

EARTH RESOURCES SECTOR INDICATORS 2017–2018

Mineral
exploration
investment



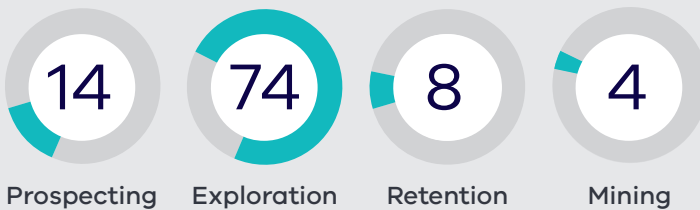
About the distance from Melbourne to Echuca

Metres
drilled²

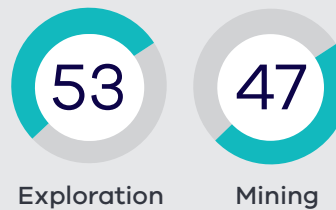
191,299

Licences³

**85 new
mineral licences**



**55 renewed
mineral licences**



**13 new extractives
work authorities**



Contribution of small miners

5,341 Miner's rights



Quantity
of production⁴



\$36b

Value of construction activity in Victoria⁵

Production value⁶



Resources sector jobs
within Victoria⁷



Victorian
resources capital
expenditure⁸



\$468m

The extent Victorians accept mining in Australia⁹



Endnotes

1. ABS publication series 8412.0, Minerals and Petroleum Exploration.
2. Mineral exploration only. Source: Geological Survey of Victoria.
3. ERR 2017-18 Statistical Report, Page-6.
4. ERR 2017-18 Statistical Report, Page-11.
5. ABS publication series 8755.0, Construction Work Done.
6. Excludes Gas. Value of Gas production is commercially sensitive.

7. As at May 2018, ABS publication series 6291.0.55.003, Labour Force.
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.