



**NSW
Resources
Regulator**

Business activities overview

1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020



2019-20 activities overview

This annual business activities overview shows key compliance and enforcement activities undertaken by the NSW Resources Regulator across NSW's mining sector. It profiles regulatory activities we performed under work health and safety and Mining Act legislation.

Key safety activities

We are the **state's work health and safety regulator for mines and petroleum sites.**

7,749

Active mines (FY 2019-2020)

The NSW Resources Regulator regulates safety activities in the following industry sectors



122

COAL MINES



39

LARGE MINES
metalliferous and
large quarries



2,671

SMALL MINES
metalliferous,
small quarries &
other gemstones



194

PETROLEUM &
GEOTHERMAL
SITES
including
exploration



3,944

OPAL MINES



779

EXPLORATION
SITES
excluding
petroleum and
geothermal

1 Work-related death

2 Non-work related deaths

432 Dangerous incident

1,432 High potential

2,120*

**Safety Incident
Notifications
received**

Serious
injury or illness **91**

Medical treatment
injury or illness **157**

Explosives Reg
notifications **5**

* by requirement to report as notified by mines.
The actual number of incidents, injuries and illnesses recorded may differ from original incident notifications following assessment of the notified event.

238



**Safety compliance
concern** allegations
received

191



**Safety compliance
concern** potential
breaches alleged

63



**Safety compliance
concern** breaches
sustained

1,542

**Other safety
notifications and
requests for service**
received

610

**Safety
Competence
certificates**
granted

1,153

**Safety mining
authorisations
applications**
granted

133

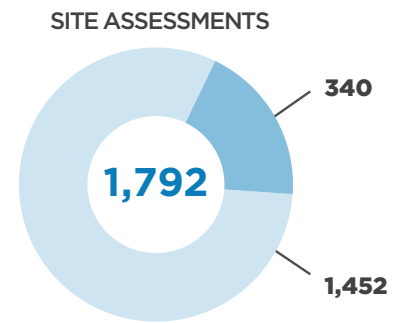
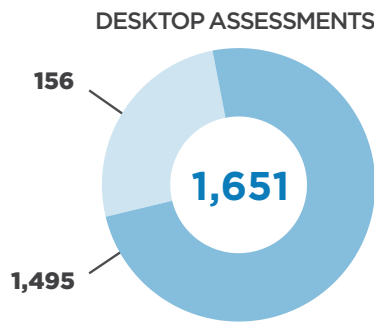
**Safety high
risk activity
applications**
received

