

DMPE approvals performance reporting (Mining and Petroleum)

June quarter 2026

Approval performance improved in the June quarter 2026, particularly across environmental approvals, while tenure assessments continued to perform strongly. Programme of Work (PoW) performance recovered significantly compared with performance in previous quarters, with 96 per cent of applications finalised within target timeframes. Mining Development and Closure Proposal (MDCP) performance also improved as assessment processes matured following implementation of the new framework. Native Vegetation Clearing Permit (NVCP) performance remained below target but improved to 24 per cent, more than double the results achieved in the September and December quarters 2025, alongside continued reductions in assessment backlogs.

Tenure application performance remained consistently strong throughout the reporting period and in the June quarter. Exploration Licences achieved 97 per cent of assessments within approved timeframes, Prospecting Licences 98 per cent, Mining Leases 97 per cent, Miscellaneous Licences and other tenure applications 96 per cent, and Petroleum Tenure applications 89 per cent. These results demonstrate DMPE's ability to maintain timely regulatory decision-making and support investment certainty across the resources sector.

While environmental approval performance for 2025–26 was affected by increased application volumes, implementation of the MDCP framework, resource constraints and increasing assessment complexity, the June quarter results indicate that assessment timeliness and backlog management are improving. Strong gains in PoW performance, improving MDCP assessment outcomes and continued progress in reducing NVCP backlogs demonstrate the effectiveness of actions implemented throughout the year. At the same time, tenure application categories continued to exceed target timeframes, highlighting DMPE's ability to maintain strong regulatory service delivery while responding to changing operational and regulatory demands.

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Director General

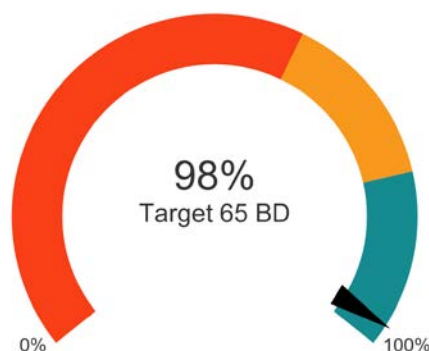
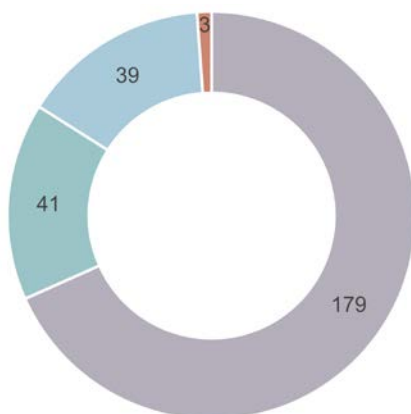
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Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Prospecting licence

