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Hunter flies the flag as sole regional Hotspot in NSW

The Hunter was the only region outside Sydney to have a local area featured on New South Wales' list of building and residential Hotspots in 2010/11, according to a report from the Housing Industry Association, the voice of Australia's residential building industry.

The HIA – JELD-WEN Population and Residential Building Hotspots report provides a snapshot of Australia's fastest growing metropolitan and regional areas in the 2010/11 financial year.

A "Hotspot" is defined as a local area where population growth exceeds the national rate and the value of residential building work approved is in excess of $100 million.

New South Wales registered thirteen individual Hotspots in 2010/11 – just down from the fourteen in 2009/10.

Maitland, ranked seventh, was the only non-Sydney area on the Hotspot list. Its population growth was 2.1 per cent – ahead of the national rate of 1.4 per cent –while the value of residential building work approved was just under $150 million.

"It's pleasing to see Maitland achieve a strong result in its own right, on NSW's population and building hotspots, against a sea of Sydney suburbs," said HIA Hunter Regional Executive Director, Steve Jeffries.

"It's especially encouraging to see a healthy population growth rate, above the national rate, as this highlights the region's potential for further residential building activity. Cessnock, Newcastle (Outer West), and Muswellbrook also posted population growth in excess of the national rate in 2010/11, although the volume of residential building work approved didn't exceed $100,000," said Steve Jeffries.

Below is a list of the Top 20 National Building and Population Hotspots as well as the Building and Population Hotspots for NSW.

For a copy of the full report (media only), which provides a local area breakdown for all states and territories, please contact Kirsten Lewis at k.lewis@hia.com.au or on 02 6245 1393.

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NSW Building and Population Hotspots**

***SLAs with in excess of $100 million in residential building work approved in 2010/11 and with an annual population growth rate in excess of the national average*

	Statistical Local Area	Statistical Divison	Residential Building Approved, 2010/11, ($'000)	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
1	Canada Bay (A) - Concord	Sydney	234,509	4.4
2	Blacktown (C) - North	Sydney	236,633	3.0
3	Camden (A)	Sydney	268,376	2.8
4	Auburn (C)	Sydney	222,004	2.4
5	Sydney (C) - South	Sydney	237,546	2.2
6	Parramatta (C) - North-East	Sydney	162,949	2.2
7	Maitland (C)	Hunter	149,701	2.1
8	Holroyd (C)	Sydney	177,077	2.0
9	Liverpool (C) - West	Sydney	110,705	1.9
10	Woollahra (A)	Sydney	148,234	1.8
11	Pittwater (A)	Sydney	150,776	1.6
12	Sydney (C) - West	Sydney	365,935	1.5
13	Kogarah (C)	Sydney	112,876	1.5

