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Perth is the most affordable City in Australia

“Perth is the most affordable city in Australia at present according to the latest HIA Affordability Index, which is great news for anyone looking to enter the housing market” commented John Gelavis, Executive Director WA.

The HIA Affordability Index is produced quarterly and measures the mortgage repayment burden as a proportion of typical earnings in each market. A higher index result signifies a more favourable affordability outcome.

“The HIA Housing Affordability Index saw another gain for Perth of 6.1 per cent during the March 2018 quarter indicating that affordability in Perth continues to improve. Perth is now Australia’s most affordable capital city, followed by Darwin and Hobart” commented Mr Gelavis.

“In the case of both Perth and Darwin, the improvement in affordability is the result of dwelling price declines in both cities which have resulted from the natural resources investment downturns locally”.

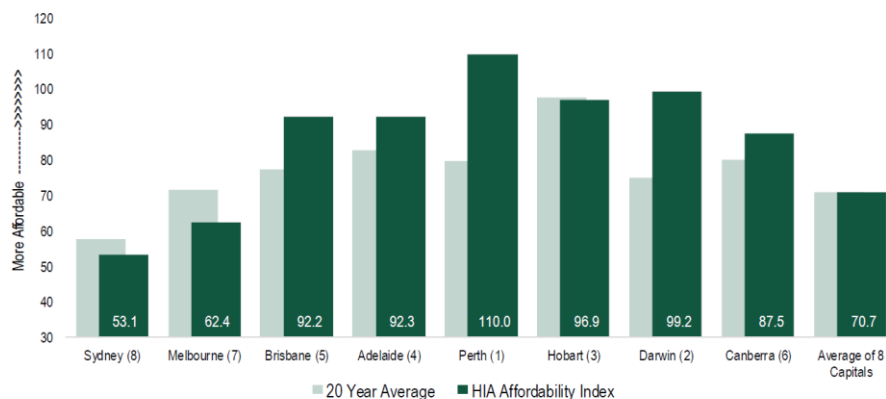
“These results suggest that dwelling price growth prospects over the medium term are brightest for cities like Perth and Darwin – and much more limited in Sydney and Melbourne”.

“Positive activity continues in the new home sales market, which is indicating that Western Australia is past the worst and positive times lay ahead” continued Mr Gelavis

“We are seeing consumers now take advantage of the current market conditions of low interest rates, increased competition, faster build times and State Government stimulus for first home buyers such as a \$10,000 first home owner grants and stamp duty exemptions” continued Mr Gelavis

“Another critical factor lies within the State Government Keystart program, which provides a low deposit arrangement and other options such as shared equity, which is one of the main reasons why Western Australia has the highest percentage of first home buyers in the nation”. Concluded Mr Gelavis.

HIA Affordability Index by Capital City, March 2018 quarter



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