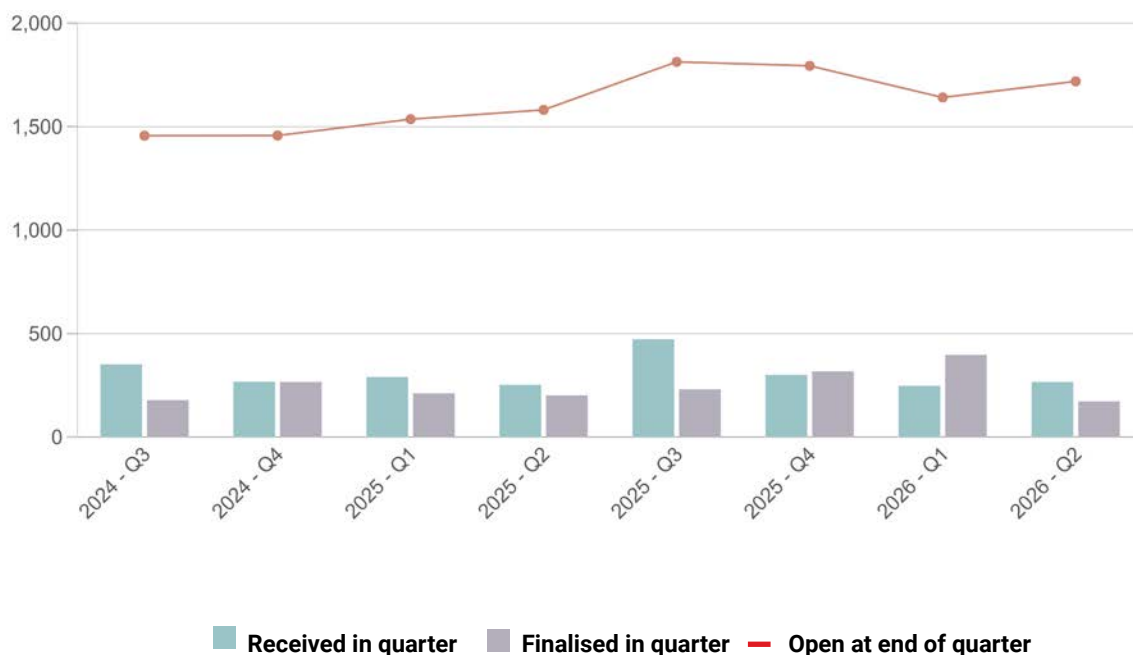
Average **262** days total

Per cent finalised within target timeline



DMPE Proponent Other agencies
Parallel processing

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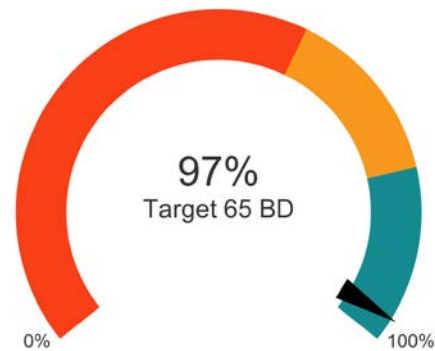
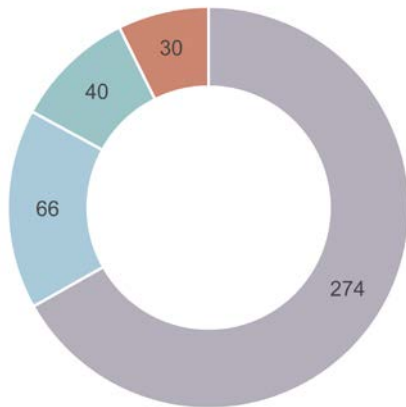


Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Exploration licence

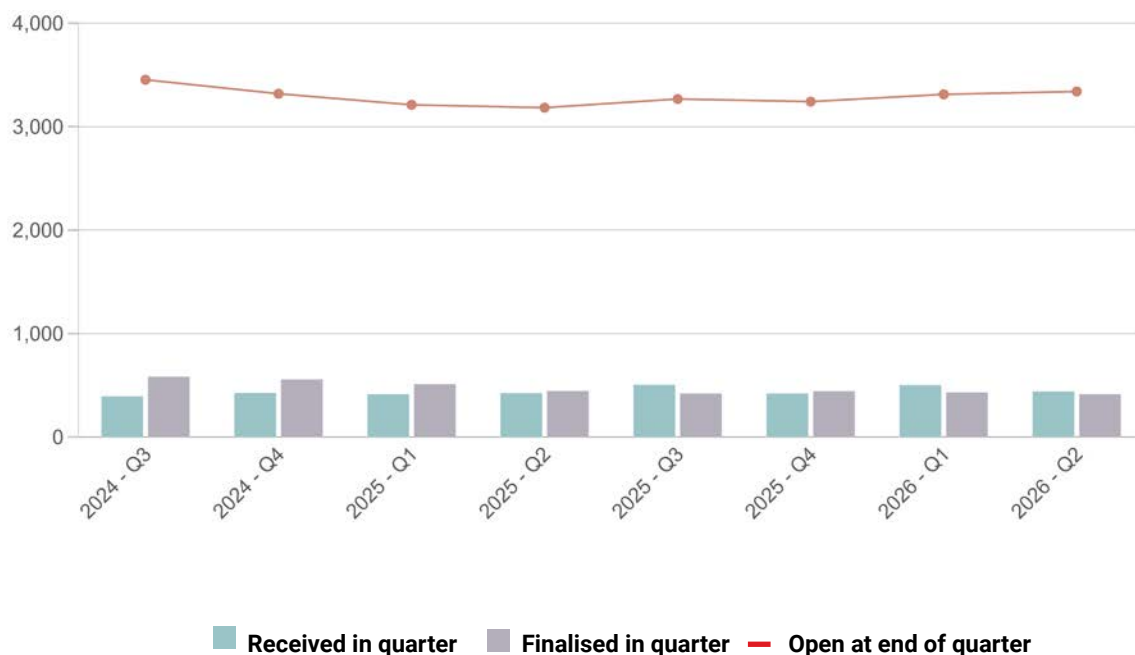
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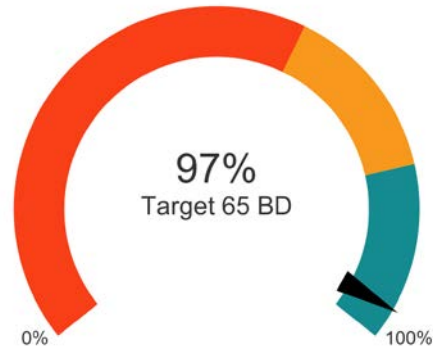
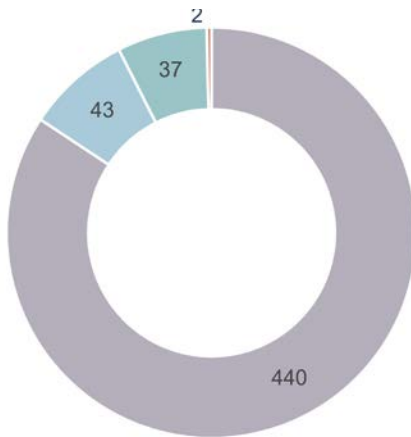


Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Mining lease

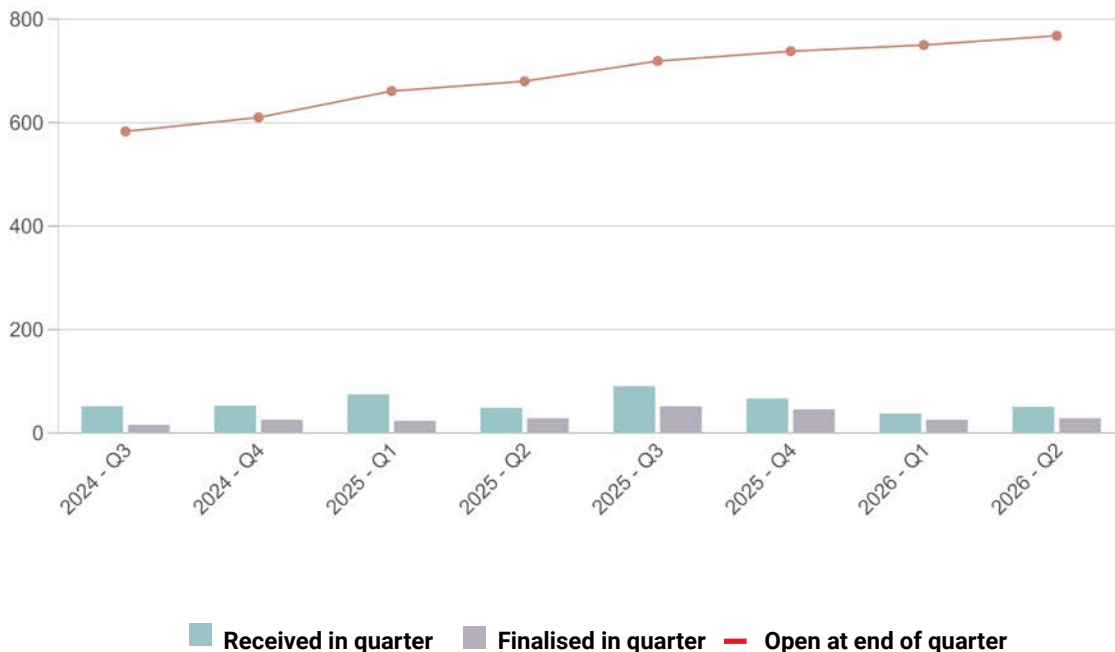
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Per cent finalised within target timeline



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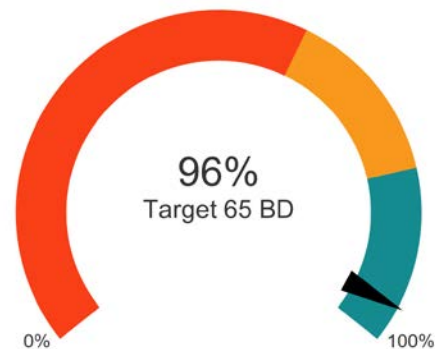
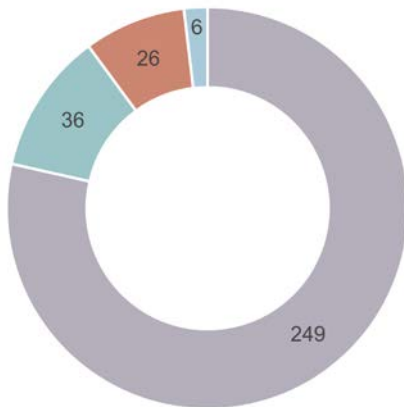


