



# HOUSING & ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

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# Stepping into 2025 with cautious optimism

Fundamentals moving in the right direction

Various markets already seeing pick up in activity

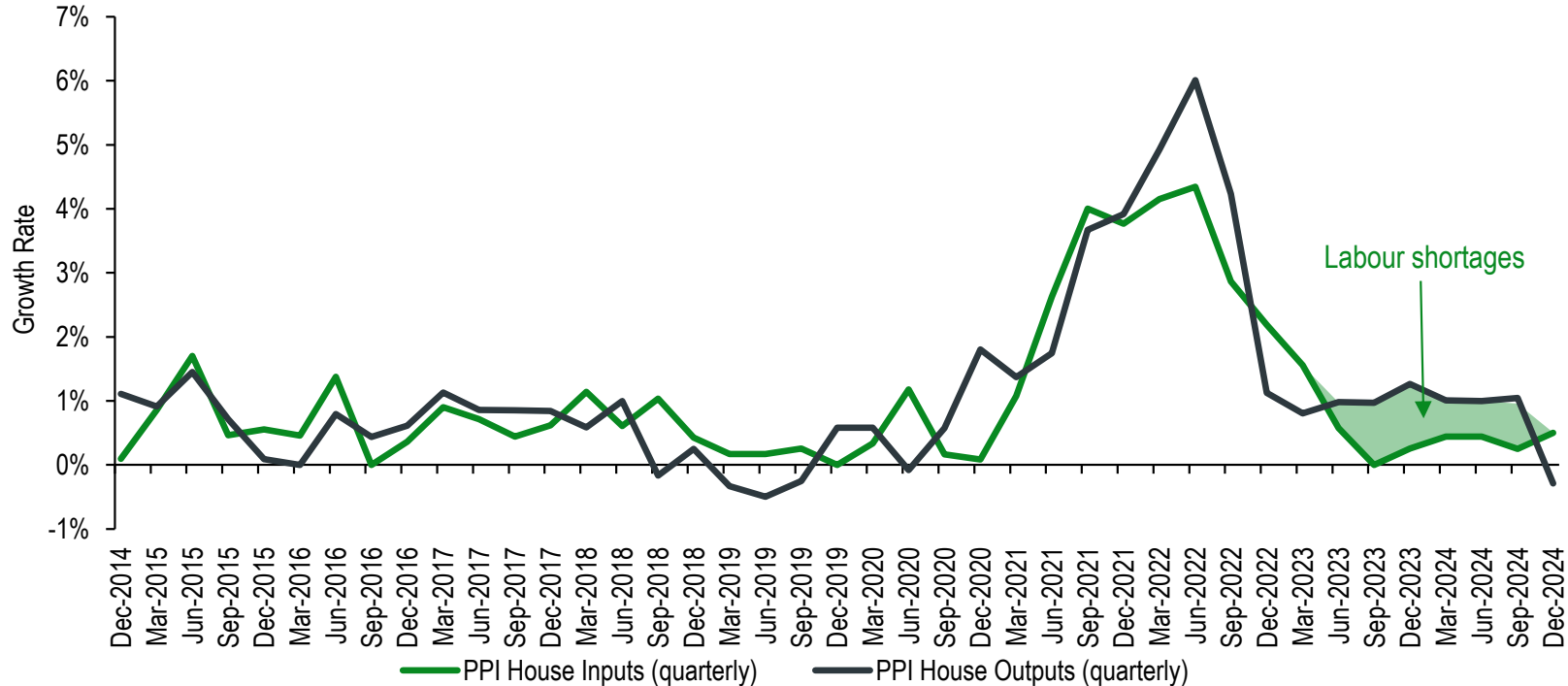
Policy will determine size of next cycle



# Costs stable for builders and buyers ...

## House Construction Price Indexes, Quarterly Growth Rates

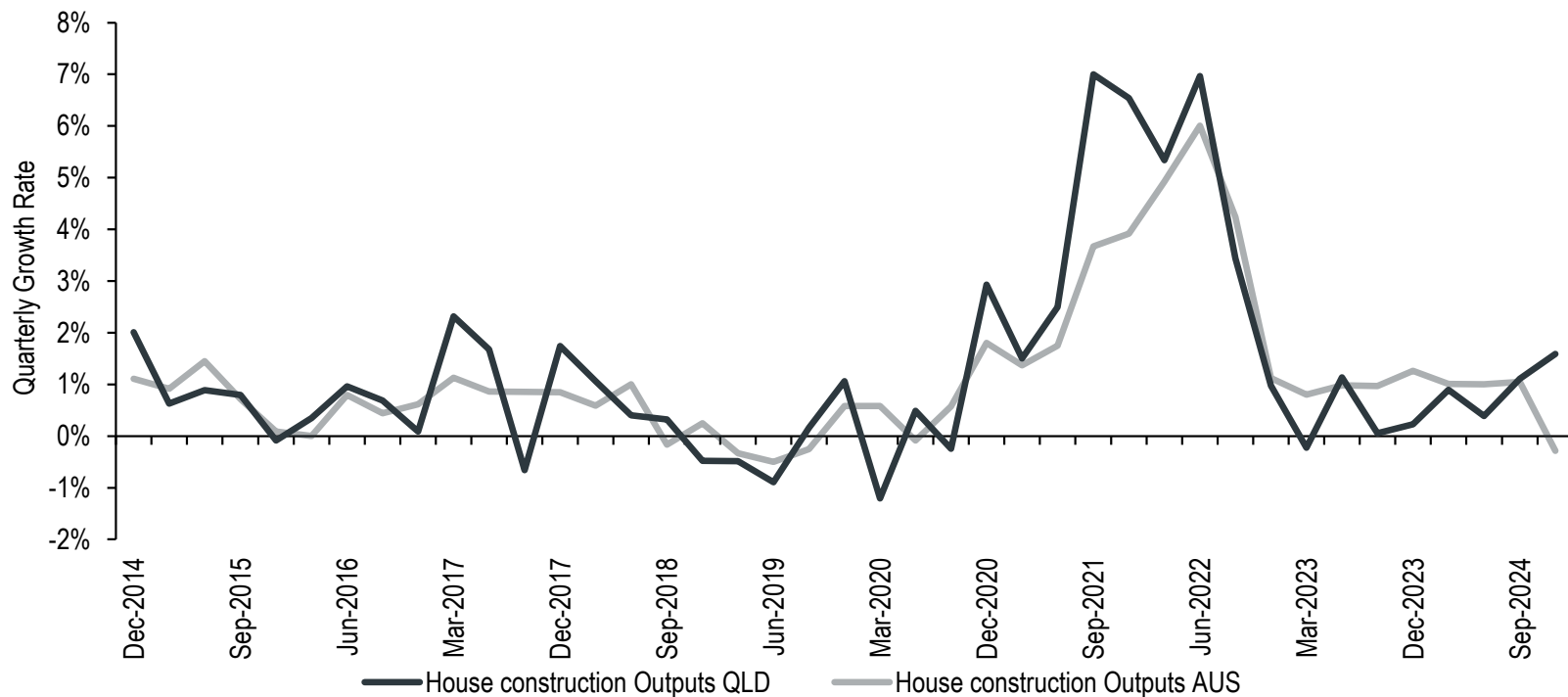
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# ... in QLD too?

## House Construction Output Price Indexes, QLD vs AUS

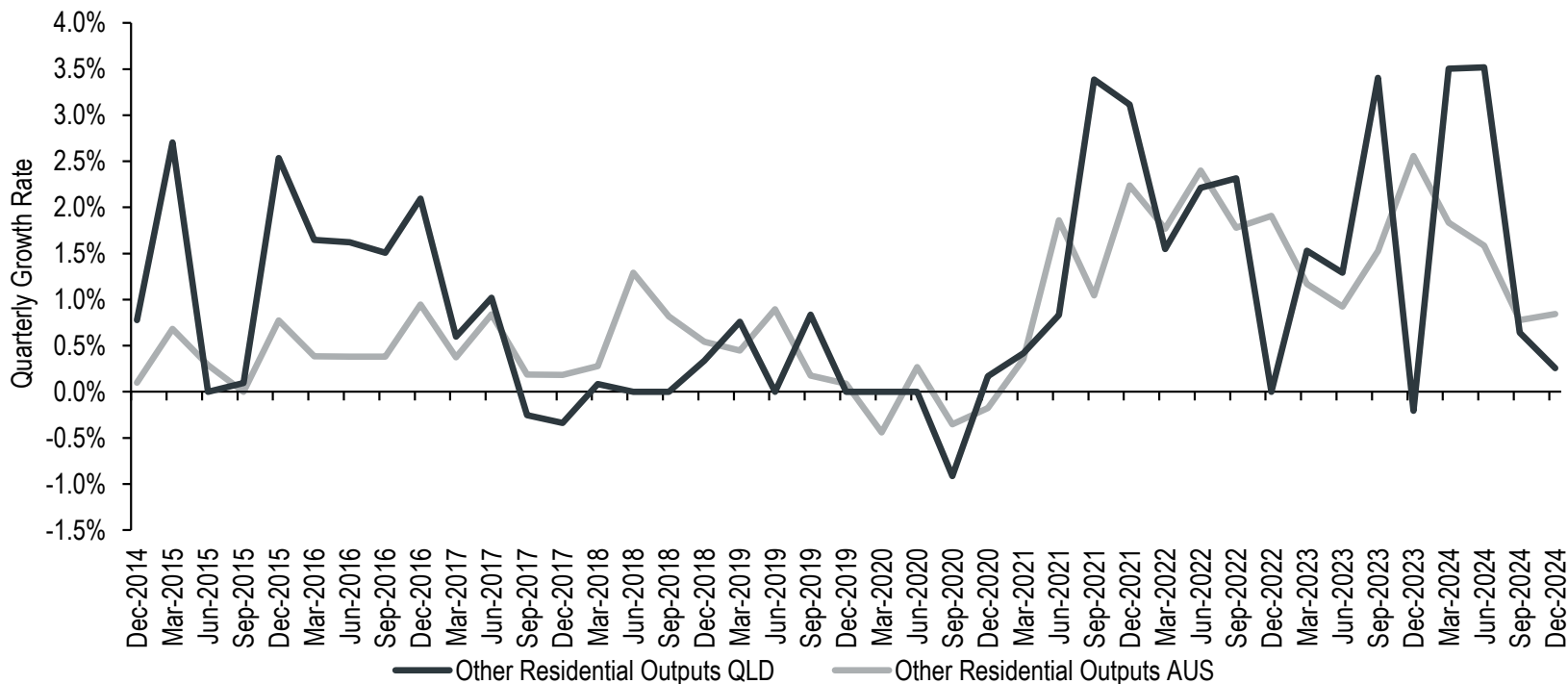
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# Apartment cost blowouts in QLD

