

Housing Industry Forecasting Group

Forecasting Dwelling Commencements in Western Australia

Media quotes:

Quotes may be attributed to Cath Hart, Chair – Housing Industry Forecasting Group

“The Western Australian economy has demonstrated its strength, continuing to perform strongly in the face of a turbulent global environment and the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic” Ms Hart said.

“Building activity in the first half of 2022 has been constrained by persistent challenges as skill shortages, construction costs, and limited building material supply have all impacted on the industry, leading to protracted build times and a surge in dwellings under construction.”

“The Housing Industry Forecasting Group expects escalations in costs will be a key challenge in WA throughout 2022-23, particularly as rising interest rates and inflation portend to curtail activity in the medium term.”

“WA’s rental vacancy rate remains persistently low, indicating ongoing strong consumer demand relative to lower levels of supply, as people move to WA following the opening of the borders in March 2022.”

“Further, despite a modest slowdown, house sales remain elevated, as strong demand continues to outpace the flow of new listings, driving record low selling days.”

“Overall, the WA economy has remained positive, with record low unemployment and high household spending, however rising interest rates and inflation look to ease growth and activity in the proceeding years.”

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