Mining Act 1978 – Mineral tenure applications

Miscellaneous licence and other tenure

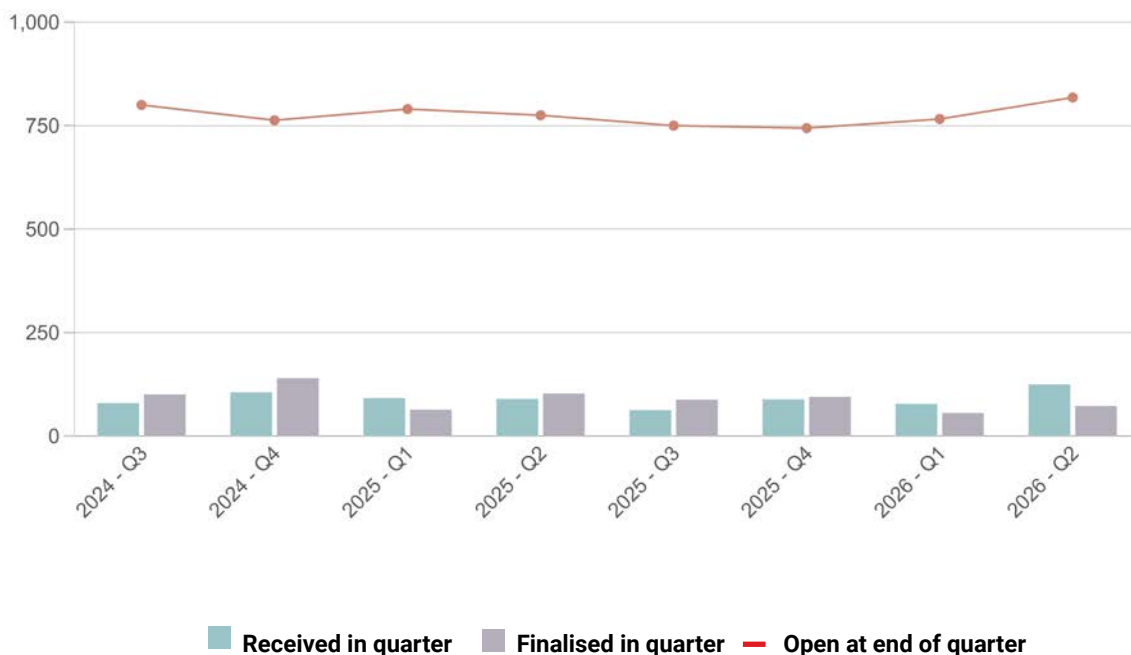
Average **317** days total

Per cent finalised within target timeline



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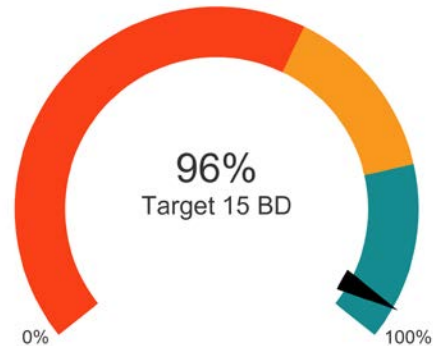


Mining Act 1978 – Environmental applications

Programme of Work

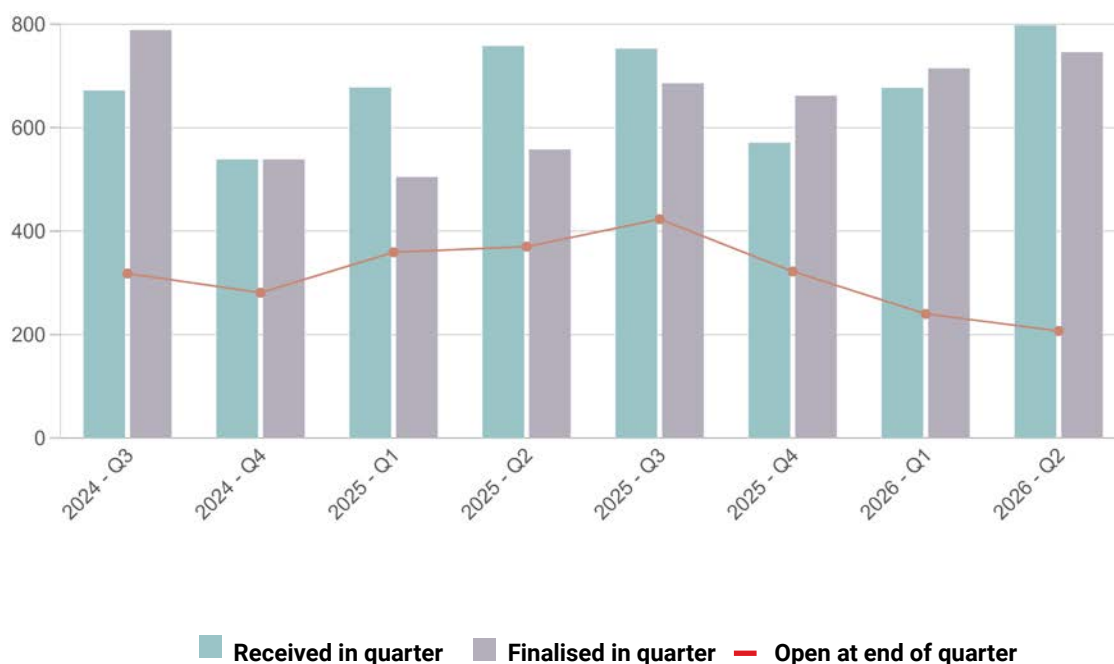
Average **18** days total

Per cent finalised within target timeline



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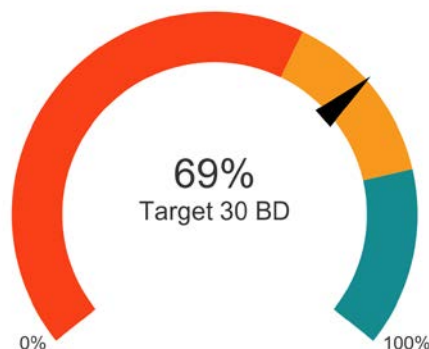
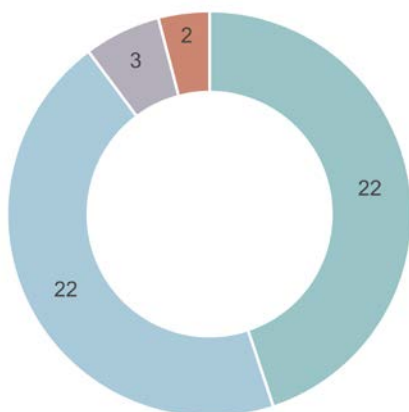