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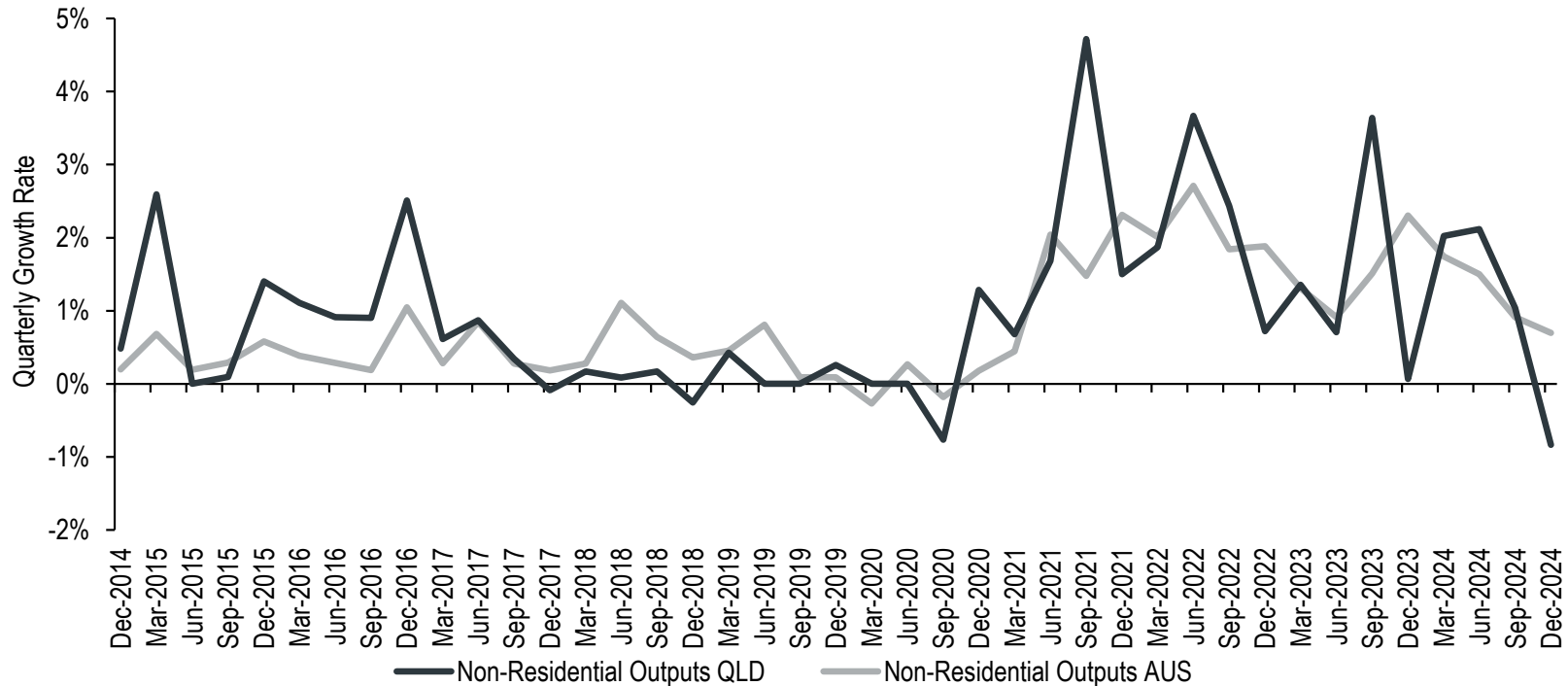
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# Non-residential heading in right direction?

## Non-Residential Construction Output Price Indexes, QLD vs AUS

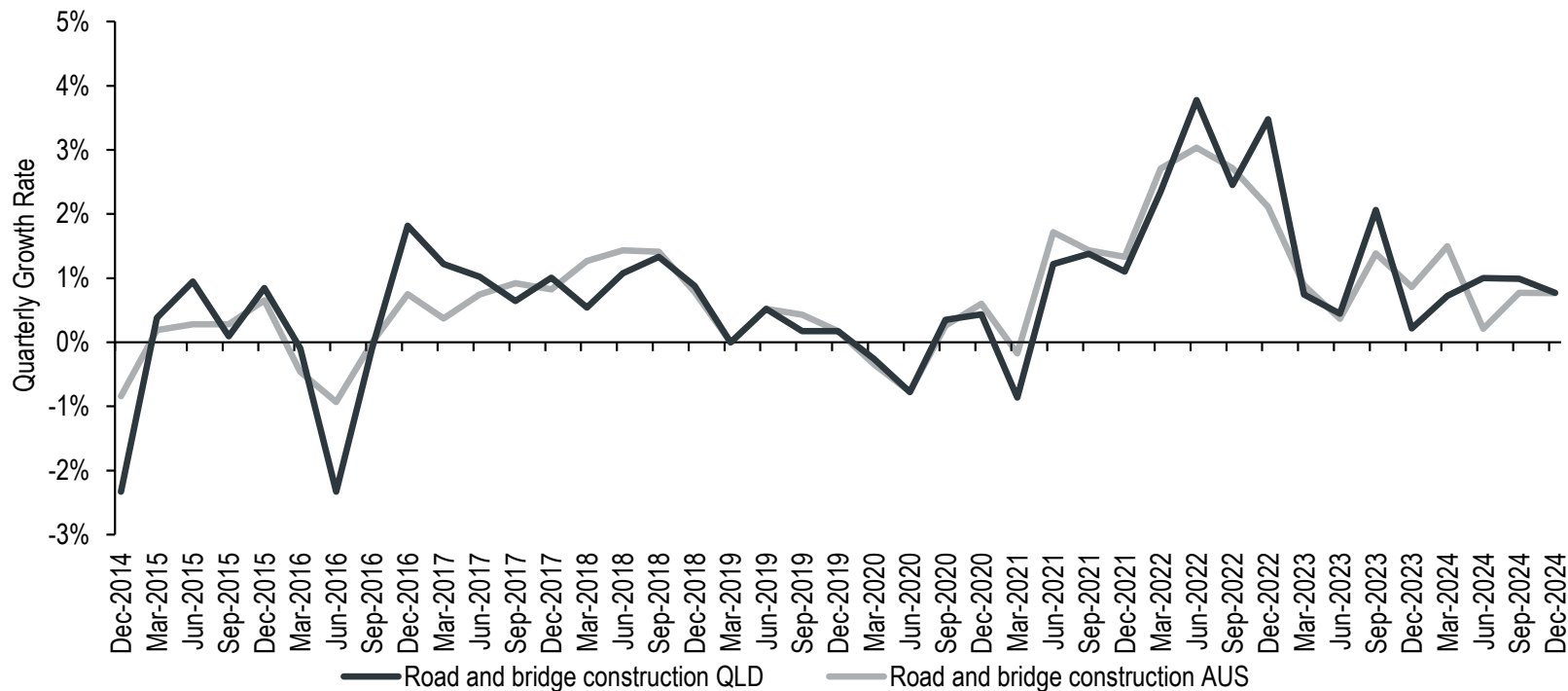
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# Have govts stopped bidding up prices?

## Road & Bridge Construction Output Price Indexes, QLD vs AUS

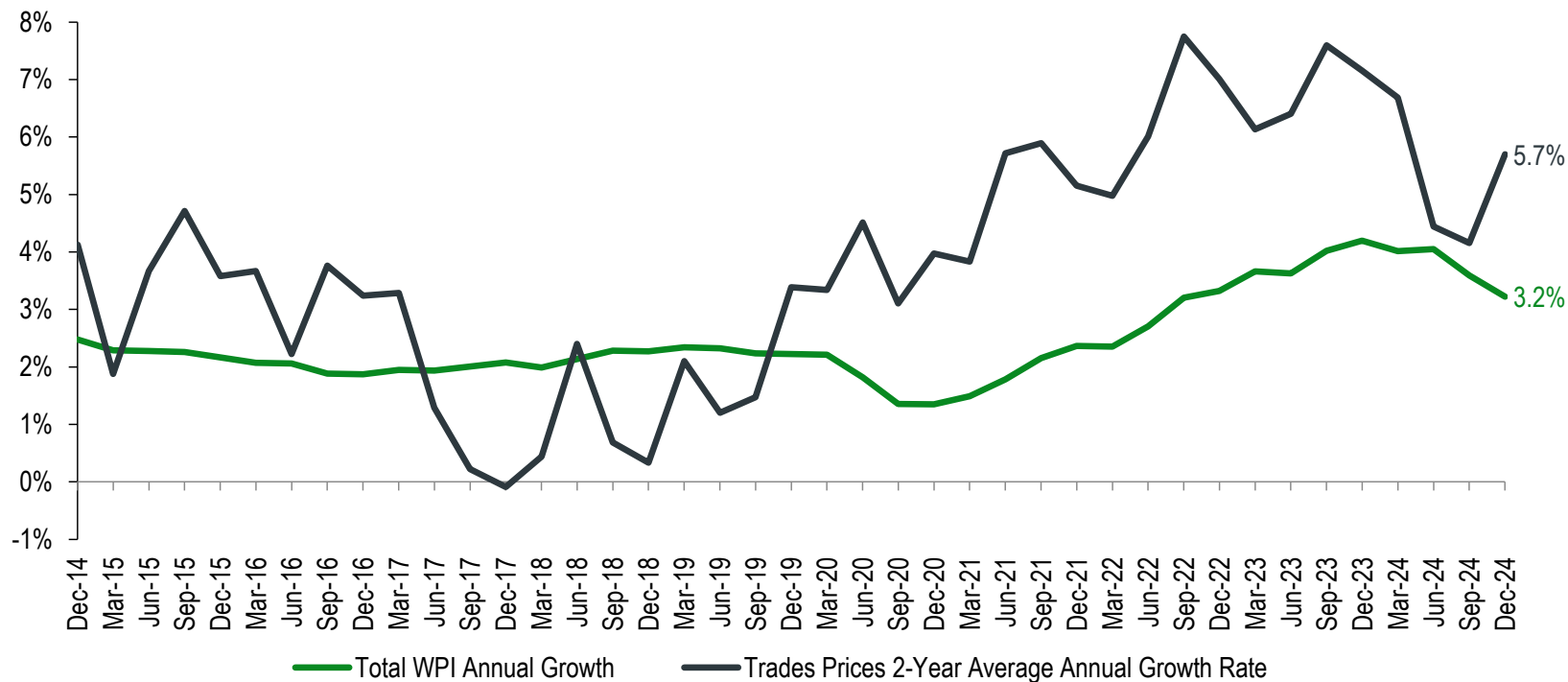
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# Trades prices elevated but moderating

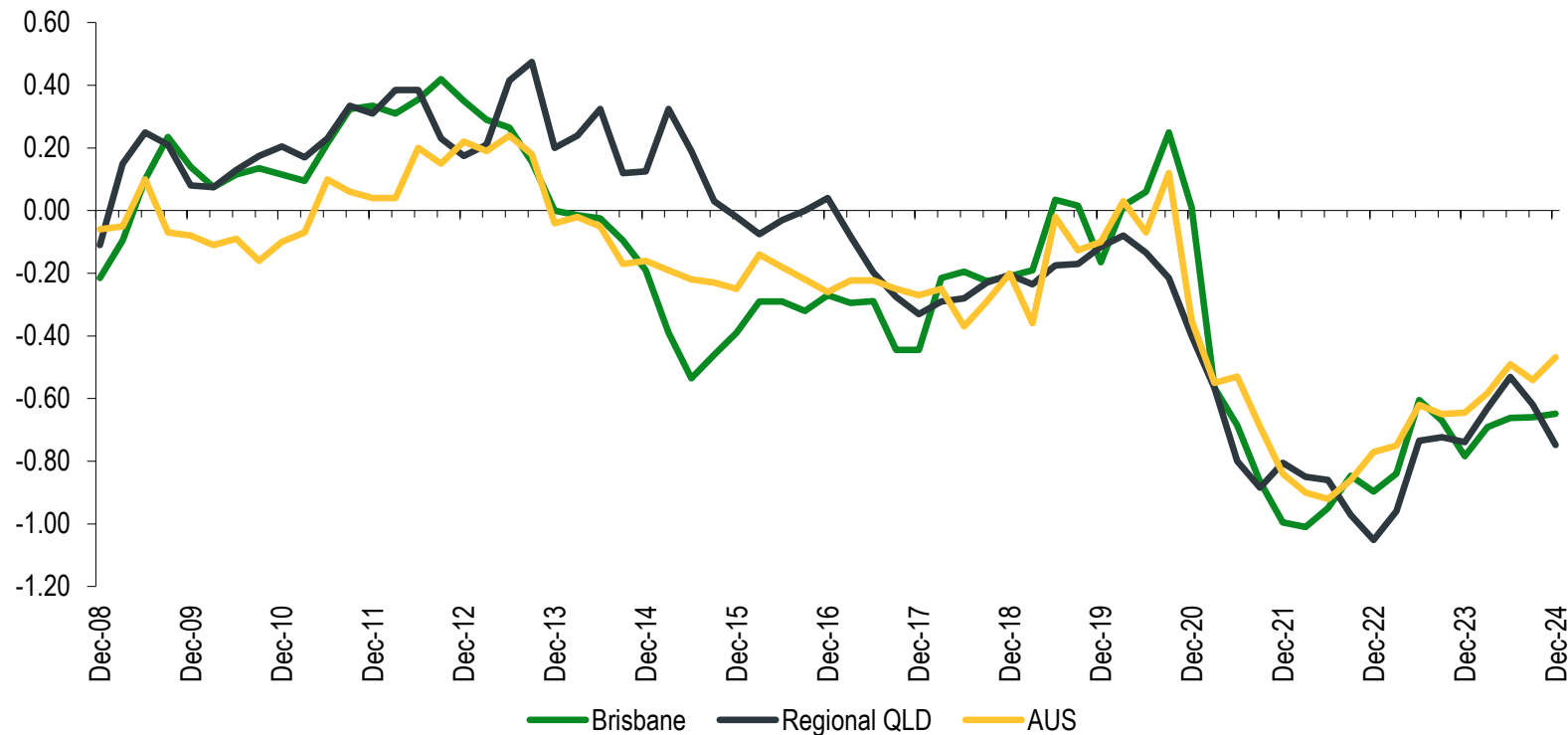
## Wage Price Index vs Trades Prices, Australia

