Woomera Prohibited Area Advisory Board Dashboard Report – October 2024 to March 2025

Key Insights

- Project planning continued for works to clean up scrap metal at Emu Field. Works are expected to occur between March and October 2025.
- On 31 January 2025, Central Iron Pty Ltd lodged the applications for a Mining Lease (ML) and Miscellaneous Purposes Licence (MPL) for the Hawks Nest magnetite project. Hawks Nests boasts some of the highest-grade magnetite in South Australia.
- In January 2025 Marmota announced via the ASX that they had confirmed a high-value titanium discovery at Muckanippie, located in the northern part of the Gawler Craton.
- In January 2025 Petratherm announced via the ASX that they had confirmed a pure high-value titanium mineral assemblage at their Rosewood Prospect. This outcome represents a significant step forward for the Muckanippie Titanium Project.
- In January 2025:
  - AVM Nicholas Hogan commenced as Head of Air Capabilities.
  - AIRCDRE Grant Fifield commenced as Commander Air Warfare Centre.

Royalties of

$21.71m

received by SA Government from companies in the WPA

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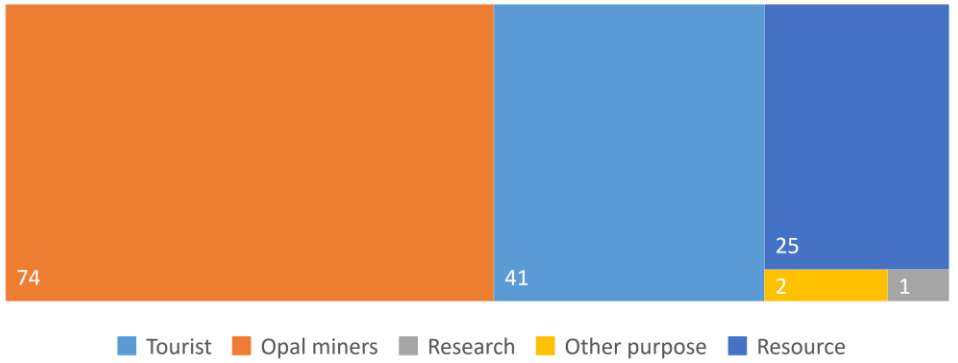
Active SA Government **exploration licences** and

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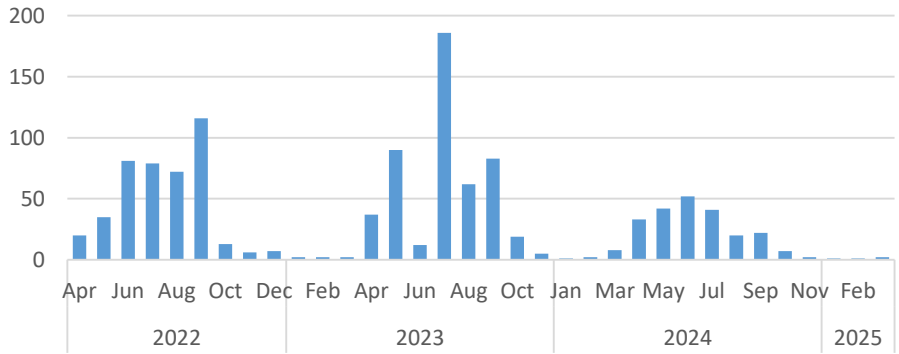
mineral production tenements

as at 31 March 2025

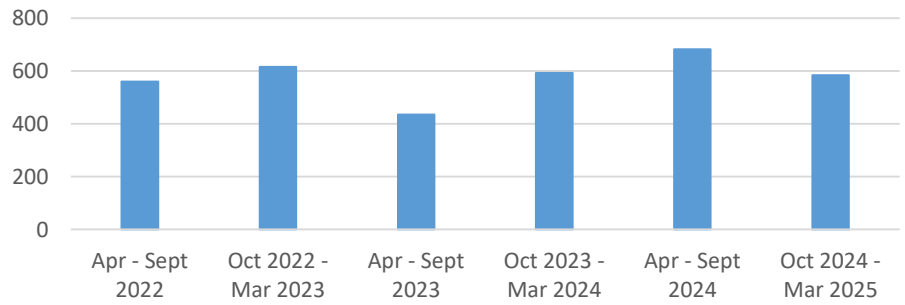
Permit holders as at 31 March 2025



Tourist access by year / month



Approved person applications



417*

Defence trial days

01 October 2024 to 31 March 2025

*achieved through the concurrent conduct of trials

Performance Indicators

- **579 A**pproved Person applications processed
  - This is a **16%** decrease from the last reporting period.
- **70** Tourist permits issued covering **81** individuals.
- **34** Minister's Permissions issued:
  - 5 issued by WPACO,
  - 29 issued by the WTR.
- **74 O**pal mining permits issued.
- **44** Applications requesting access to tenements or areas within the WPA processed.
- **1 Other purpose** permit granted.

Defence Use of the WPA

- Testing and evaluation included:
  - Trial Wanderer (Uncrewed Aerial Systems [UAS]) and Trial Kareela (MQ-28A Ghost Bat),
  - Trial Hailstone and FPV (UAS mounted test vehicles) supported the execution of multi variant UAS Flight Tests,
  - Raven Shot (GPS based testing), Integrated Woomera Test Range System (WTRS) acceptance and DRONE support.
- Raytheon Australia conducted acceptance and integration testing on new Long Range Deployable Telemetry and Flight Termination Systems-to ensure compatibility with existing WTRS architecture. Initial Operational Test and Evaluation is scheduled for May 2025.

Woomera Prohibited Area Rule Review

- Ms Rebecca Skinner provided interim findings and recommendations to the Deputy Prime Minister in December 2024.
- The final report, with further recommendations for updating coexistence, was delivered to Government on 28 March 2025.