Mining Act 1978 - Environmental applications

Mining Development and Closure Proposal

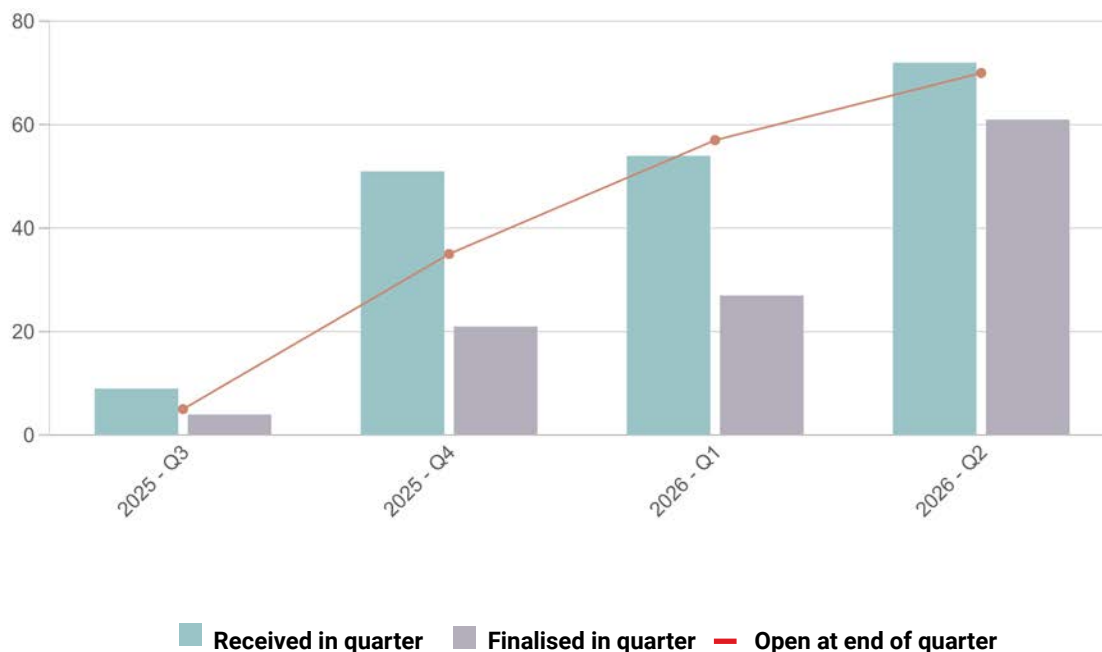
Average **49** days total

Per cent finalised within target timeline



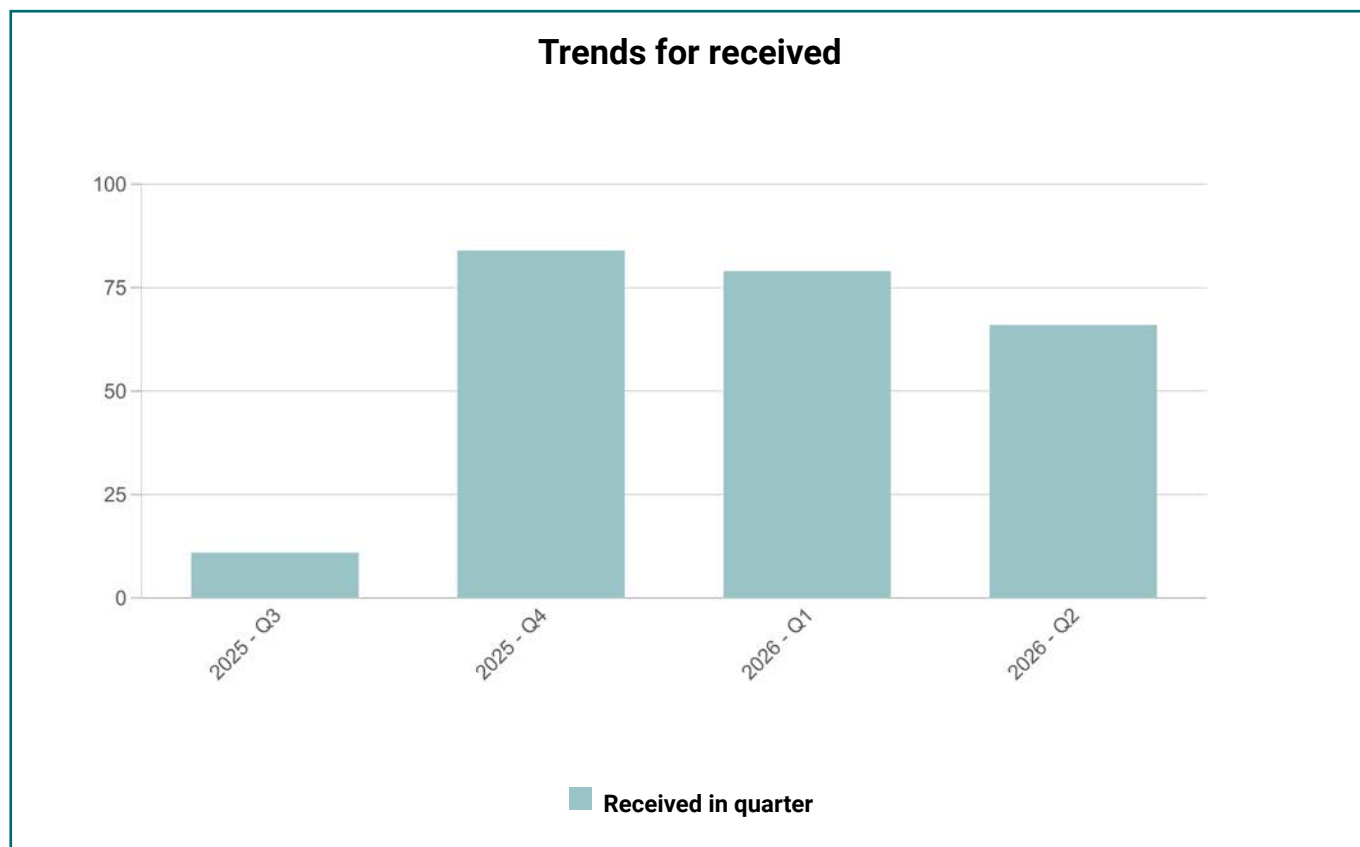
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Mining Act 1978 - Environmental applications

