

# Exploration Licences

## Reporting period Q3: 1 January to 31 March 2023

Mineral Titles Unit is responsible for progressing exploration licence (EL) applications towards grant. Most applications are subject to either the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (NTA) or the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976* (Cth) (ALRA).

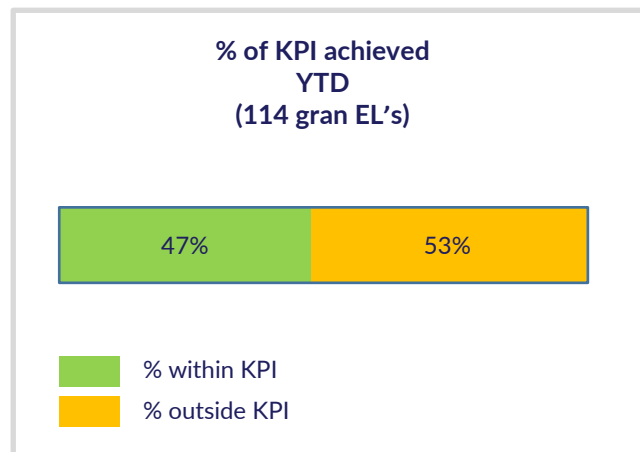
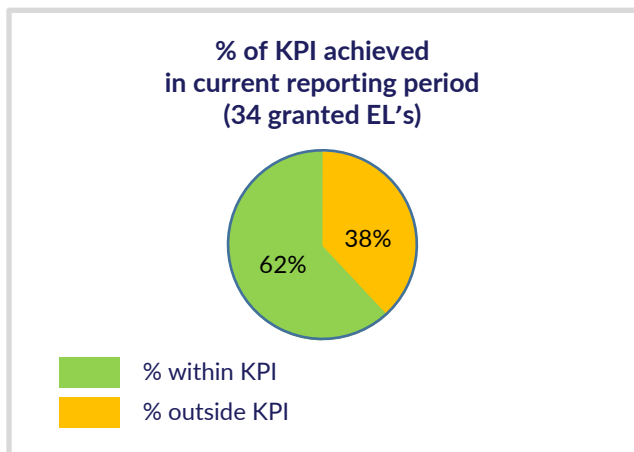
To increase transparency around decision timeframes, quarterly reports are made available showing timeframes to achieve a valid grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* (MTA), after satisfying the requirements of this Act and relevant Commonwealth legislation.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) relate to EL's granted on native title affected land only.

## Key Performance Indicator Results

**KPI: 85% of EL's granted on native title affected land within 9 months of application**

Reported numbers are determined based on the grant date falling within the reporting period.



Comment:

- KPI continues to be impacted by lodgement of NTA objections to the use of the expedited procedure
- KPI impacted to lesser extent by increased landowner objections and extensions to statutory timeframes requested by various applicants

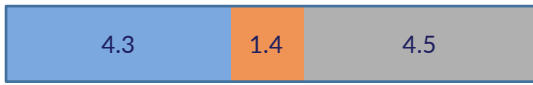
## Application grant process timeframes for reporting period

Timeframes include all statutory requirements under the MTA and either the NTA or ALRA and include weekends and public holidays.

A total of 35 ELs were granted during the reporting period:

- 34 were on Native Title affected land. Average time to grant was 10.2 months
- 0 were on Aboriginal Freehold

Average time (months) to grant EL's on Native Title affected land



- Department
- Applicant
- NTA

Ave time (months) to grant EL's on Aboriginal Freehold land



- Department
- Applicant
- ALRA