## Earth Resources Sector Indicators 2017–2018

### Mineral Exploration Investment
- **$73.7m**

### Licences
- **85 new mineral licences**
  - Prospecting: 14
  - Exploration: 74
  - Retention: 8
  - Mining: 4

- **55 renewed mineral licences**
  - Exploration: 53
  - Mining: 47

- **13 new extractives work authorities**

### Metres Drilled
- **191,299**

### Contribution of Small Miners
- **5,341 Miner’s rights**

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**Notes:**
1. Exploration
2. About the distance from Melbourne to Echuca
3. Licences
**Value of construction activity in Victoria**

$36b

**Resources sector jobs within Victoria**

12,100

**Victorian resources capital expenditure**

$468m

**Don’t**

The extent Victorians accept mining in Australia

Score is 3.5 out of 5 where 1 is “NOT AT ALL” and 5 is “COMPLETELY”

**Do**

Endnotes

1. ABS publication series 8412.0, Minerals and Petroleum Exploration.
5. ABS publication series 8755.0, Construction Work Done.
8. ABS publication series 5625.0, Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure.
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. This survey data is as reported in the 2016-17 Earth Resources Sector Indicators.