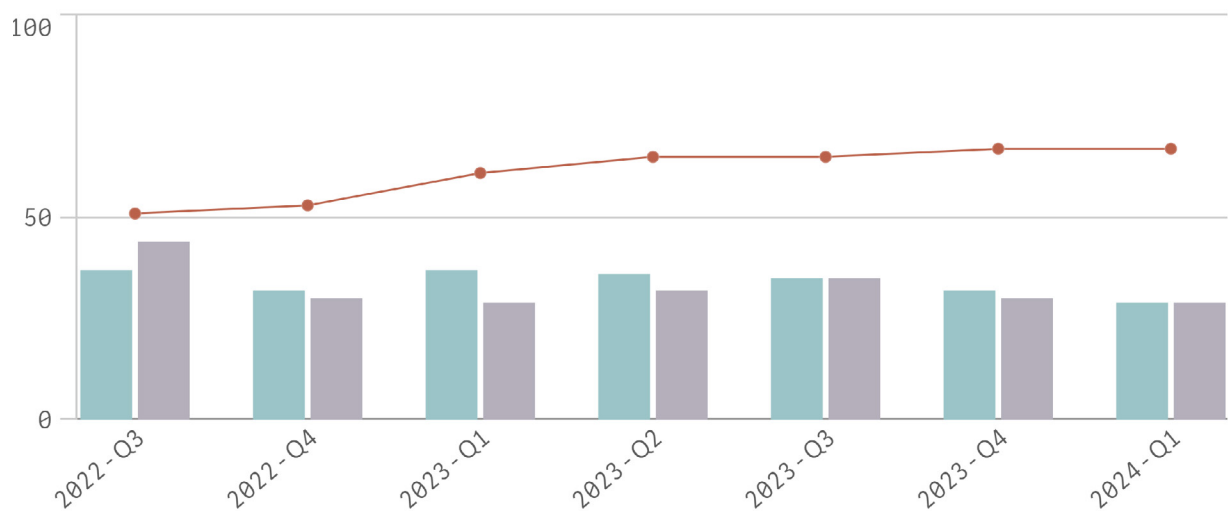
Average **108** days total

**% Finalised within target timeline**



■ DEMIRS Licensing ■ Proponent ■ Other Agencies

### Trends for received, finalised and open



■ Received in quarter ■ Finalised in quarter — Open at end of quarter

## Appendix – DEMIRS 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
Radiation Management Plan	30
Well Activities	21
Native Vegetation Clearing Permit	60

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