Woomera Prohibited Area Advisory Board Dashboard Report – April 2022 to September 2022

Key insights

In Review: April 2022 to September 2022

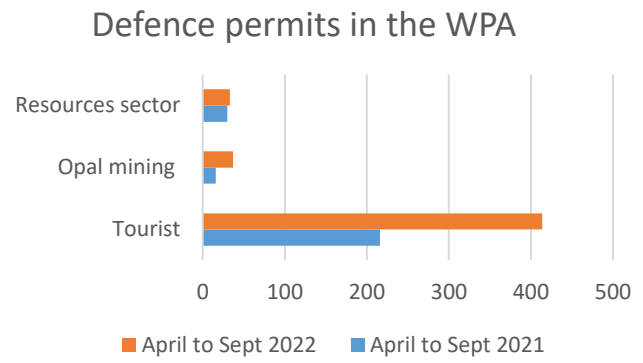
- ✓ A trial was undertaken to understand technology use in the WPA to support Recommendation 3 of the **2018 WPA Review.**
- ✓ **Case Management** meetings were held August to October 2022 for the Annual Health Check.
- ✓ The **WPA Advisory Board Annual Report 2021 – 2022** will be provided to the Board for consideration during the November Board meeting.
- ✓ Record rainfall in Jan and October 2022 continues to trigger wide spread **flooding in central SA**.
- ✓ **Increased serious crime** rates reported in the WPA by mining companies and pastoralists, as motorcycle gangs are transiting the area and stealing equipment.
- ✓ The **WPA Heritage Management** Plan was finalised in July 2022 and provides policies and processes for the protection of historic, Aboriginal and natural heritage values.
- ✓ **Marmota Ltd's** Aurora Tank drilling program continues to yield multiple gold intersections.
- ✓ Four new projects were **awarded for Accelerated Discovery Initiative** Round 3;
  - ✓ Indiana Resources Limited – VMS Potential of the Harris Greenstone Domain.
  - ✓ Petratherm Limited – EM Surveying for BHT and ISCG deposits.
  - ✓ Roma Resources SA Pty Ltd – Tarcoola corridor 2D seismic survey;
  - ✓ Roma Resources SA Pty Ltd – Tarcoola corridor drill test validation of GPR trial output data.
- ✓ SA Governments' **Gawler Phase 2** on-ground work commenced with heritage survey clearances and geophysics surveys to be completed by early 2023.
- ✓ **OZ Minerals rejected BHP's offer** of $25 per share in cash for all of OZ Minerals issued share capital.

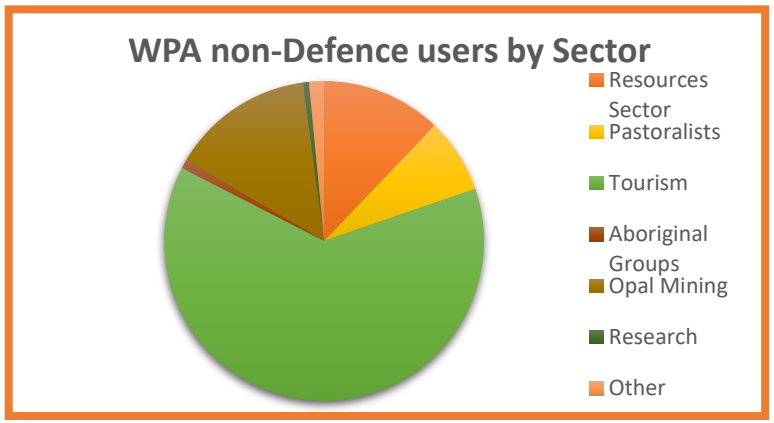
10% increase in royalties with

$58m

received by SA government in the financial year ending in June 2022

Previously reported per calendar year





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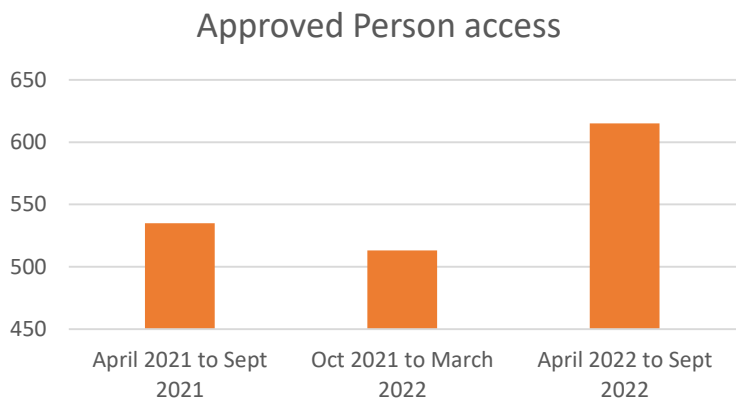
Active SA Government exploration licences as at 30 September

Defence trials

Planned – 66 days

Actual – 42 days

Revoked – 24 days



Performance Indicators

- ✓ Defence processed **615 Approved Person applications** within the processing timeframe of up to 20 business days, an incline since the SA floods.
- ✓ Defence processed **2 new exploration permits.** This was a decrease compared to the previous period.
- ✓ **414 Tourist permits** were issued, an incline due to lifted COVID-19 restrictions and improved weather conditions.
- ✓ Data collected during **Case Management** meetings indicated that 20 exploration permit holders were highly satisfied with Defences communication when seeking support and access into the WPA.
  - ✓ The 20 exploration permit holders that participated in Case Management meetings reported that urgent request for access under approved and escorted personnel were promptly addressed by Defence.
  - ✓ A number of exploration permit holders suggested streamlining WPA forms of access for easier management when engaging with contractors.
- ✓ **37 permits** were issued under the streamlined Opal mining permit system.

Defence use of the WPA

- ✓ Three **exclusion periods** were revoked in this reporting period.
- ✓ Exclusion periods for FY 2022-2023 have been promulgated.
- ✓ Zero compensation claims from pastoralists for loss of damage.