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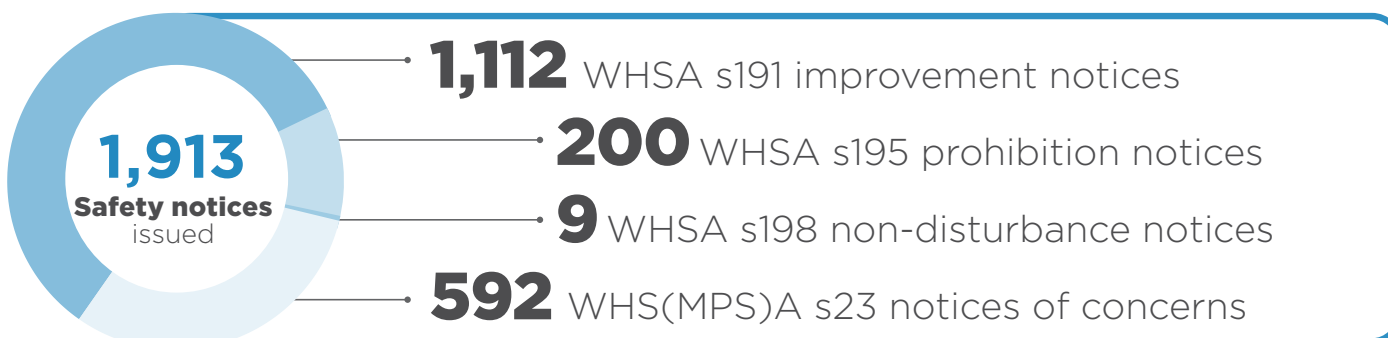
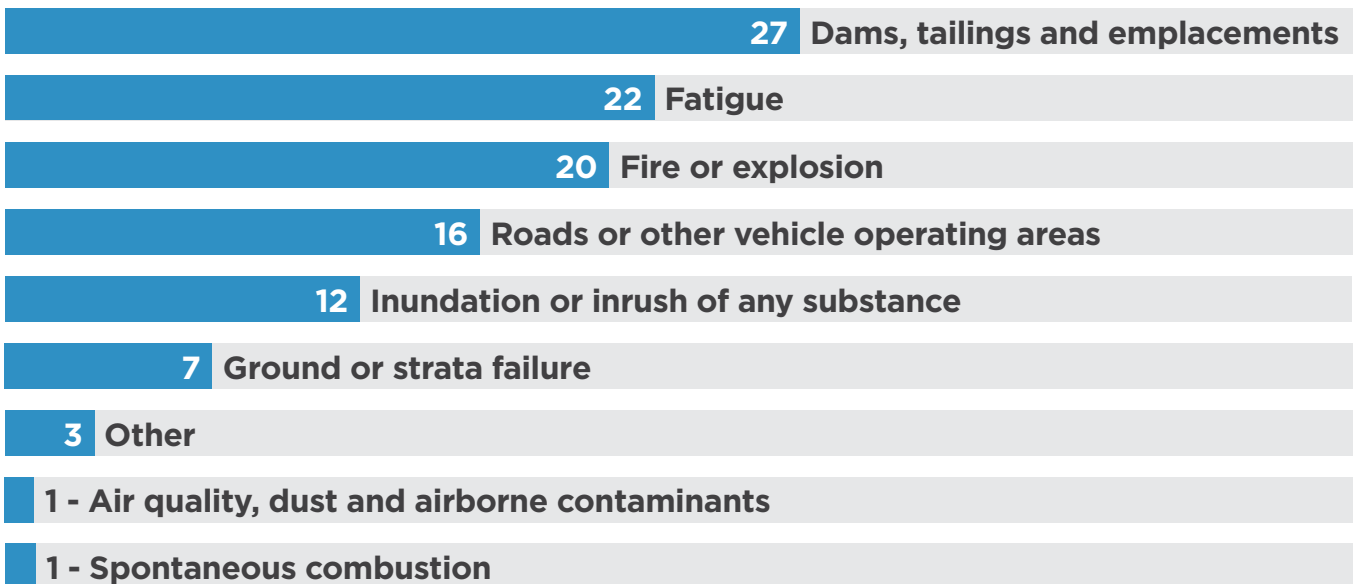
3,443

Safety Assessments conducted

- Proactive
- Reactive



109 Targeted safety site assessments commenced



Causal safety investigations completed

Workers evacuated after gas levels rise ([IIR19-02](#))

Collision between semi-autonomous dozer and manned excavator ([IIR19-04](#))

Worker injured by pin ejecting under pressure ([IIR19-09](#))

2019-20 activities overview

Key Mining Act activities

We conduct compliance and enforcement activities under the *Mining Act*, with a focus on **mine rehabilitation**.

2,011 current mining titles (as at 30/6/2020)



566
COAL



1,445
MINERALS

Source: Titles Administrations System (TAS) generated 30/6/2020. Petroleum titles excluded.

3,358 current small scale titles (as at 30/6/2020)



3,204
LIGHTNING RIDGE



154
WHITE CLIFFS

Source: Opal Claims System (OCS) generated 30/6/2020

195



Mining Act compliance concern allegations received

387



Mining Act compliance concern potential breaches alleged

377



Mining Act compliance concern breaches sustained



377

Mining Act compliance breaches sustained by category

254 Breach of conditions

62 Late or unsatisfactory reporting

23 Late payments

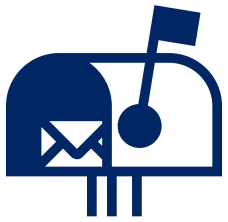
15 False or misleading information

9 - Failure to comply with notices, orders, directions or undertakings

4 - Unauthorised activity

10 - Other

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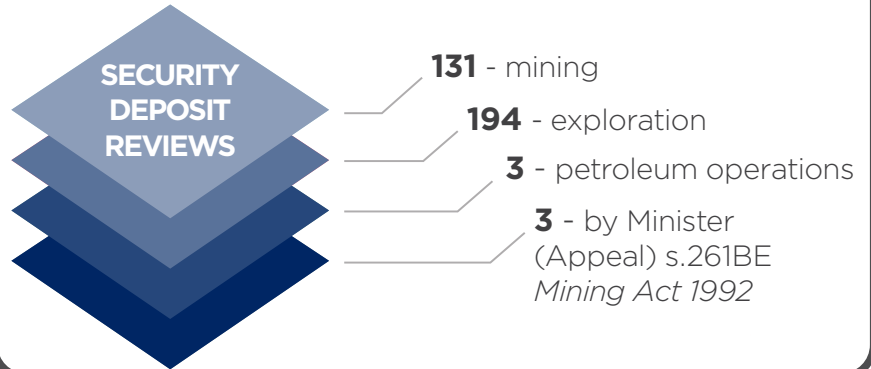


