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# INFORMATION BRIEF

# **BUILDING APPROVALS: SEPTEMBER 2007**

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#### **Main Features**

#### Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend)

Queensland	<b>^</b>	1.0%
Australia	<b>^</b>	1.3%

### Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend)

Queensland	lack	11.8%
Australia	<b>^</b>	2.2%

### Commentary

## **Dwelling approvals**

- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in September 2007 was 3,720 dwelling units, an increase of 1.0% from 3,684 in August 2007. The trend estimate has increased each month since January 2006. National trend estimates for total dwelling approvals increased 1.3% in September 2007 to 13,234.
- The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland increased 1.7% in September 2007, with a total of 2,626 houses approved. Australia's trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals increased in September 2007 by 0.7% to 8,876 approvals.
- In September 2007, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 28.1% of Australia's total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 29.6% of Australia's private sector house approvals.
- The trend value of residential buildings approved in Queensland in September 2007 increased by 2.1% to \$974.3 million, compared with an increase of 1.1% for Australia to \$3,469.8 million.
- In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in September 2007 was 11.8% higher than the September 2006 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling approvals in Australia increased 2.2% over the same period.

#### Non-residential building approvals

 The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in September 2007 was \$643.0 million, an increase of 0.9% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved for Australia in September 2007 was \$2,403.0 million, up 1.2%.

Figure 1: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), Australia and states and territories, September 2007

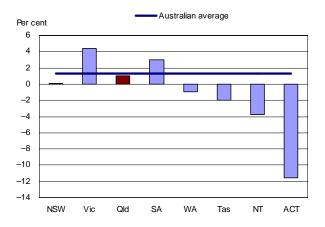


Figure 2: Monthly change in total dwelling units approved (trend), September 2002 to September 2007

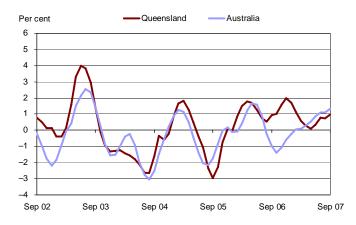


Figure 3: Total dwelling units approved (trend), Queensland, September 2002 to September 2007