Source: ABS



# Acute trades shortages persistent but easing

HIA Trade Availability Index



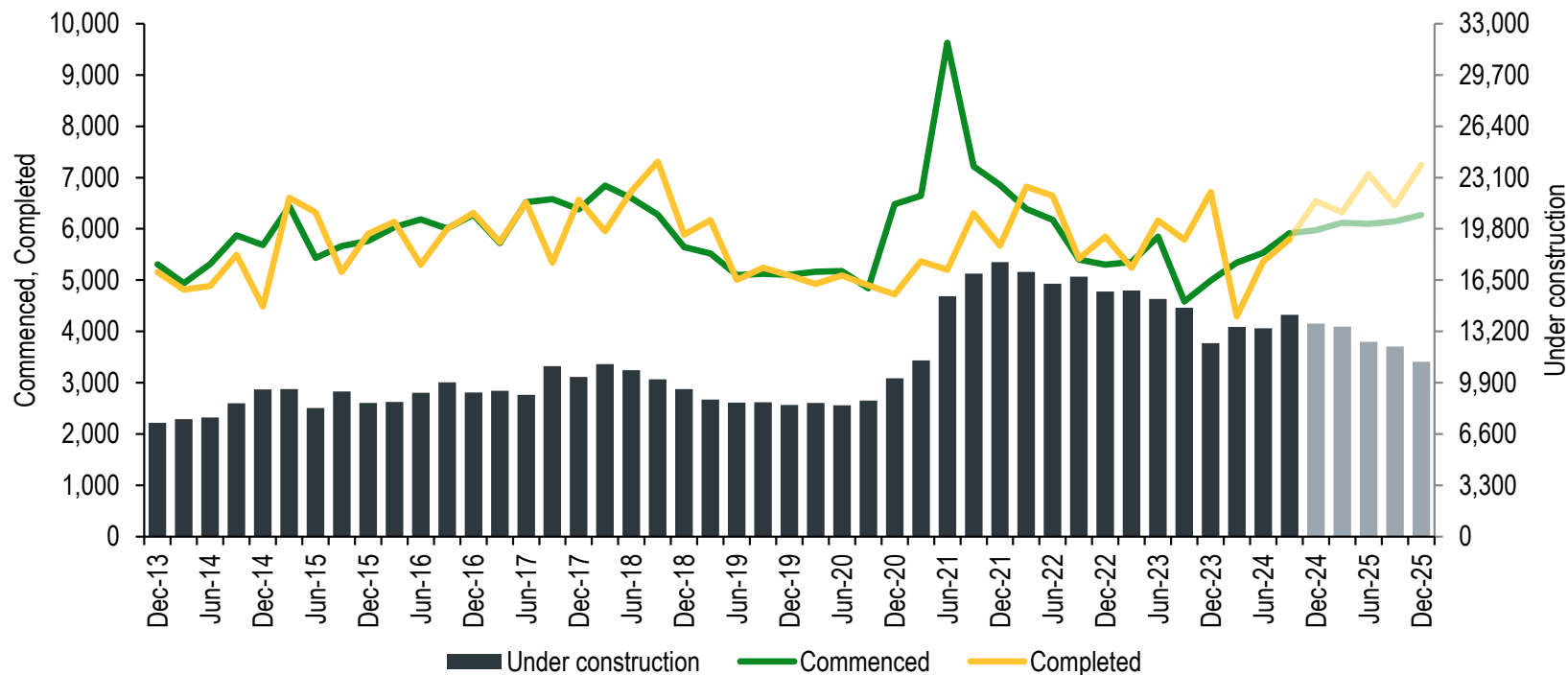
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# Pipeline remains

## HIA Forecasts: Building Activity Pipeline - QLD Houses

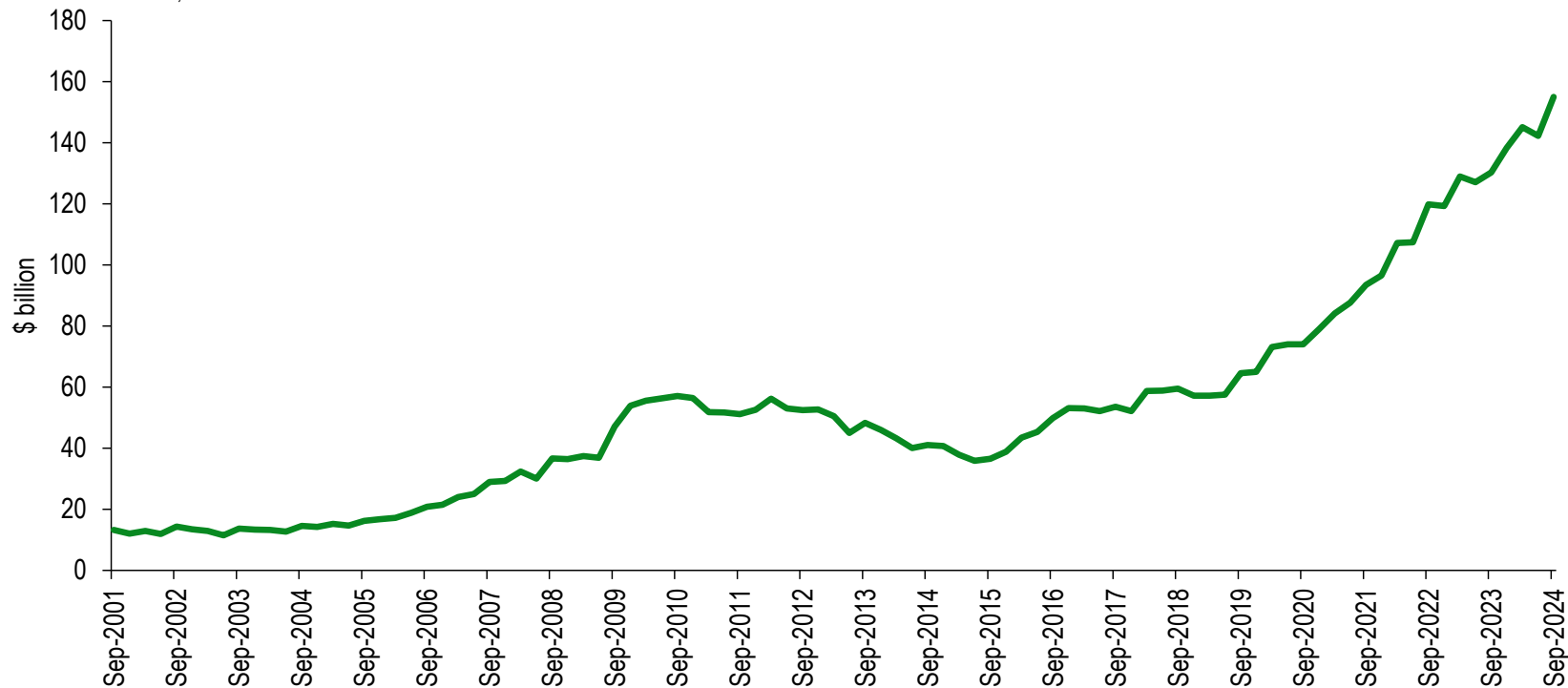
Source: HIA Economics, ABS 8752.0, ABS 8731.0



# Public infrastructure pipeline ongoing

## Public sector construction pipeline

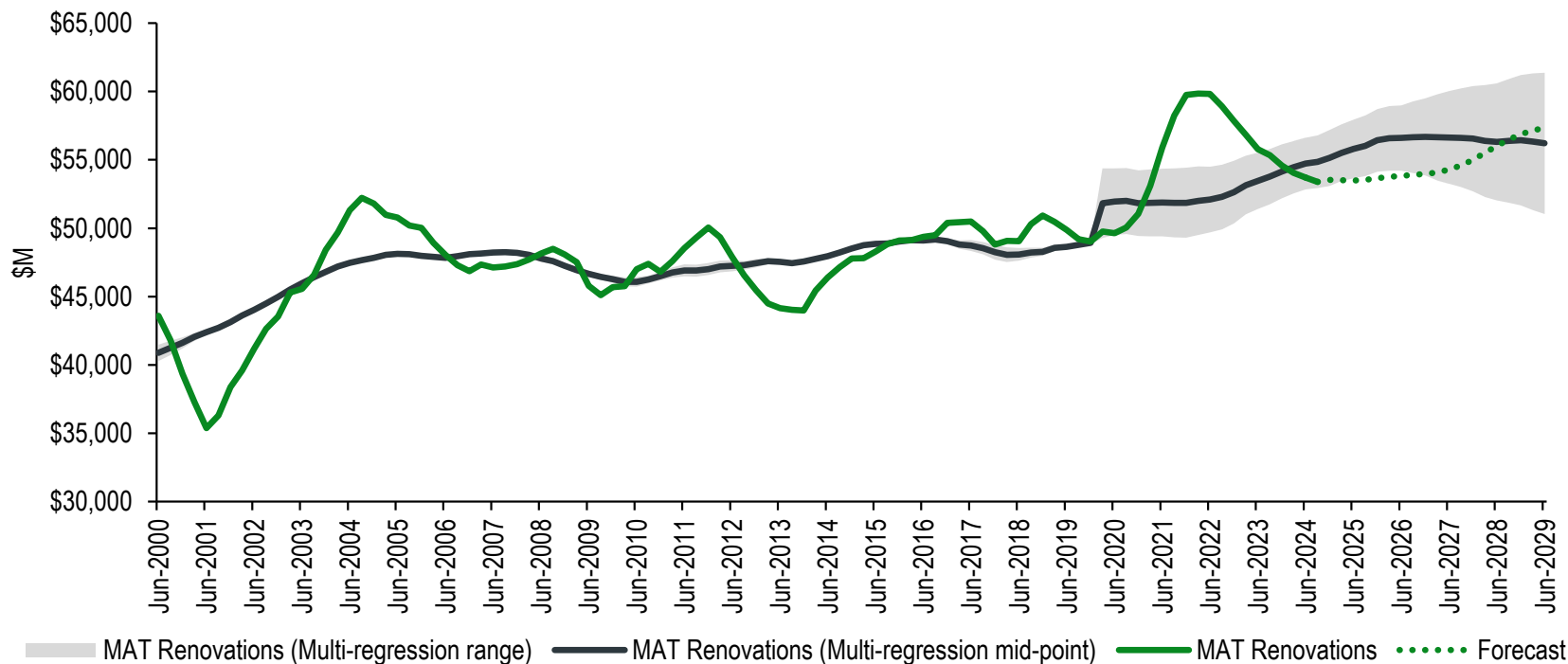
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# Renovations still underway

