



**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
incident

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

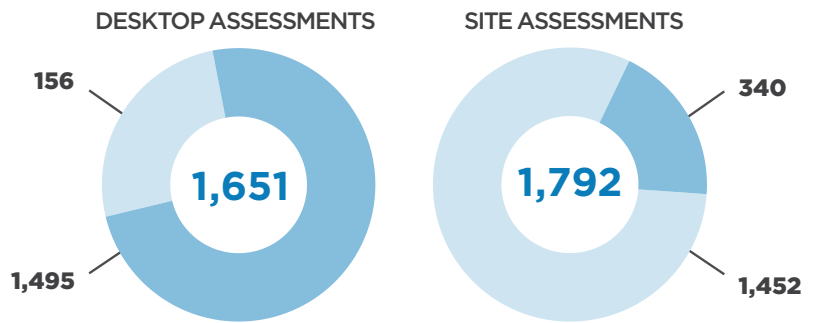
**Safety high
risk activity
applications**
received

2019-20 activities overview

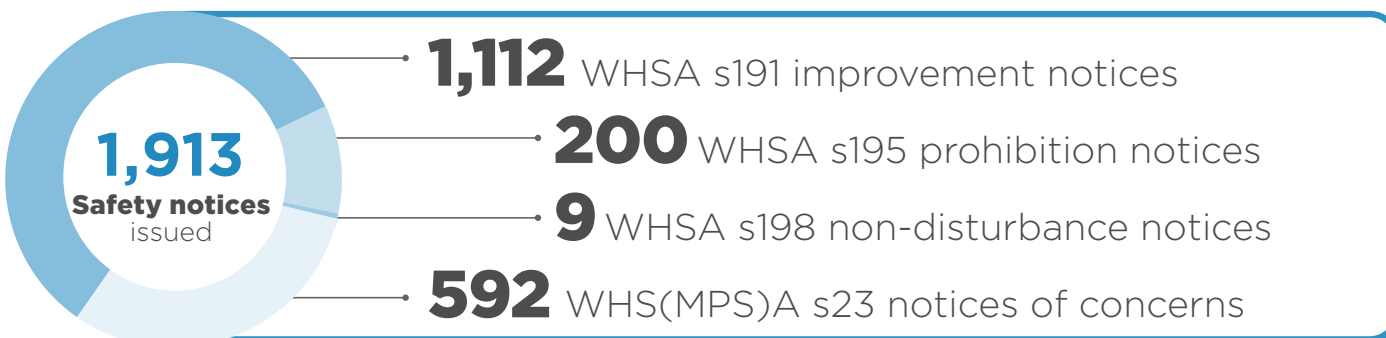
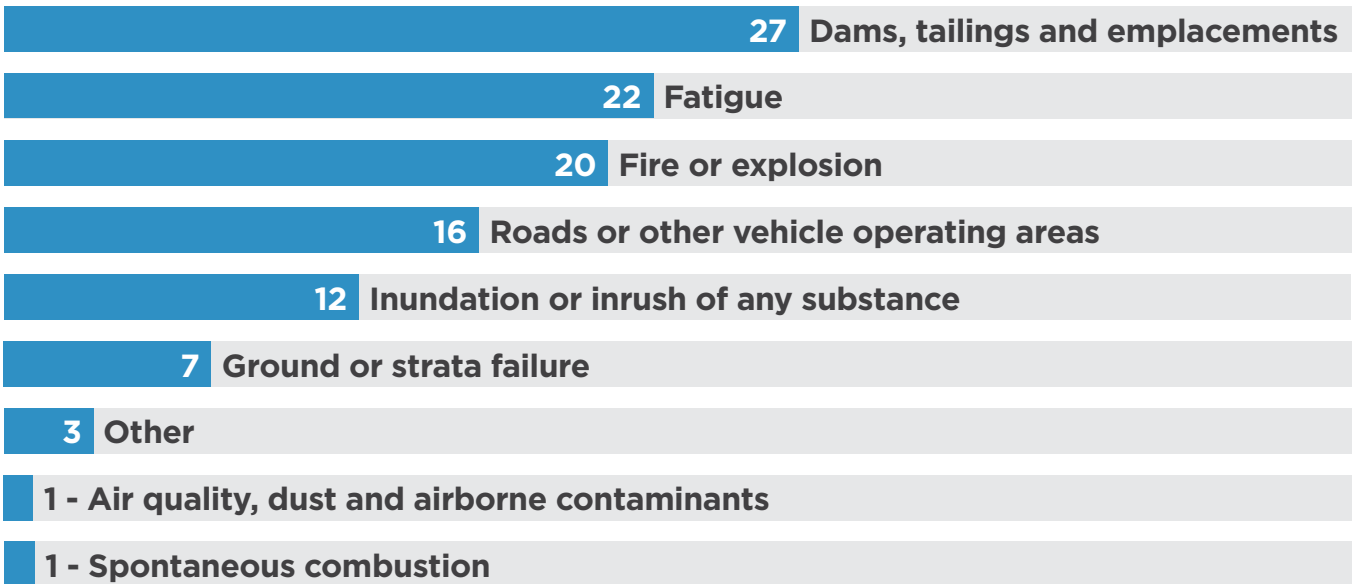
3,443

Safety Assessments conducted

- Proactive
- Reactive



109 Targeted safety site assessments commenced



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](#))