Eligible mining activity

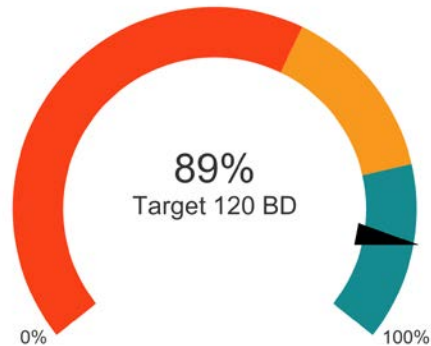
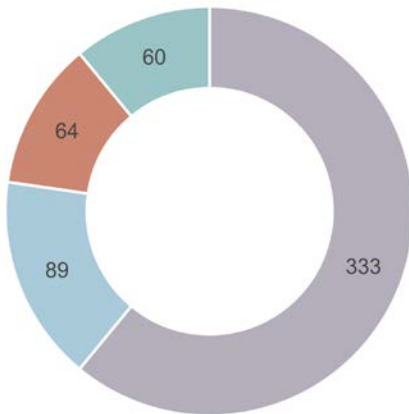


WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum tenure

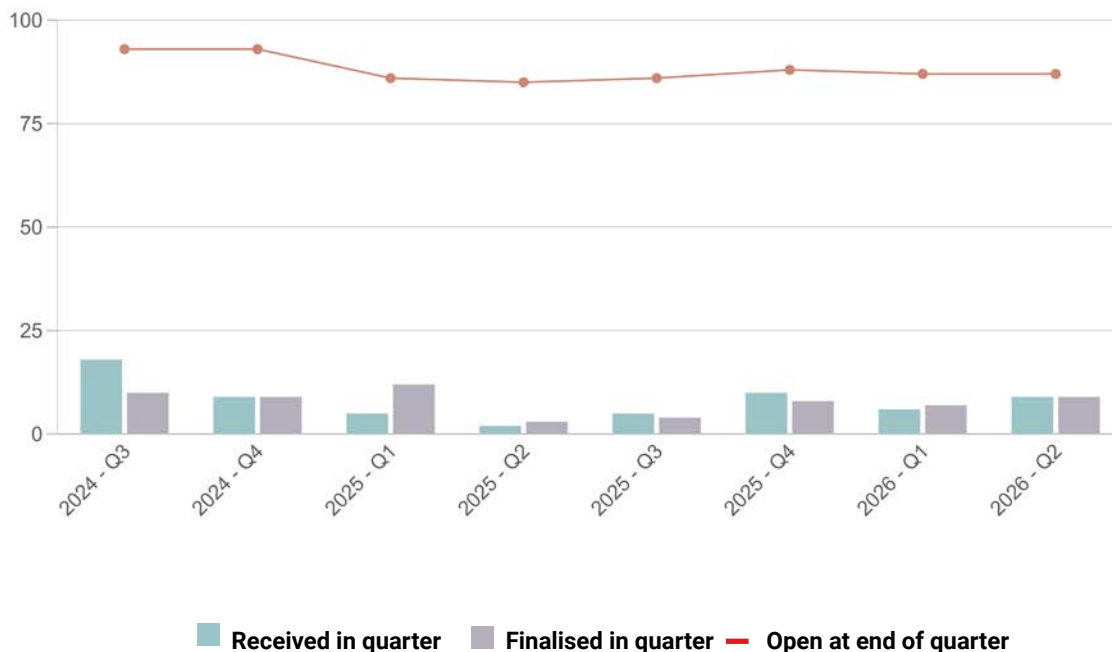
Average **546** days total

Per cent finalised within target timeline



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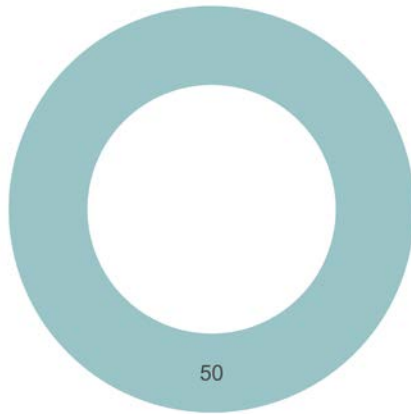
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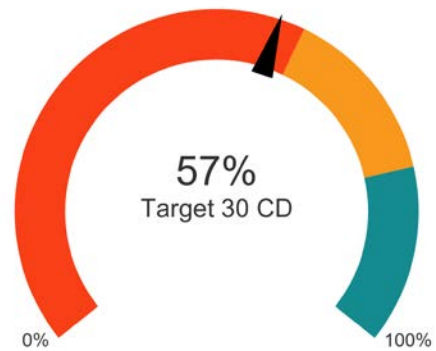
WA Petroleum Legislation