## Renovations vs Housing Stock, Moving Annual Total, Australia

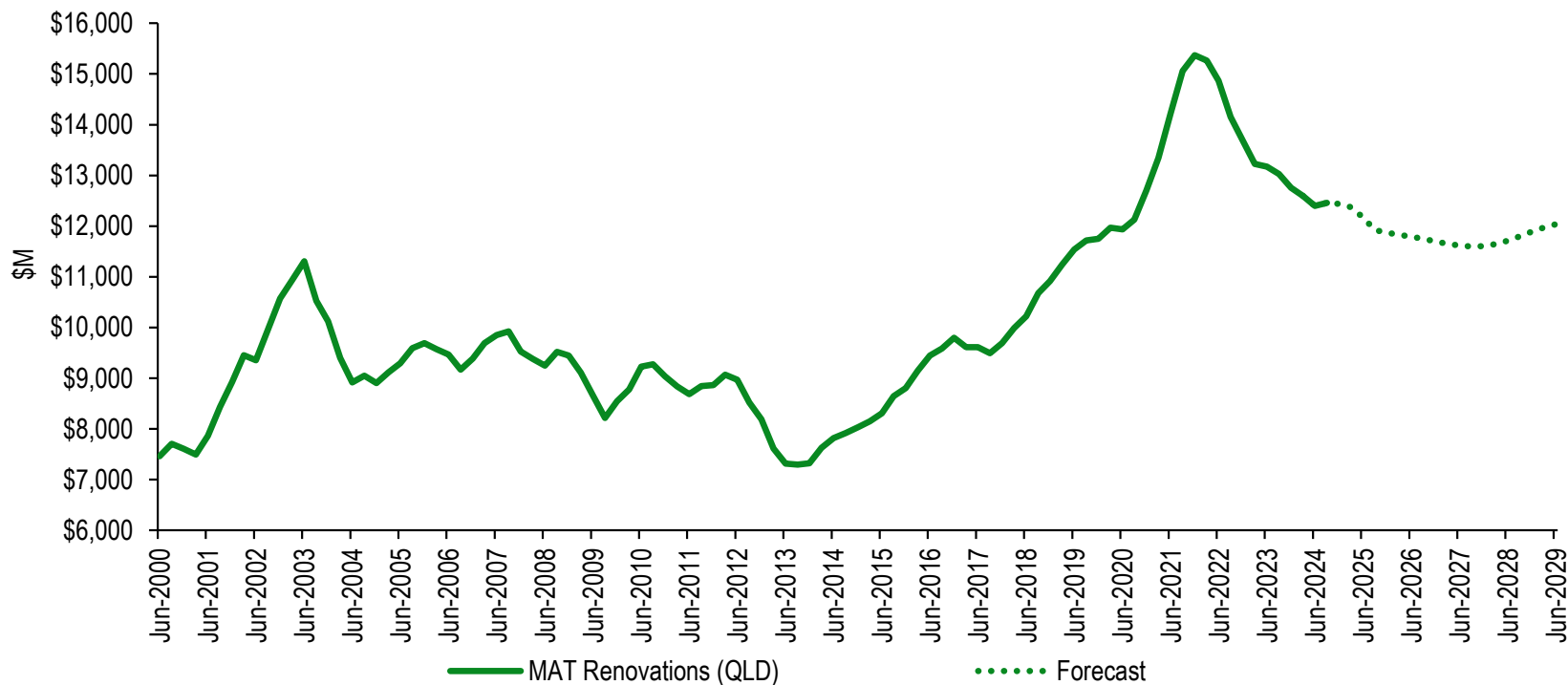
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# QLD especially

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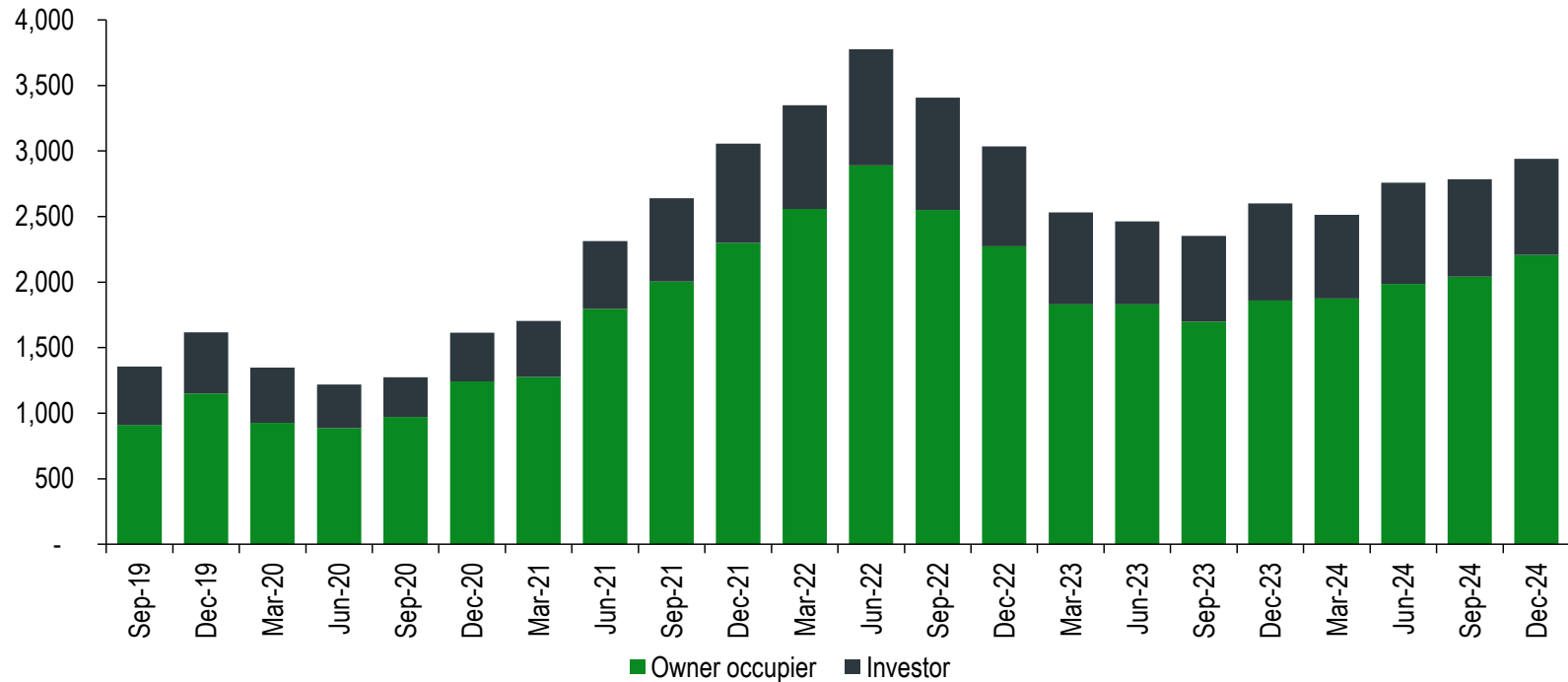
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# Especially larger renovations projects