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

2019-20 activity overview



3,913
Mining Act requests for service actioned

331 Mine rehabilitation security deposit reviews conducted

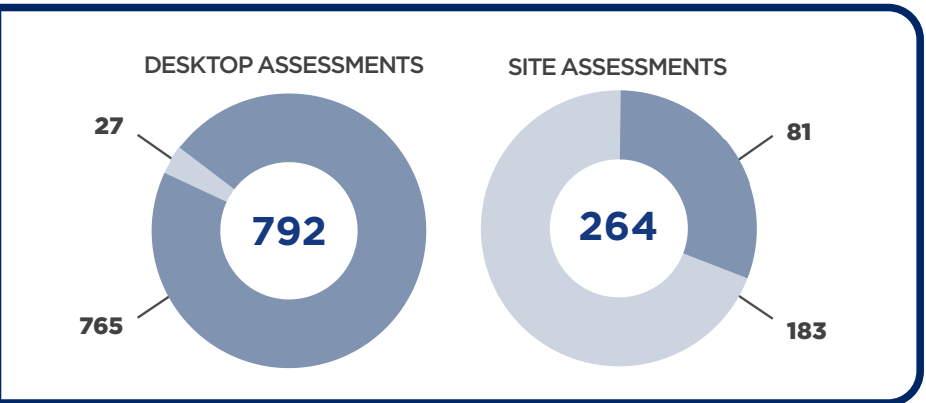


SECURITY DEPOSIT REVIEWS

- 131 - mining
- 194 - exploration
- 3 - petroleum operations
- 3 - by Minister (Appeal) s.261BE Mining Act 1992

1,056
Mining Act assessments conducted

- Proactive
- Reactive

62 Mining Act notices issued

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

8 Rehabilitation Information Releases published

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| Whitehaven open cut coal mine (IIR19-08) | Castillo Copper exploration project (IIR19-10) | Nymboida Clay Mine (IIR19-12) | Kempsley Clay Mine (RIR20-01) |
| Catherine Hill Bay Coal Prep Plant (RIR20-02) | Westside open cut coal mine (RIR20-03) | Fieldsend Clay Mine (RIR20-04) | 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



6

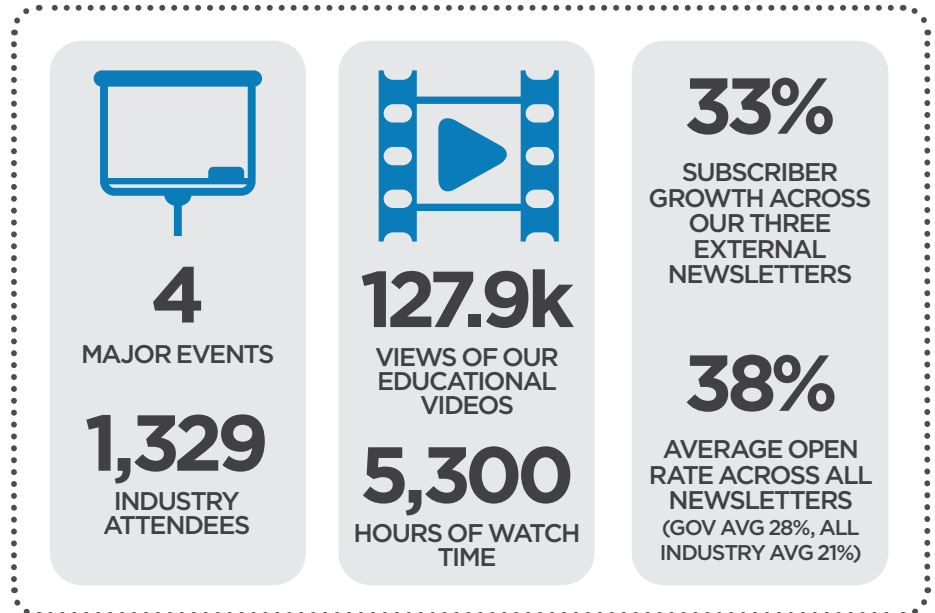
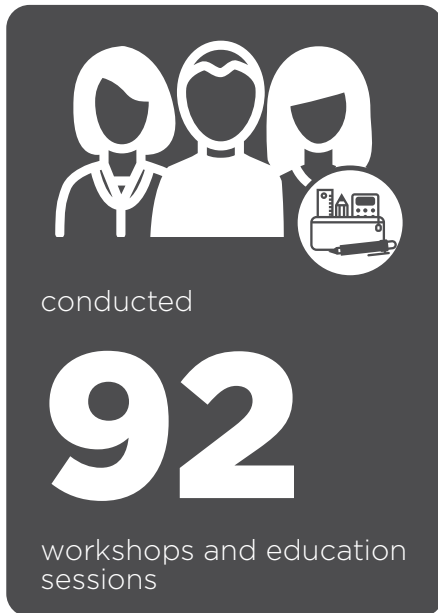
Investigation reports



18

Information releases

Engaging with industry



For further information regarding these activities please refer to [Monthly business activities report June 2020](#).

DOCUMENT CONTROL

Published by NSW Resources Regulator

Title: Business activities overview, 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020

First published: October 2020 with data current at 3 July 2020 except where otherwise noted

Authorised by: Executive Director, NSW Resources Regulator

CM9 Reference: DOC20/794352

© State of New South Wales through Regional NSW 2020.

You may copy, distribute, display, download and otherwise freely deal with this publication for any purpose, provided that you attribute Regional NSW as the owner. However, you must obtain permission if you wish to charge others for access to the publication (other than at cost); include the publication in advertising or a product for sale; modify the publication; or republish the publication on a website. You may freely link to the publication on a departmental website.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing (October 2020) and may not be accurate, current or complete. The State of New South Wales (including Regional NSW), the author and the publisher take no responsibility, and will accept no liability, for the accuracy, currency, reliability or correctness of any information included in the document (including material provided by third parties). Readers should make their own inquiries and rely on their own advice when making decisions related to material contained in this publication.