Petroleum environment plans

Average **50** days total

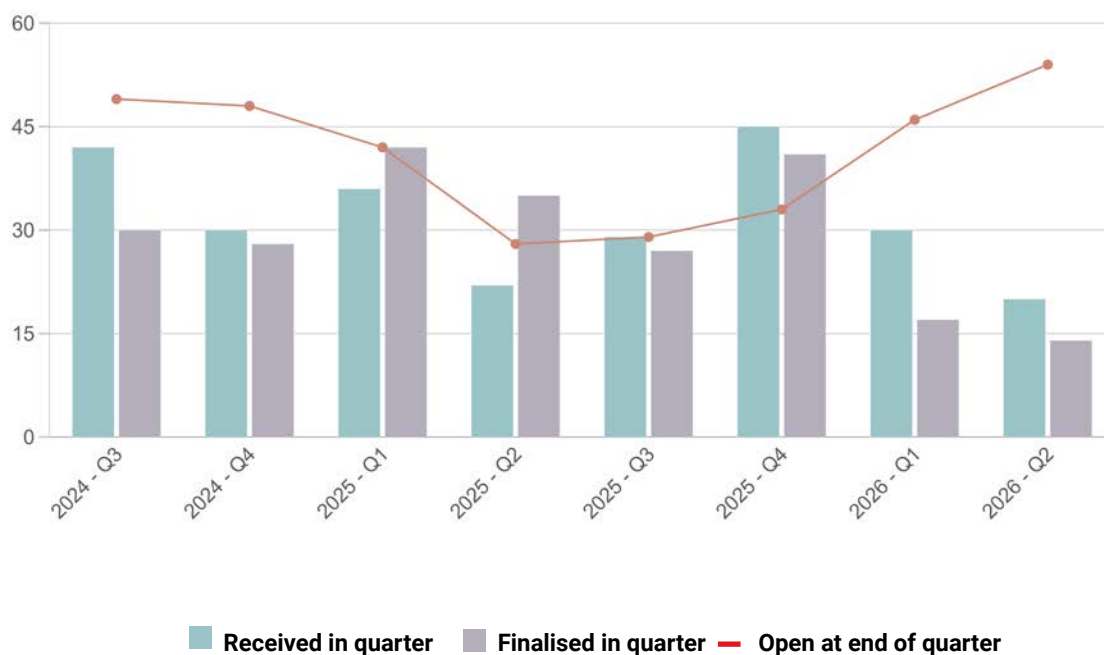


Per cent finalised within target timeline



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Trends for received, finalised and open

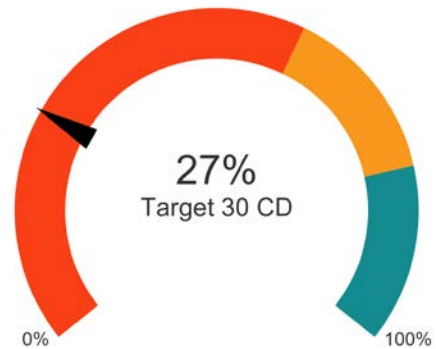
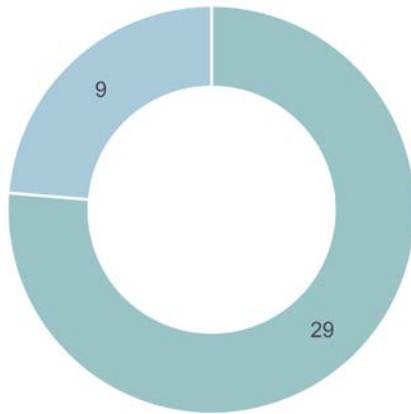