## Number of Loans for Renovations, QLD

Source: ABS

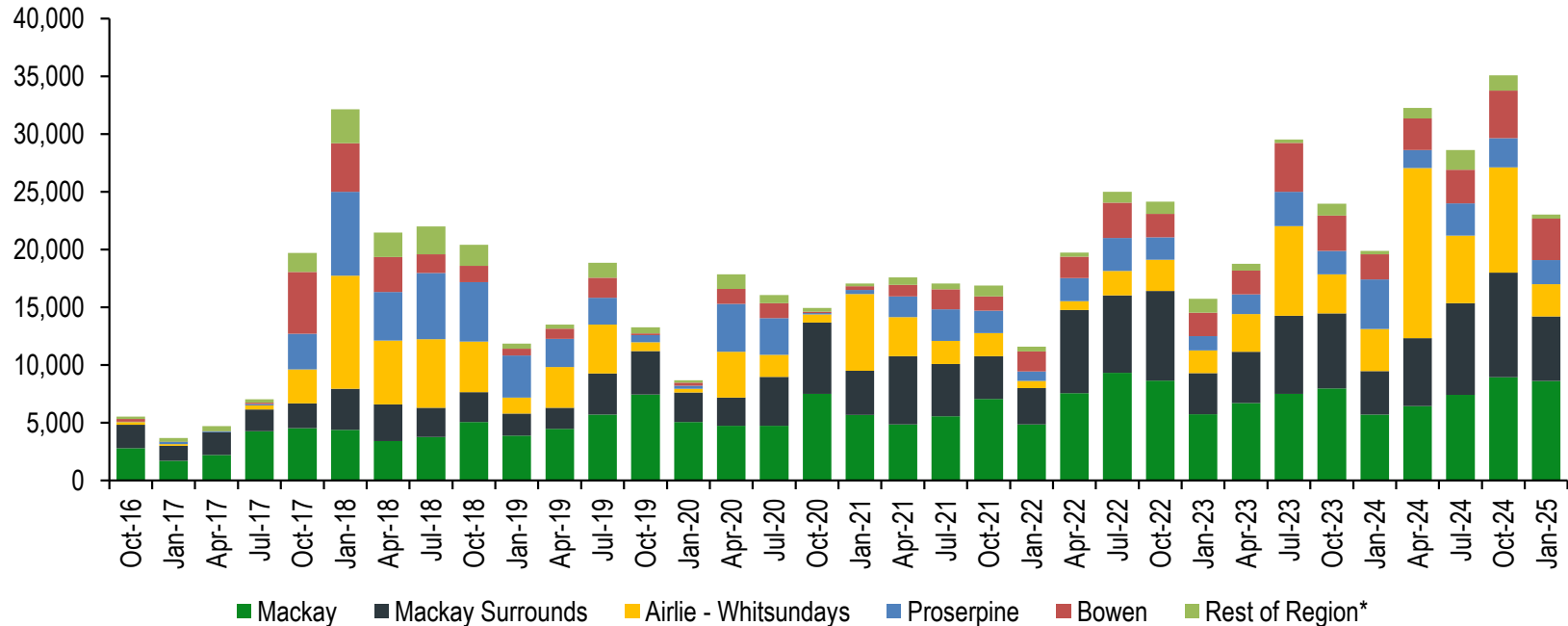


# Local area too

## Approvals for Renovations, Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday, \$000s

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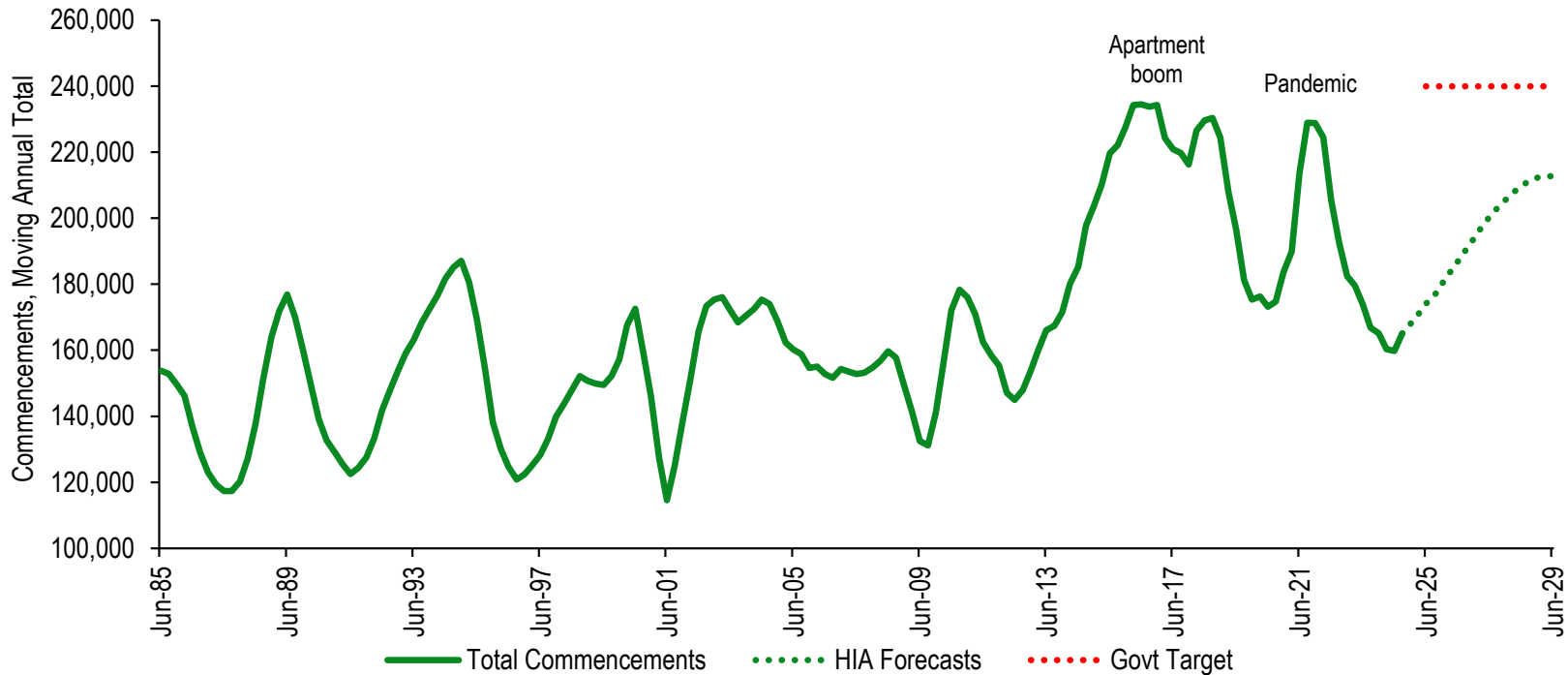
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# Skilled labour is a big constraint on the outlook

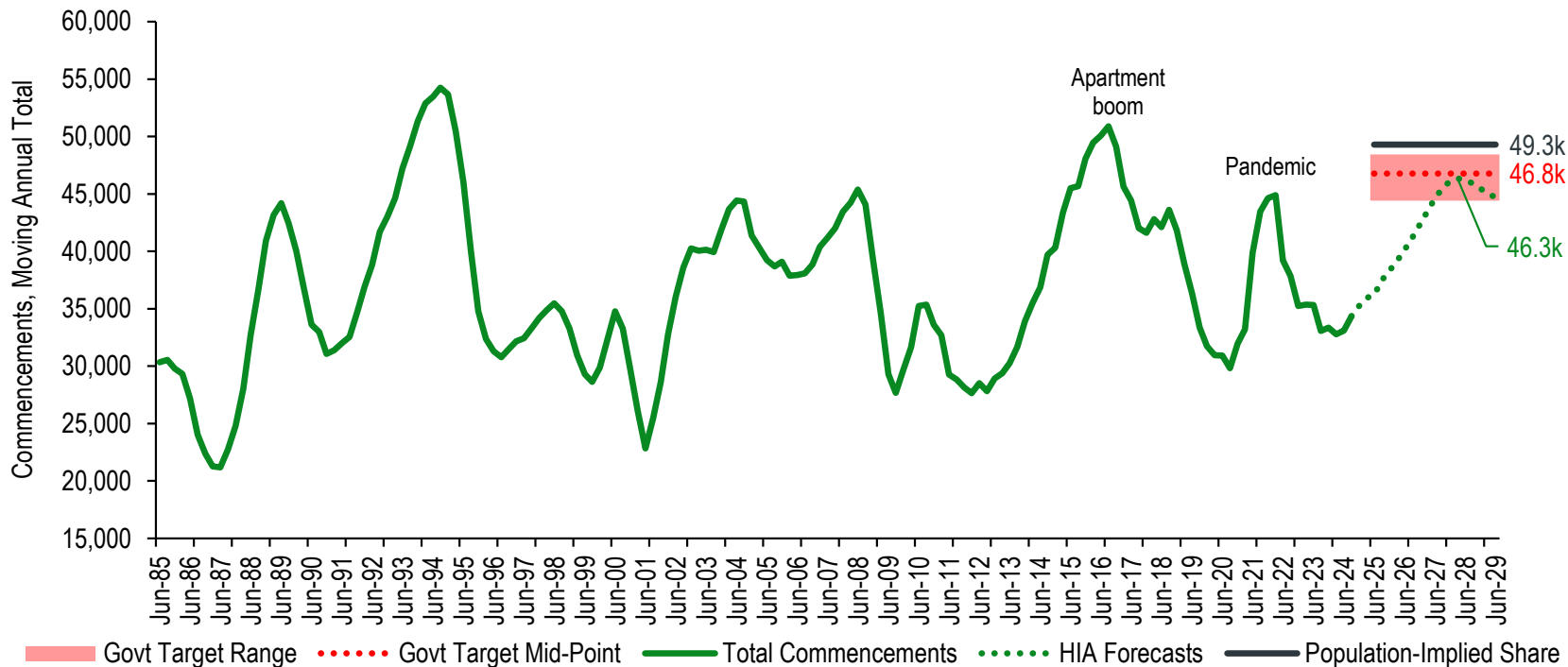
## 1.2 million homes: Actual, Forecast and Target, MAT

Source: HIA Economics



## 1.2 million homes: QLD

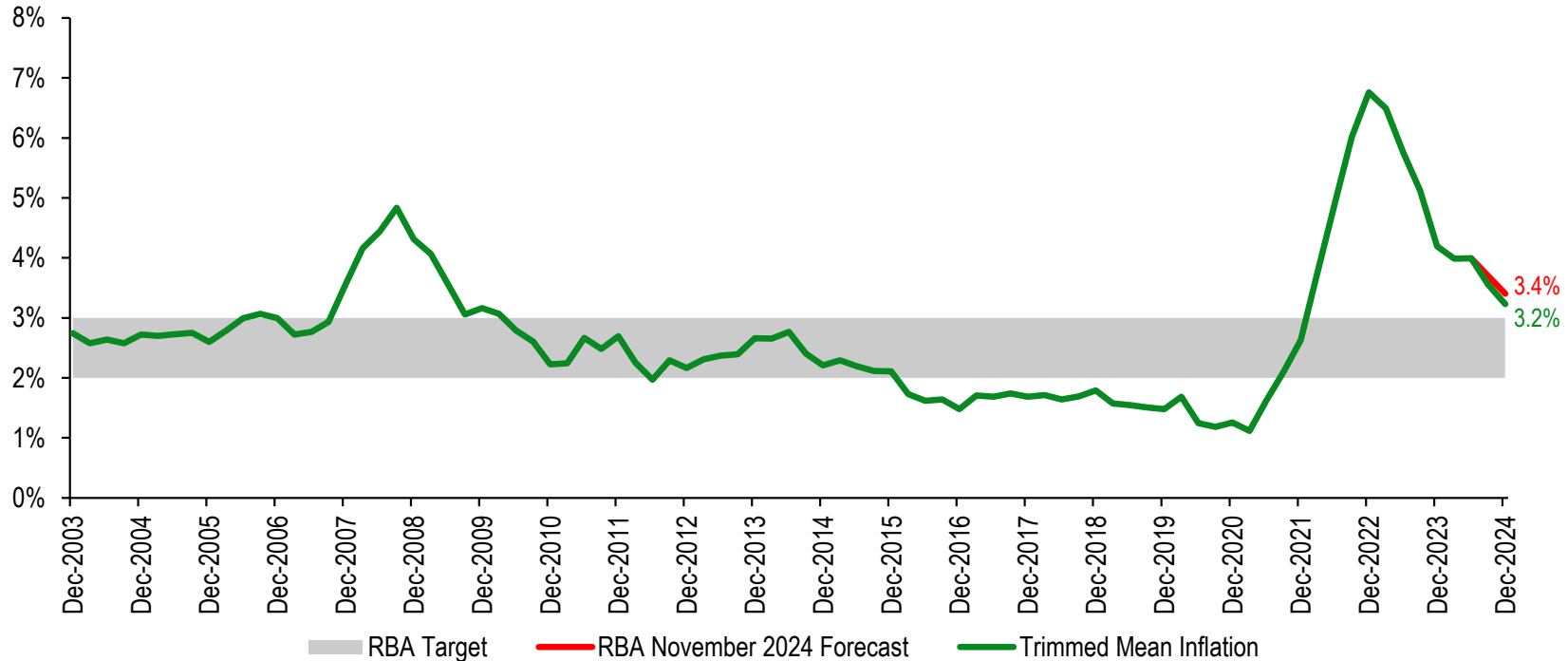
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# Welcome downside surprise on inflation

## Trimmed Mean Inflation, Annual

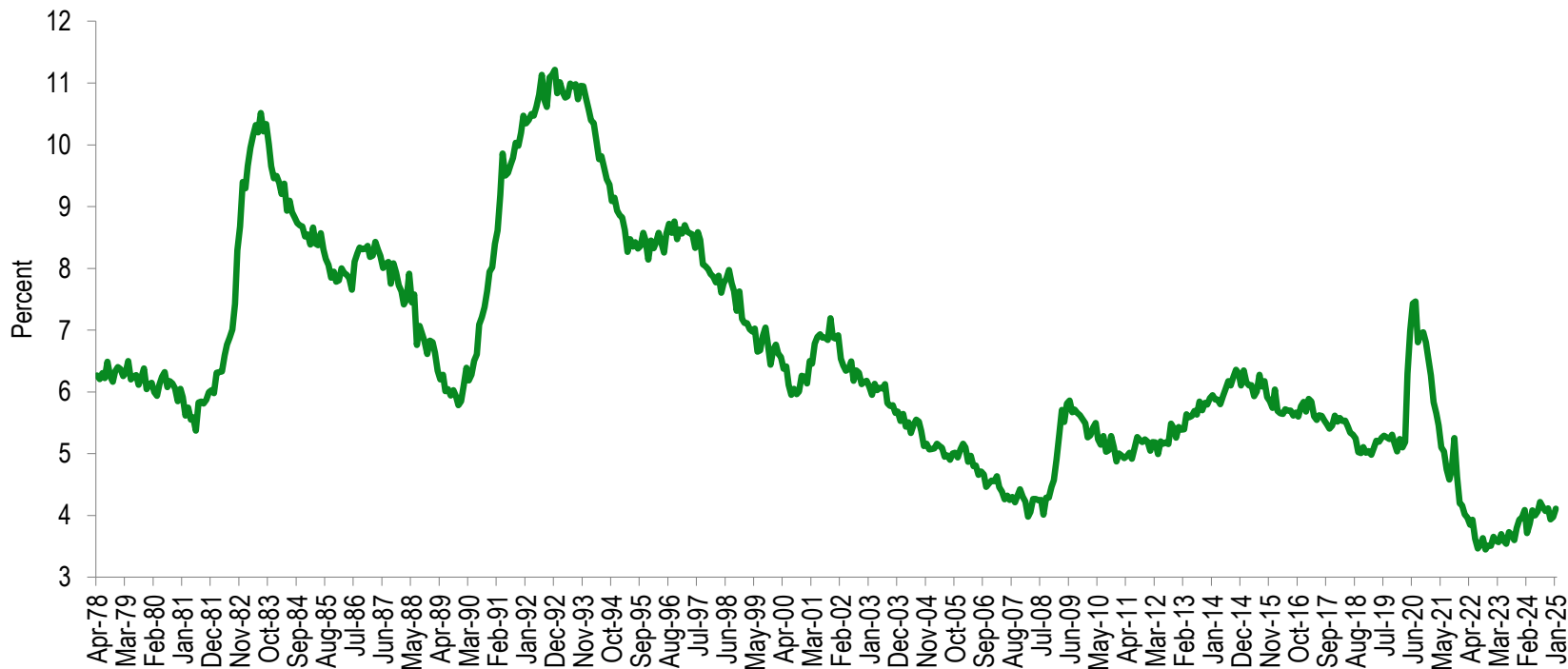
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# Almost everyone still has a job

