Building approvals, March 2019

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Key data

Total dwelling approvals monthly change (trend):
Queensland ....................................................  1.4%
Australia .....................................................  0.6%

Total dwelling approvals annual change (trend):
Queensland ...................................................  35.1%
Australia .....................................................  22.4%

Main findings

Dwelling approvals
• The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in March 2019 was 2,441, 1.4% lower than the February 2019 figure. The national trend estimate for total dwelling approvals decreased 0.6% during the month.

• The trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals in Queensland decreased 0.9% in March 2019, with a total of 1,690 houses approved. Australia’s trend estimate for the number of private sector house approvals was 8,808, a decrease of 1.4% from the February 2019 figure.

• In March 2019, trend total dwelling units approved in Queensland accounted for 16.4% of Australia’s total dwelling unit approvals. Private sector house approvals in Queensland accounted for 19.2% of Australia’s private sector house approvals.

• The trend nominal value of residential building work approved in Queensland decreased 1.8% in March 2019 to a total of $877.5 million. Australia’s trend value of residential building work approved increased 0.4% during the month to $5,675.7 million.

• In annual terms, the trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in Queensland in March 2019 was 35.1% lower than the March 2018 estimate. In comparison, total dwelling units approved in Australia decreased 22.4% over the same period.

Non–residential building approvals
• The trend value of non-residential buildings approved in Queensland in March 2019 was $619.1 million, an increase of 3.0% over the month. The value of non-residential buildings approved in Australia in March 2019 was $3,584.2 million, a decrease of 0.6% over the month.