



**NSW
Resources
Regulator**

Business Activities Overview

2019



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This annual business activities overview shows key compliance and enforcement activities undertaken by the NSW Resources Regulator across NSW's mining and petroleum sectors. 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.**

7,711

Active mines (2019)

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



128

COAL MINES



38

LARGE MINES
metalliferous and
large quarries



2,695

SMALL MINES
metalliferous,
small quarries &
other gemstones



259

PETROLEUM &
GEOTHERMAL
including
exploration



3,811

OPAL MINES



780

EXPLORATION
excluding
Petroleum and
Geothermal

3 Death occurring at a workplace

490 Dangerous incident

1,378 High potential incident

2,123*

Safety Incident Notifications
received

Serious injury **85**

Medical treatment injury **158**

Explosives regulation **9**

* by requirement to report.

314



Safety compliance concern allegations received

336



Safety compliance concern potential breaches alleged

77



Safety compliance concern breaches sustained

1,875

Other safety notifications and requests for service received

1,504

Safety Competence certificates granted

1,060

Safety mining authorisations applications granted/approved

108

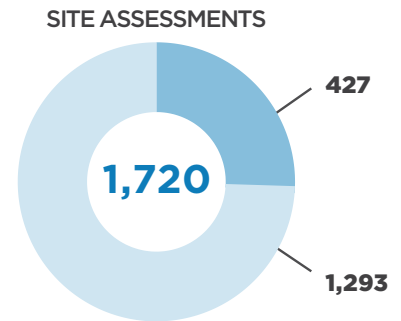
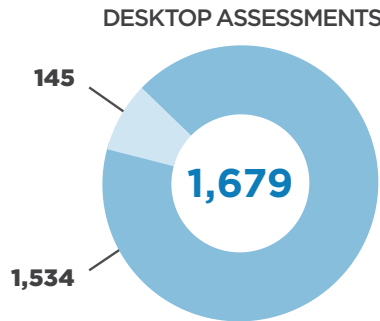
Safety high risk activity applications received

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3,399

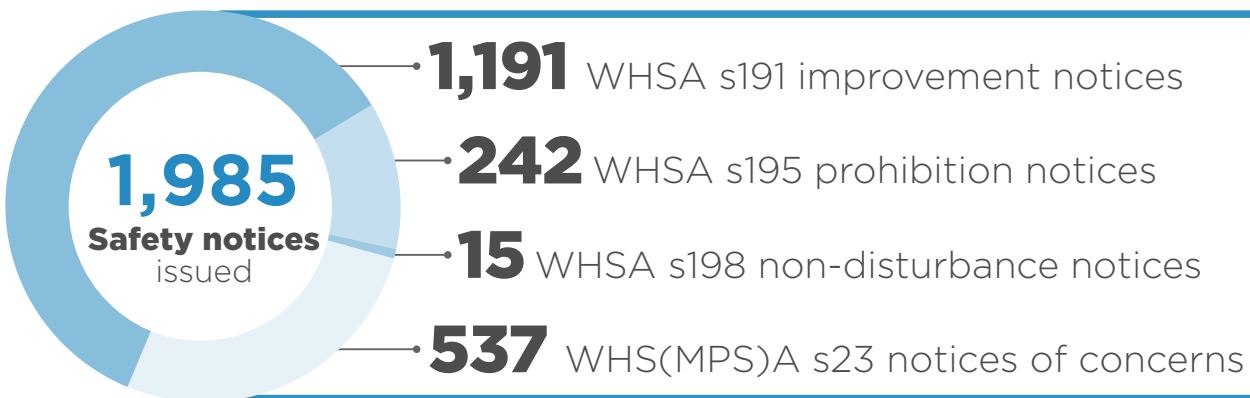
Safety Assessments
conducted

- Proactive
- Reactive



81 Targeted safety site assessments commenced

24	Fatigue
11	Dams, tailings, emplacements
11	Roads or other vehicle operating areas
10	Inundation or inrush of any substance
9	Air quality or dust or other airborne contaminants
9	Fire or explosion
7	Ground or strata failure



3 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](#))

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Key Mining Act activities

We are the state's **Mining Act regulator** for mining titles and small scale titles with a focus on **mine rehabilitation**.

1,998 current mining titles
(as of end Dec 2019)



564

COAL MINES



1,414

MINERALS



20

PETROLEUM

Source: Titles Administration System (TAS) generated 31/12/2019

3,354 current small scale titles
(as of end Dec 2019)



3,199

LIGHTNING RIDGE



155

WHITE CLIFFS

Source: Opal Claims System (OCS) generated 31/12/2019

323



Mining Act compliance concern allegations received

723



Mining Act compliance concern potential breaches alleged

292



Mining Act compliance concern breaches sustained



292

Mining Act compliance breaches sustained by category

119 Breach of conditions

82 Late or unsatisfactory reporting

46 Late payments

21 False or misleading information

14 Failure to comply with notices, orders, directions or undertakings

9 Unauthorised activity

1 - Failure to comply with general duties

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3,090

Mining Act requests for service actioned

240

Mine rehabilitation security deposit reviews conducted



136 - exploration

98 - mining

4 - petroleum operations

2 - by Minister (Appeal) s.261BE Mining Act 1992

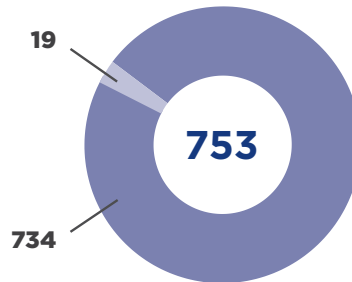
1,196

Mining Act assessments conducted

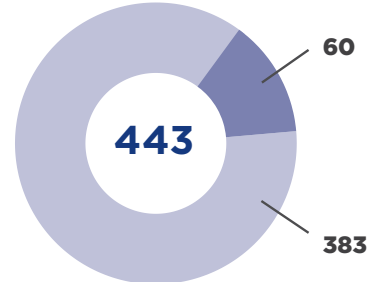
- Proactive
- Reactive



DESKTOP ASSESSMENTS



SITE ASSESSMENTS



60

Mining Act notices issued

1 Mining Act s240A prohibition notice

59 Mining Act s240 notices of directions

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Our enforcement actions

SAFETY

ISSUED

13

OFFICIAL CAUTIONS

ISSUED

2

PENALTY NOTICES

ACCEPTED

2

ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKINGS

MINING ACT

ISSUED

166

OFFICIAL CAUTIONS

ISSUED

52

PENALTY NOTICES

ACCEPTED

2

ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKINGS

ISSUED

2

stop work orders



ISSUED

3

SUSPENSION OF MINING OPERATIONS

ISSUED

1

CANCELLATION OF SMALL SCALE TITLE

4 prosecutions **commenced**

5 prosecutions **finalised**

6 prosecutions **commenced**

6 prosecutions **finalised**

Engaging with industry



conducted more than

115

workshops and education sessions



5

MAJOR EVENTS

MORE THAN

1,300

INDUSTRY ATTENDEES



92,342

VIEWS OF OUR EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

11.4%

SUBSCRIBER GROWTH FOR MINE SAFETY NEWS, OUR EXTERNAL FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

29%

INCREASE IN OPEN RATE FOR THE SAME PUBLICATION

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SAFETY ALERTS
AND BULLETINS



15

INVESTIGATION
REPORTS



16

INFORMATION
RELEASES

For further information regarding these activities please see [December 2019 Activities Report](#).

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