3,913

Mining Act requests for service actioned

331

Mine rehabilitation security deposit reviews conducted



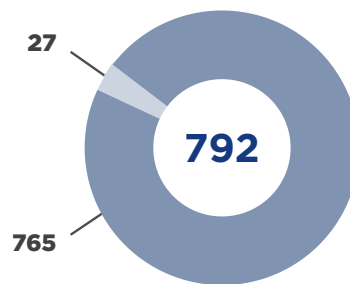
1,056

Mining Act assessments conducted

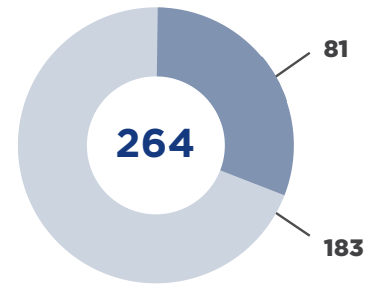
- Proactive
- Reactive



DESKTOP ASSESSMENTS



SITE ASSESSMENTS



62

Mining Act notices issued

- 1** Mining Act s240A prohibition notices
- 61** Mining Act s240 notices of directions

Rehabilitation Information Releases published

Whitehaven open cut coal mine ([IIR19-08](#))

Catherine Hill Bay Coal Prep Plant ([RIR20-02](#))

Castillo Copper exploration project ([IIR19-10](#))

Westside open cut coal mine ([RIR20-03](#))

Nymboida Clay Mine ([IIR19-12](#))

Fieldsend Clay Mine ([RIR20-04](#))

Kempspey Clay Mine ([RIR20-01](#))

Ulan Coal Mine ([RIR20-05](#))

Our enforcement actions

SAFETY

ISSUED

19

OFFICIAL
CAUTIONS

ISSUED

1

PENALTY
NOTICES

ACCEPTED

3

ENFORCEABLE
UNDERTAKINGS

- 2 enforceable undertakings rejected
- 5 enforceable undertakings notice of variations accepted
- 4 enforceable undertakings finalised

ISSUED

0

stop work
orders



3 prosecutions **commenced**

5 prosecutions **finalised**



MINING ACT

ISSUED

240

OFFICIAL
CAUTIONS

ISSUED

39

PENALTY
NOTICES

ACCEPTED

1

ENFORCEABLE
UNDERTAKINGS

ISSUED

2

suspension of
operations

ISSUED

3

cancellation
of titles



3 prosecutions **commenced**

3 prosecutions **finalised**



Engaging with industry



21

Safety alerts and
bulletins



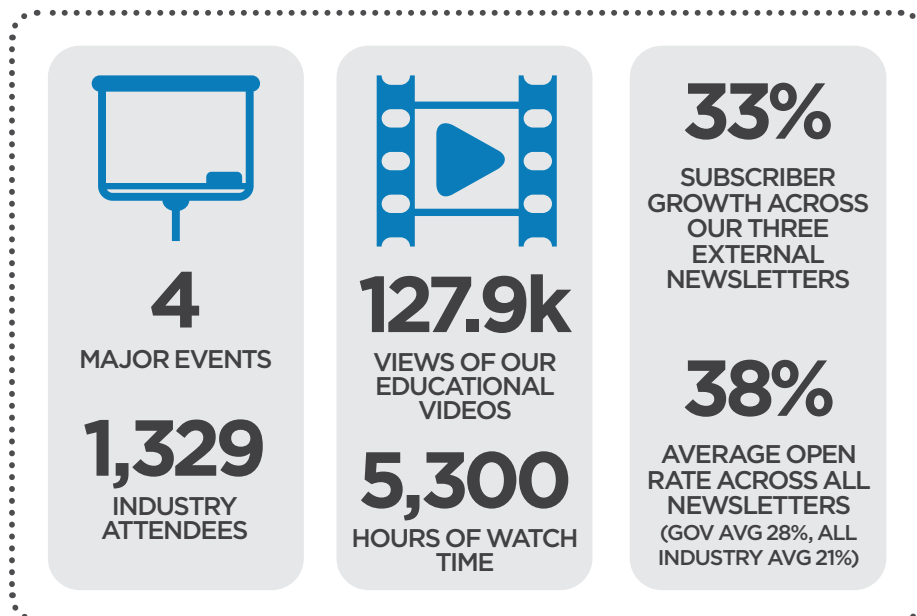
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Investigation
reports



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Information
releases

Engaging with industry

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