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## Outlook for home building in Western Australia Home building market turning in right direction

"The local home building market is set to expand this financial year, for the first time in six years, according to latest data from HIA's quarterly Outlook Report for Western Australia" said HIA Executive Director, Cath Hart.

HIA's quarterly State and National Outlook Reports include forecasts for new home building and renovations activity for Australia and each of the eight states and territories.

"Population growth continues to recover as employment opportunities expand. The mining sector is no longer contracting and as this market stabilises we are returning to modest growth in employment levels," said Ms Hart.

"The increase in population is driving a tightening in the rental market which will eventually be observed as an increase in new home sales.

"The credit squeeze, which pulled the WA housing market down in the second half of 2018, has started to ease and we expect building activity to once again start to grow.

"The correction in the east-coast housing market has resulted in two cuts to interest rates and easing of lending restrictions.

"These rate cuts combined with the recent income tax cut will all make a positive impact on the economy and for the first time in six years we are seeing national economic policy settings supporting the home building market in WA.

"With external disruptions such as the credit crunch behind us, consumers and industry can now confidently look ahead knowing that the economic foundations are solid."

Total detached and multi-unit dwelling starts in WA are estimated at 15,130 during the 2018/19 financial year. An improvement of 5.0 per cent is forecast to take starts to 15,940 in 2019/20, ahead of a further improvement into 2020/21.

*\*HIA's National and State Outlooks are Australia's most comprehensive housing report card, encompassing renovations activity, new home building, policy updates, global and domestic economic analysis, and dedicated state and territory housing databases. For further information or for copies of the publication (media only) please contact: Kirsten Lewis on [k.lewis@hia.com.au](mailto:k.lewis@hia.com.au)*

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