## Unemployment Rate, AUS

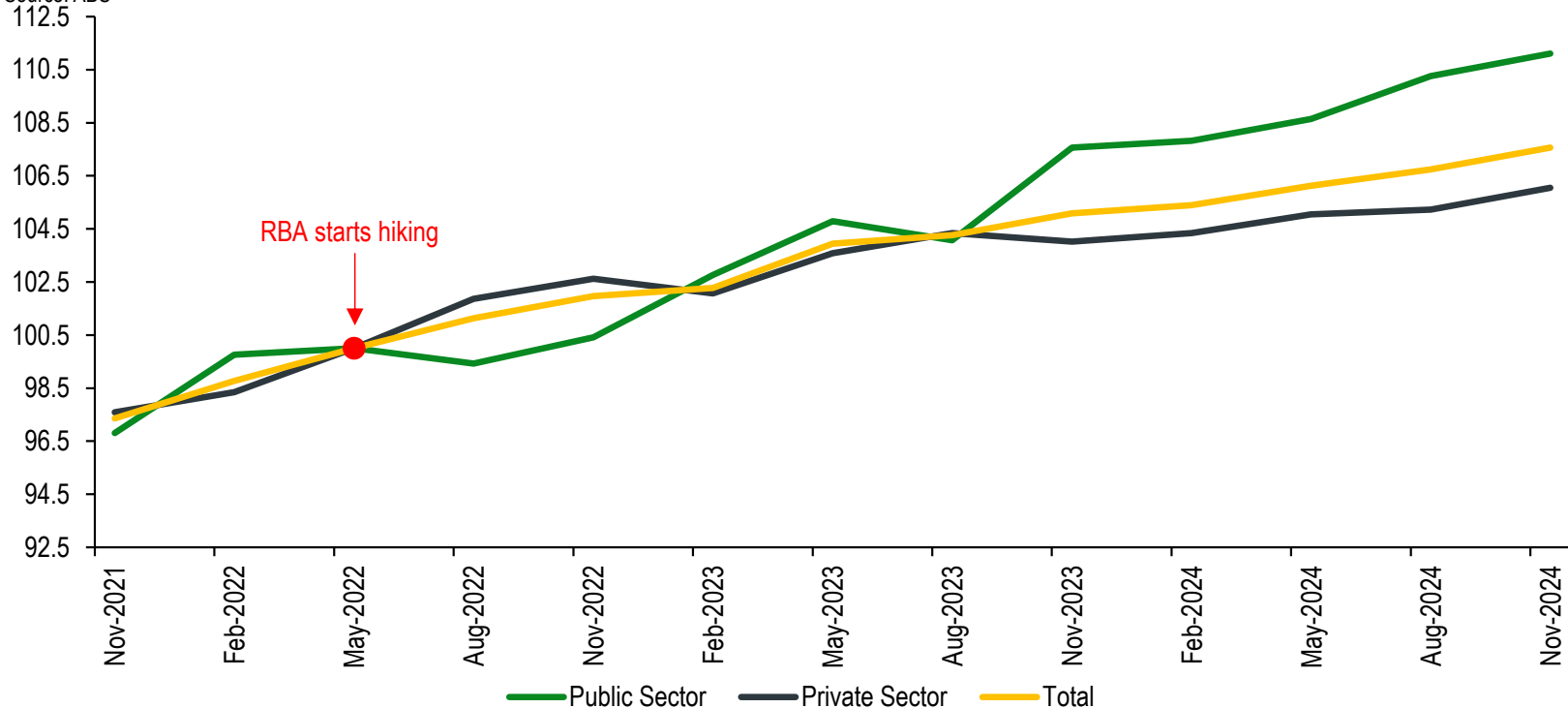
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# Even if it's a government job

## Employment by Sector, Index, Australia

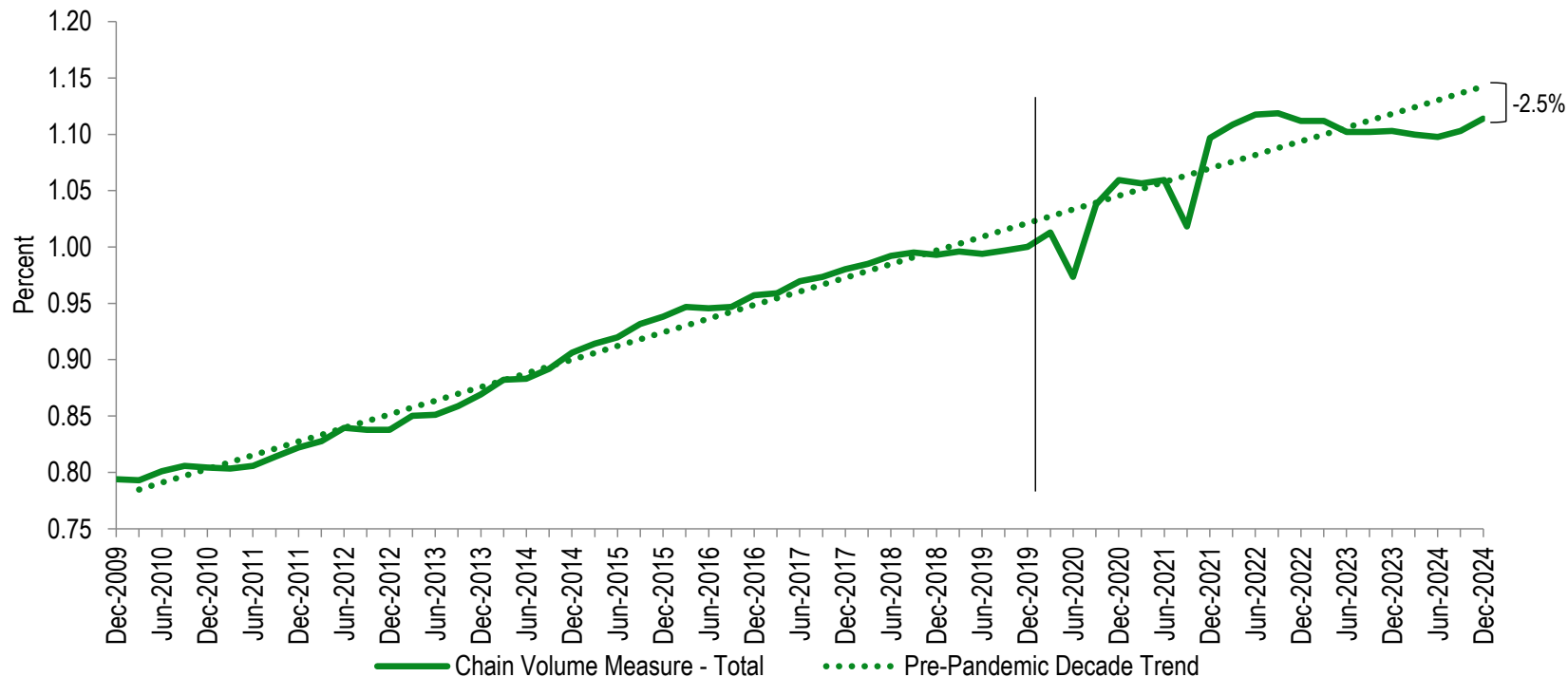
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# Household spending picking up again

## Retail Trade Volumes, AUS

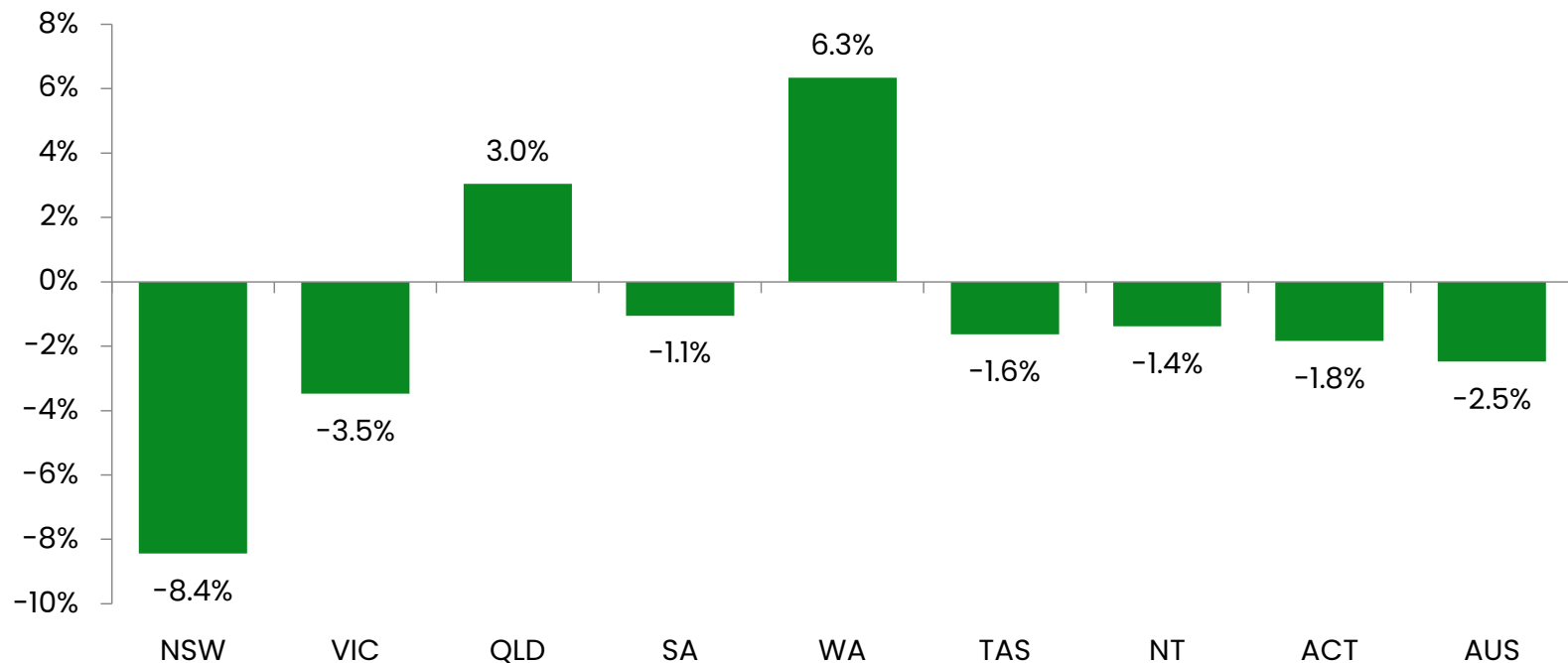
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# Especially WA & QLD

