

EARTH RESOURCES SECTOR INDICATORS 2016–2017

Mineral
Exploration
Investment



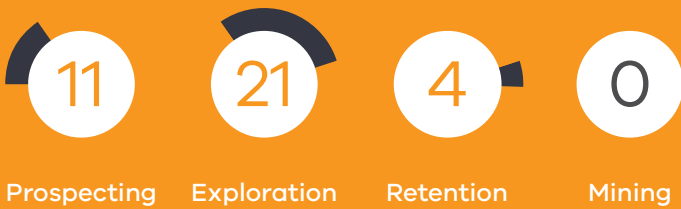
*10 times the height of Mount Everest
plus the depth of Marianas Trench*

**Metres
drilled²**

191,658m

Licences³

**36 new
mineral licences**



**26 renewed
mineral licences**

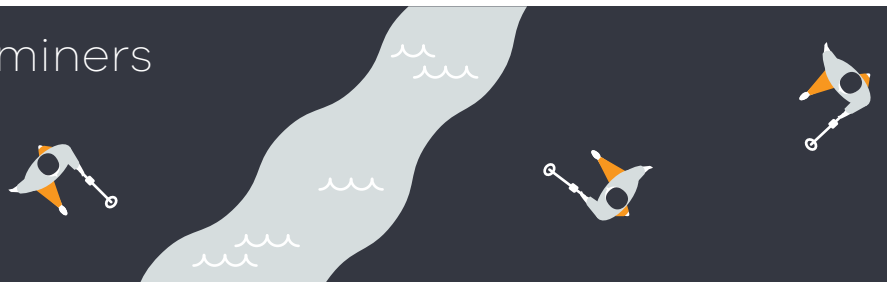


**9 new extractives
work authorities**



Contribution of small miners

7293 Miners rights



Quantity of production⁴

57.4M tonnes



\$44b

Value of construction activity in Victoria⁵

Production value⁶

\$750M
Minerals

\$849M
Extractives

\$1.6b

Resources sector jobs within Victoria⁷

11,500



Victorian Resources capital expenditure⁸

\$805M



The extent Victorians accept mining in Australia⁹

Don't



Score is 3.5 out of 5 where 0 is "NOT AT ALL" and 5 is "COMPLETELY"

Endnotes

- 1. ABS publication series 8412.0, Minerals and petroleum Exploration.
- 2. Mineral exploration only. Source: Geological Survey of Victoria.
- 3. ERR Statistical report 2016-17, Page-11.
- 4. ERR Statistical report 2016-17, Page-11.
- 5. This figure is from ABS Series 8755.0 and includes the construction of new buildings or structural alterations, extensions or other additions made to existing buildings. Page-16.
- 6. Excludes Gas. Value of Gas production is commercially sensitive.
- 7. As at May 2017, ABS publication series 6291.
- 8. ABS publication series 5620.0, Private New Capital expenditure and expected expenditure. ABS reports on this metric for mining as a whole – includes some exploration expenditure. Includes Minerals, Extractives and Petroleum.
- 9. This score is the average answer to the 2017 CSIRO survey question "To what extent do you accept mining in Australia?" where 1 is not at all and 5 is very much so.