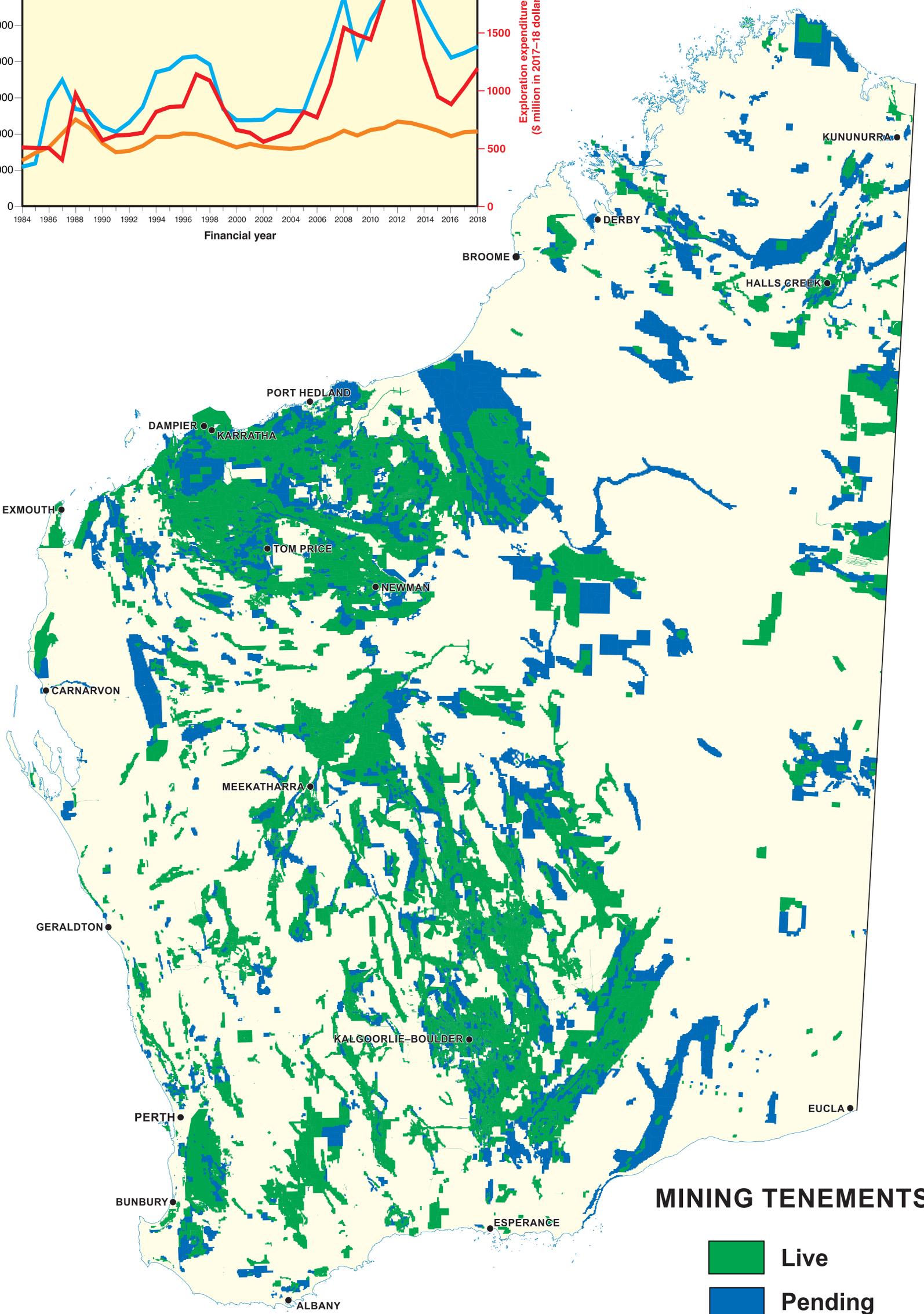
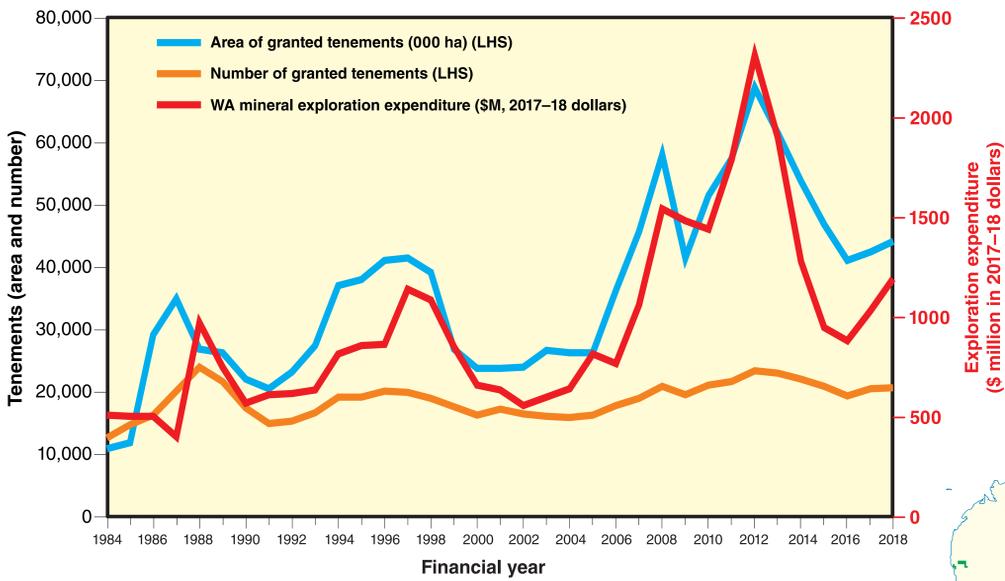


# EXPLORATION & MINING TENEMENTS

	Number	Area (000 ha)
<b>Granted (Live) tenements</b>	<b>21 238</b>	<b>45 064</b>
<b>Pending tenements</b>	<b>4 704</b>	<b>26 752</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25 942</b>	<b>71 816</b>

- From 1 January 2018, the number of tenements in force has increased by 2% to 21 238, the number of pending tenements has increased by about 7% to 4704, and the combined area of granted and pending tenure has increased by 12%, compared with 2017
- Mineral-exploration expenditure in 2017–18 was \$1195 million, up from \$1031 million in 2016–17 — a rise of 16%
- Value of mineral production (excluding petroleum) rose 3% from \$86 billion in 2016-17 to \$88.3 billion in 2017-18, as increased values for most commodities offset a decline in iron ore value due to declining prices (despite an 8.5% rise in iron ore production)

Trends in mineral exploration expenditure and tenement activity



## MINING TENEMENTS

- Live
- Pending