National Top 20 Building and Population Hotspots*

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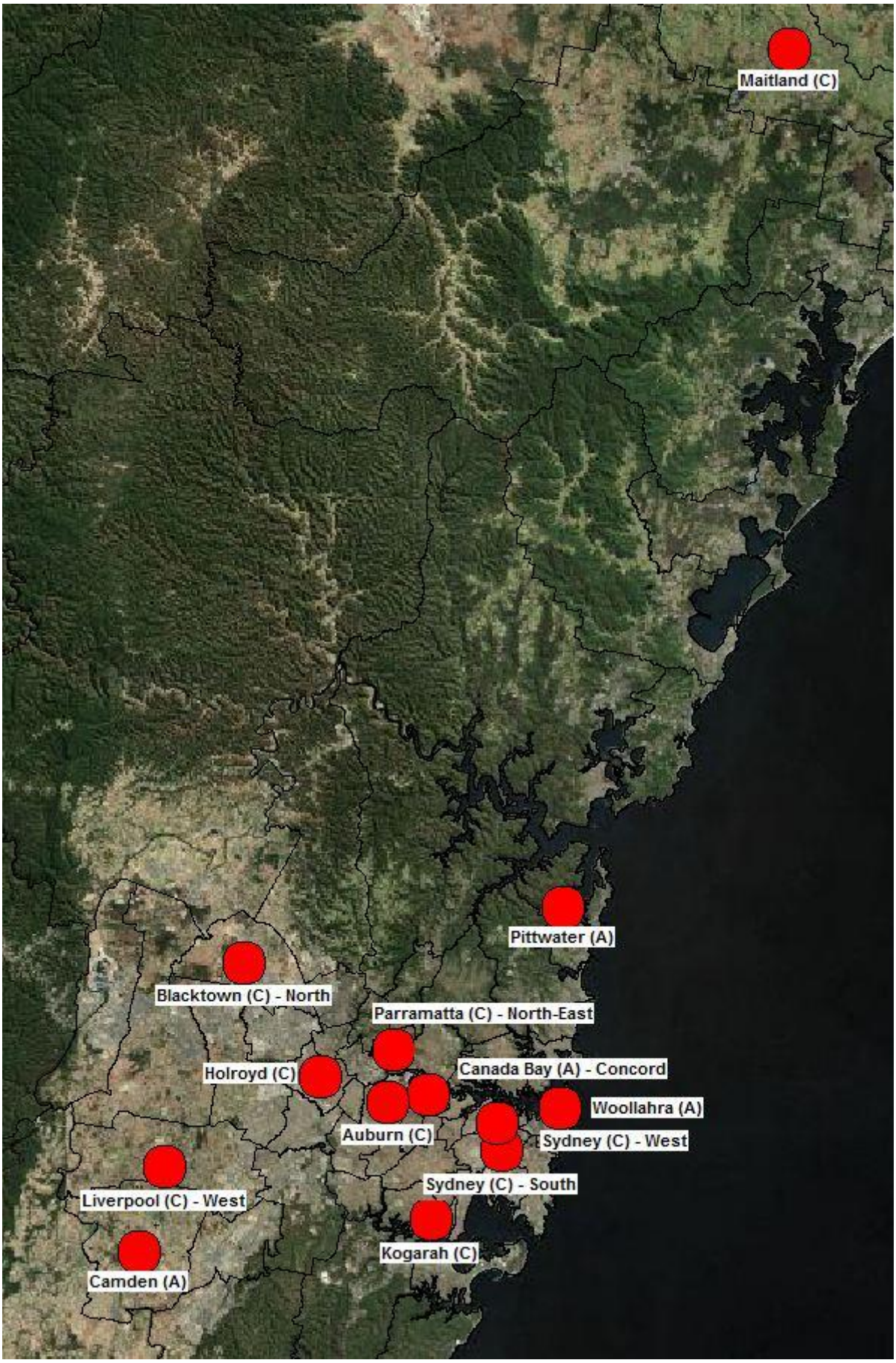
	Statistical Local Area	State / Territory	Residential Building Approved, 2010/11 ($'000)	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
1	City	ACT	131,692	39.6
2	Whittlesea (C) - North	VIC	717,249	17.4
3	Wyndham (C) - South	VIC	441,308	14.0
4	Griffin-Mango Hill	QLD	106,058	9.9
5	Cardinia (S) - Pakenham	VIC	333,853	9.8
6	Kingston	ACT	117,215	8.1
7	Condon-Rasmussen-Bohle Basin	QLD	167,830	7.6
8	Serpentine-Jarrahdale (S)	WA	108,861	6.9
9	City - Inner	NT	111,480	6.8
10	Wyndham (C) - North	VIC	470,051	6.6
11	Melton (S) - East	VIC	183,490	5.9
12	Casey (C) - Cranbourne	VIC	386,448	5.8
13	Wyndham (C) - West	VIC	152,157	5.6
14	Kingsholme-Upper Coomera	QLD	105,964	5.5
15	Wanneroo (C) - North-East	WA	140,809	5.4
16	Armadale (C)	WA	206,900	5.4
17	Melton (S) Bal	VIC	257,921	5.3
18	Mandurah (C)	WA	213,614	5.3
19	Hume (C) - Craigieburn	VIC	260,400	4.8
20	Wanneroo (C) - North-West	WA	235,109	4.7

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