## Retail Trade Volumes vs Pre-Pandemic Trajectory

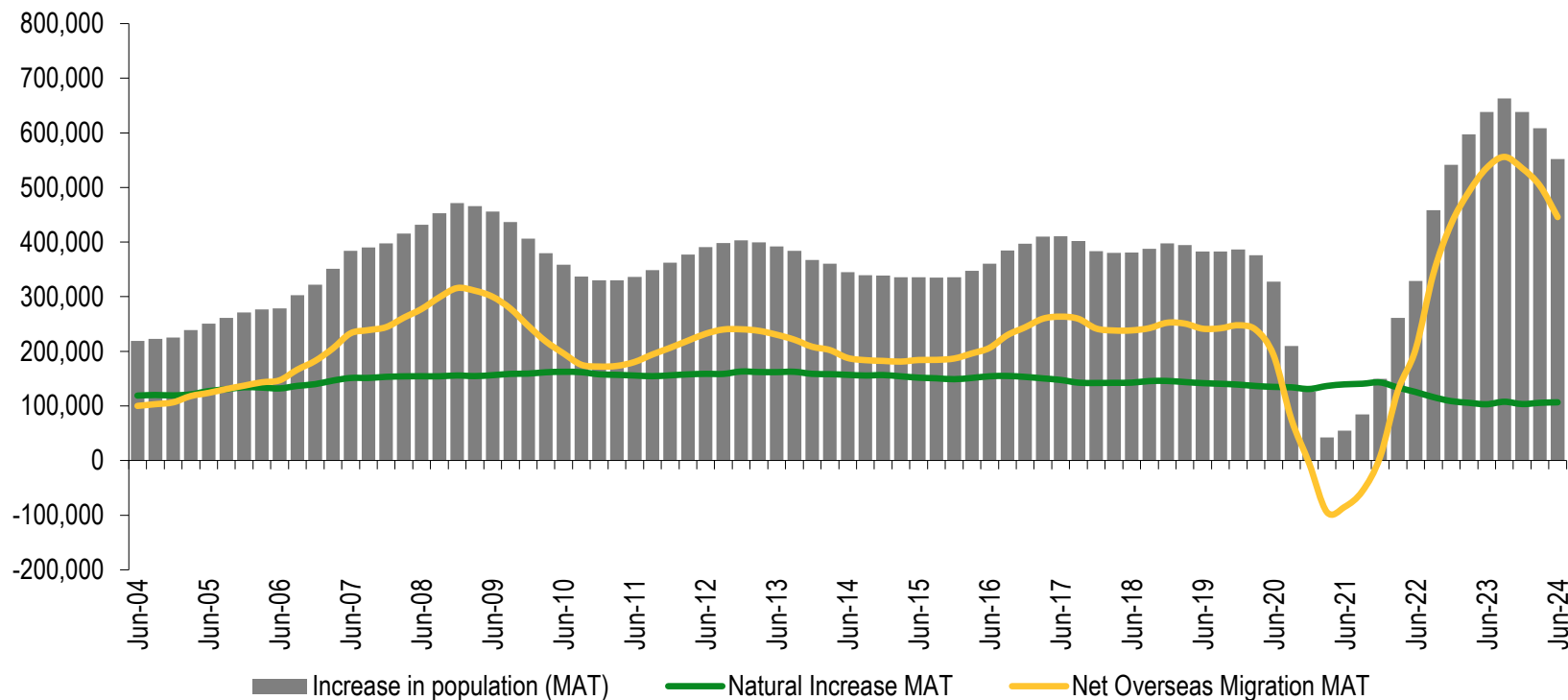
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# Population growth easing but still strong

## Australia's Population Growth by Component - MAT

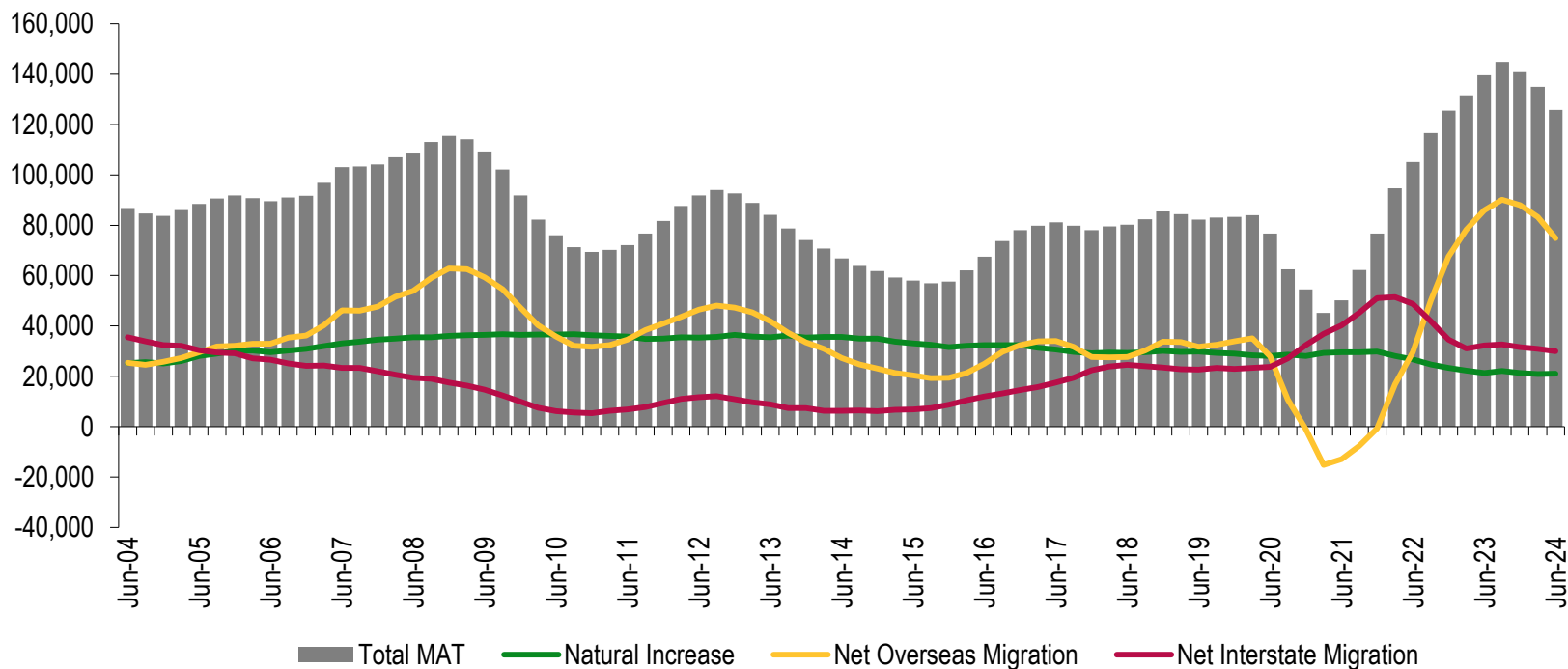
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# Especially QLD

## Queensland's Population Growth by Component - MAT

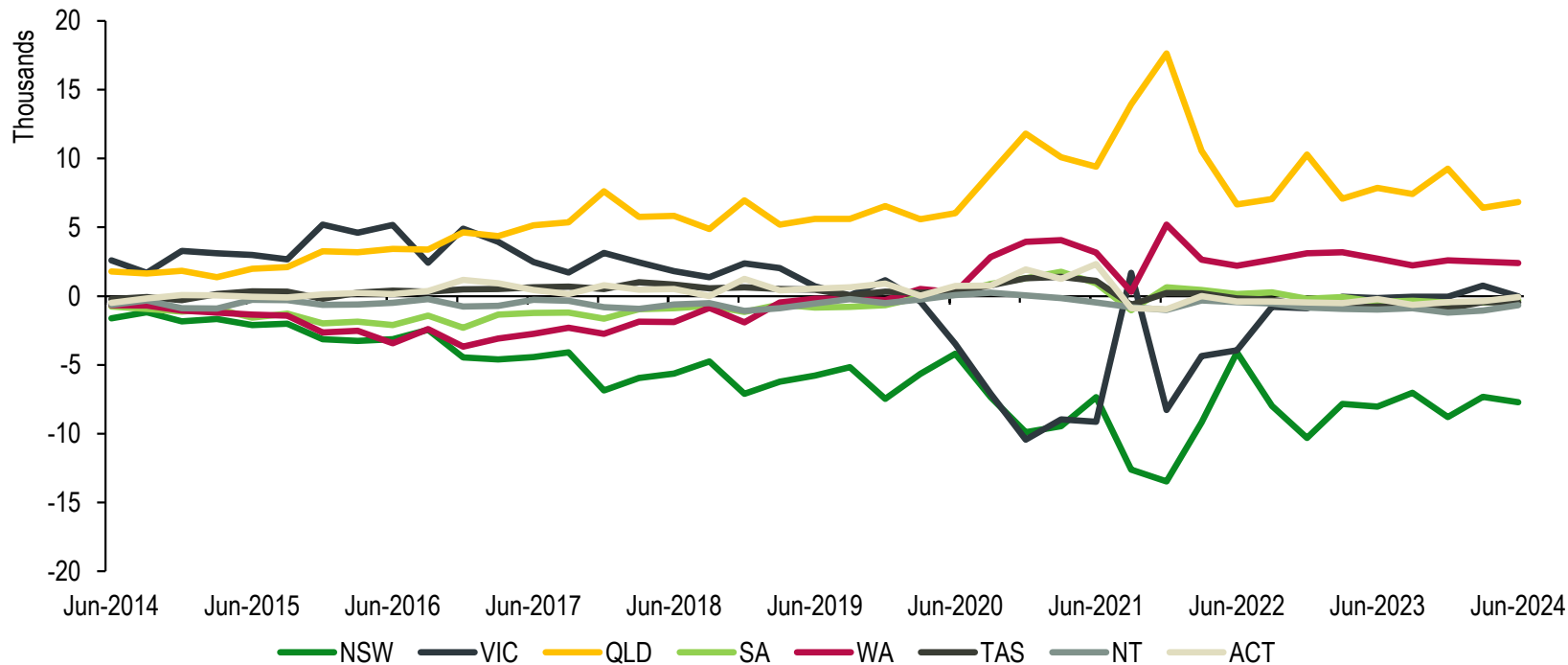
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# Still getting NSW exodus

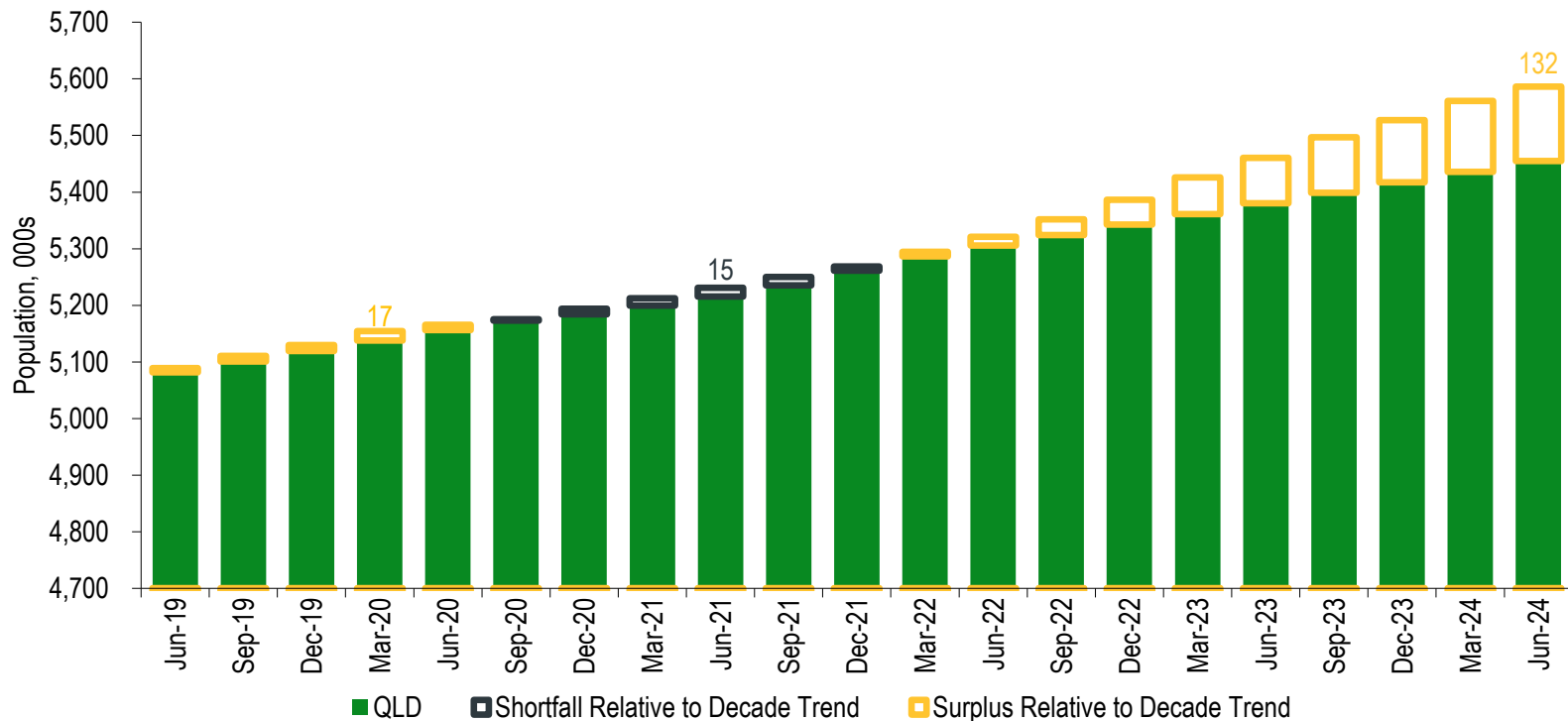
## Net Interstate Migration, by State, by Quarter

