

# Media Release

## NEW BUILDING APPROVALS PICKING UP SPEED IN WA

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Master Builders Western Australia can reveal there's been a jump in new building approvals over the year to November 2025.

New Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data shows a total of 23,732 new homes were approved in WA over the year to November 2025 - which is 13.9 per cent more than in the 12 months to November 2024.

"During November 2025, a total of 2,067 new homes were approved across WA. This was 14.1 per cent lower than the previous month, but represents a 1.4 per cent increase on November 2024," said MBAWA CEO Matt Moran.

Despite the good news, WA still recorded a National Housing Accord target shortfall of 2,208 homes in just one year.

Australia-wide, the ABS Data shows building approvals reached their highest since February 2022 and higher density approvals, such as apartments, had their best month since June 2018.

"We are heading in the right direction, but more work needs to be done to attract the workers we need in the building and construction industry. We must also focus on cutting red tape to improve productivity and get more land on the market."

"WA has a critical shortage of qualified tradespeople so without more workers, housing supply simply won't meet demand."

MBAWA is determined to be part of the solution, and recently launched the FutureBuild Academy, a new group training initiative that aims to attract new apprentices to a career in building and construction.

Inflation also continues to be a problem in Perth with rents rising by 6.3 per cent over the year to November 2025 – the highest in the nation. Interestingly during November 2025, the annual inflation rate in Perth was 2.8 per cent – the lowest in the nation.

"We are committed to working with the State Government on pragmatic policy changes which will help, not hinder."

"We must focus on supply side solutions because demand-side incentives just push up prices."

"This year's forthcoming State Budget is critical, and housing must remain front and centre as a priority."

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