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Well activities

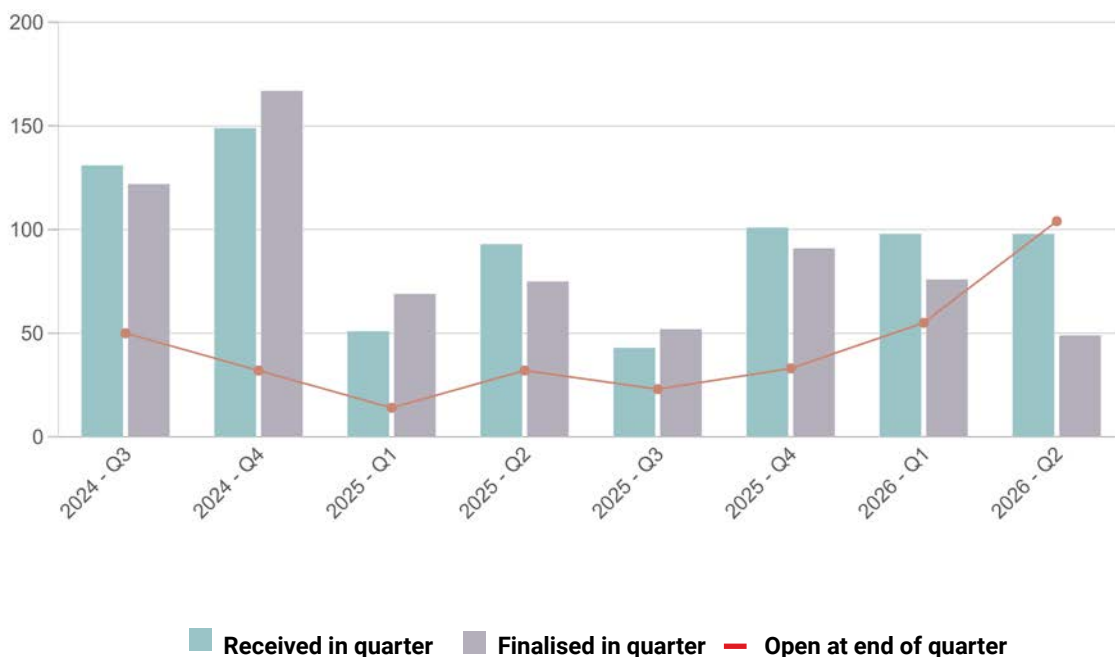
Average **38** days total

Per cent finalised within target timeline



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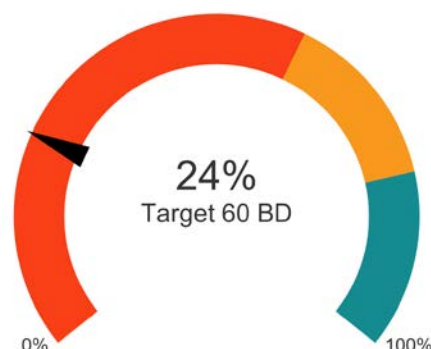
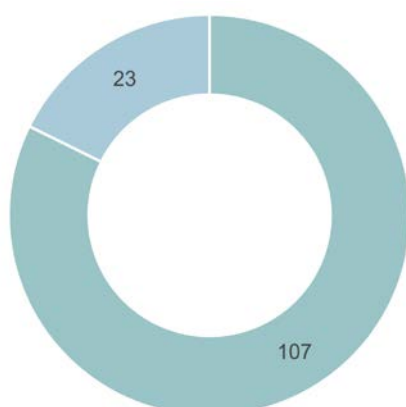


WA Environmental Protection Act 1986

Native vegetation clearing permits

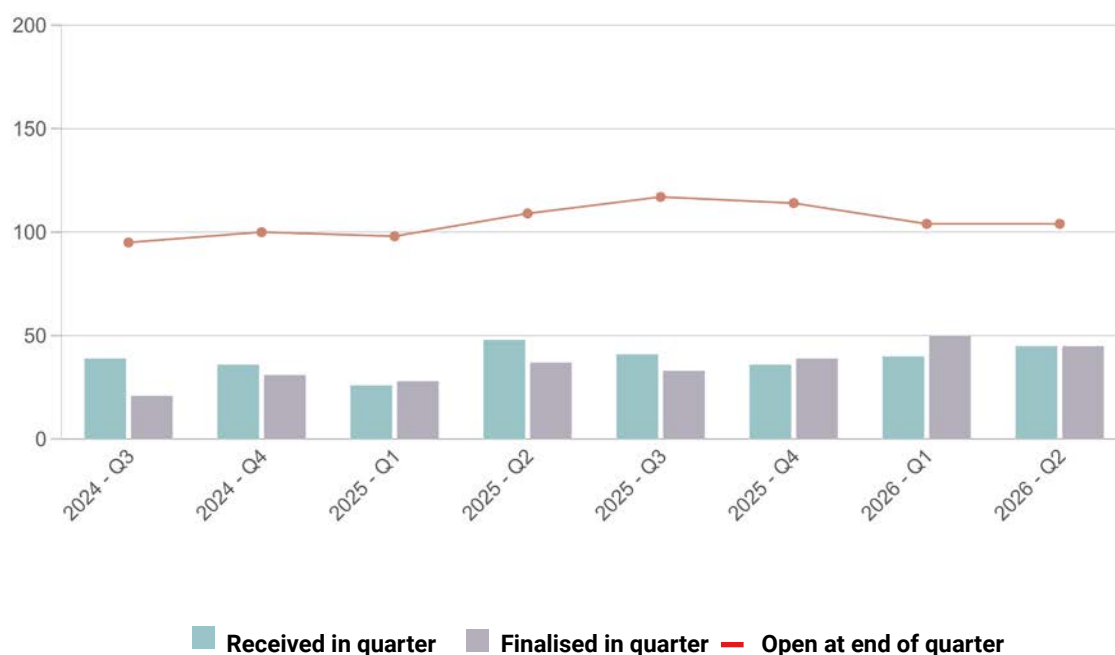
Average **130** days total

Per cent finalised within target timeline



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Trends for received, finalised and open



Appendix – DMPE target timeline information

Key approval processes	Target timeline (business days)
Mining Tenure	65
Petroleum Tenure	120
Petroleum Environment Plan	21
Mining Development and Closure Proposal	30
Programme of Works	15
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).