Source: ABS 3101.0, HIA Economics



# QLD's excess population

## QLD Population Trajectory



Source: ABS 3101.0

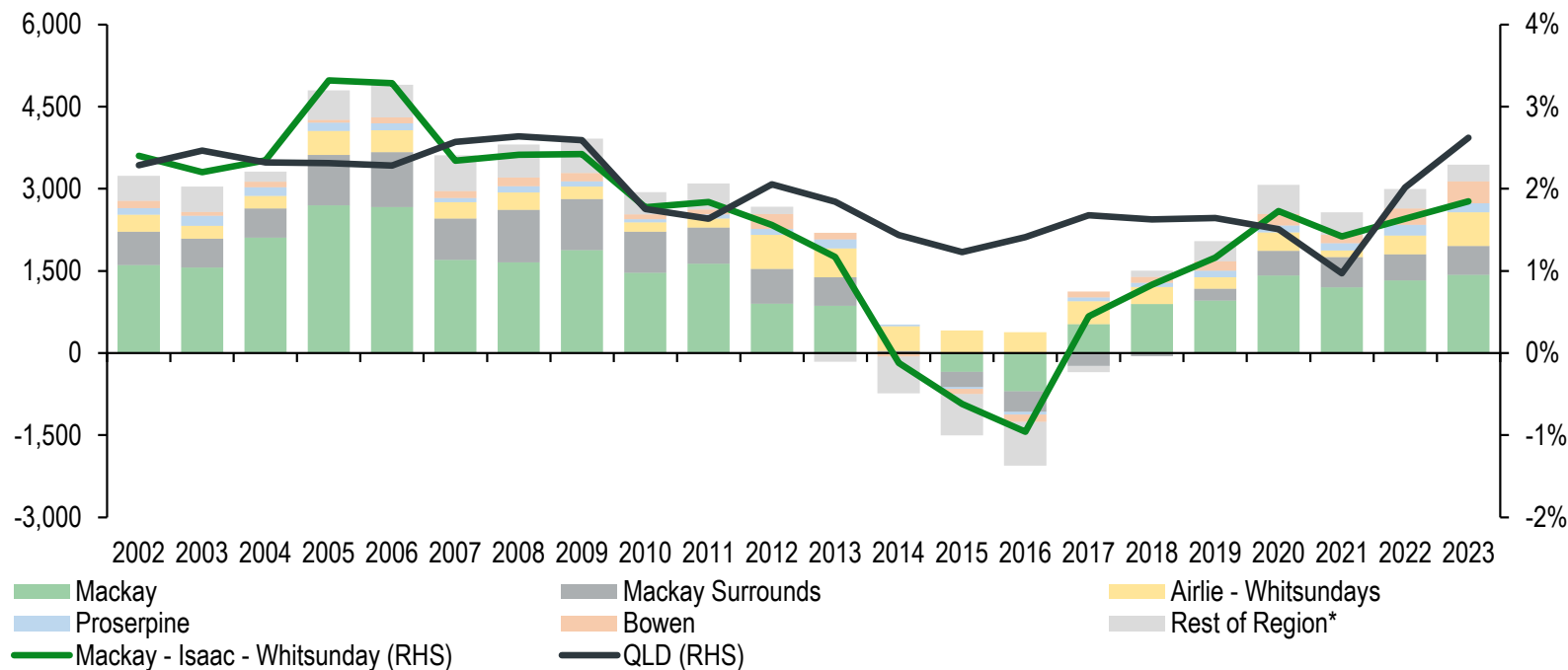


# Local region

## Population Growth

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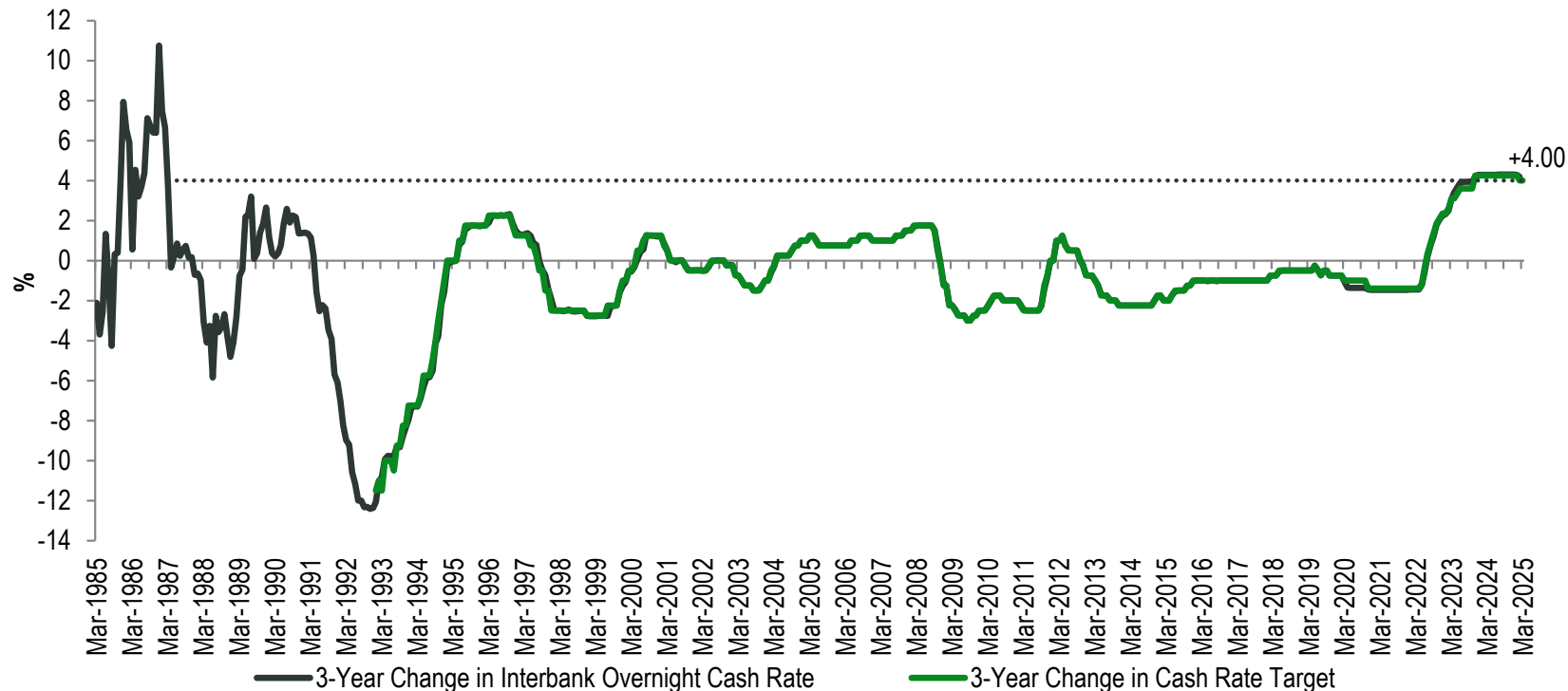
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# Rates stable for almost 2 years even before cut

## 3-Year Change in RBA Cash Rate

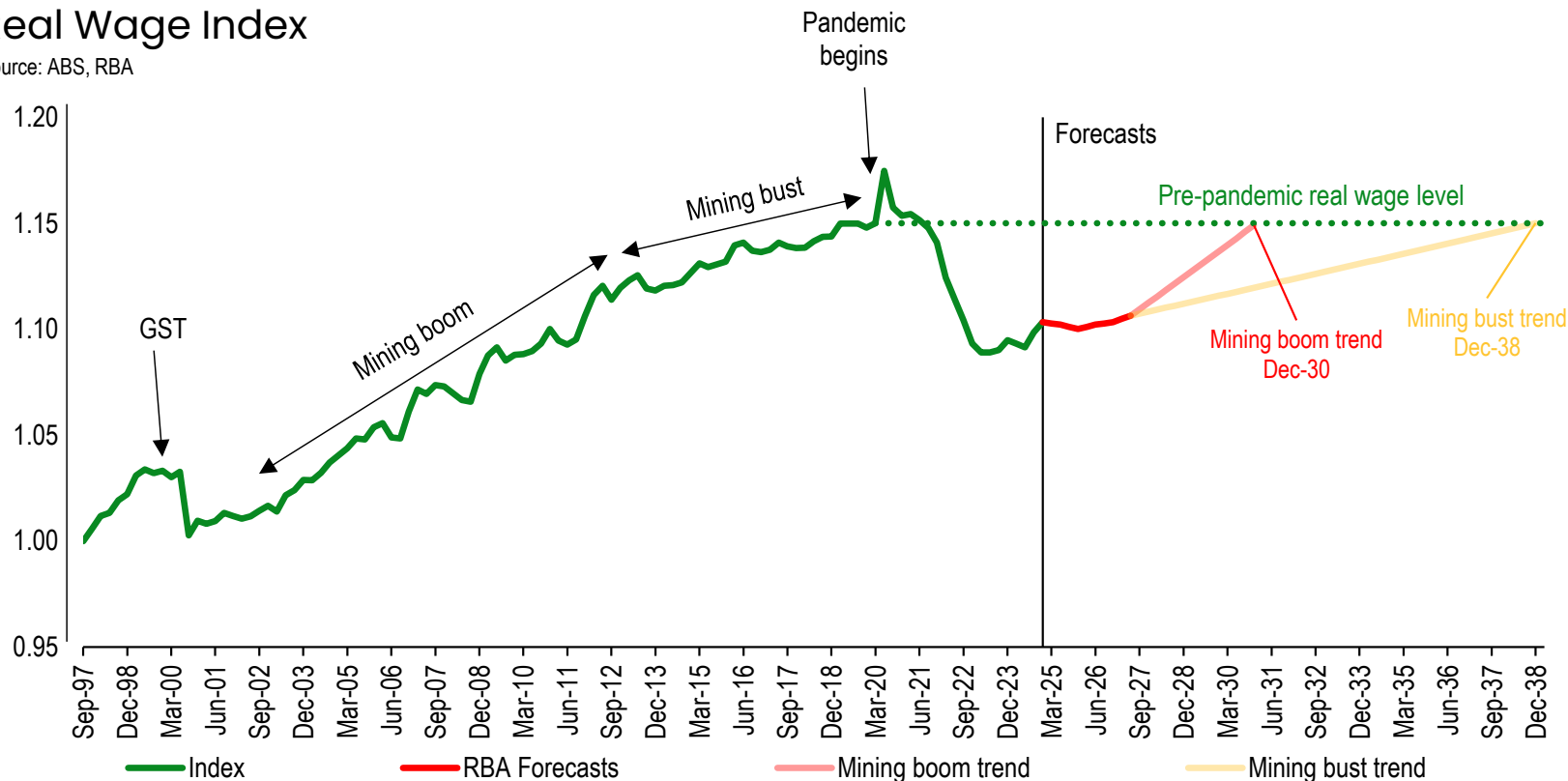
Source: RBA



# Real incomes stabilising

## Real Wage Index

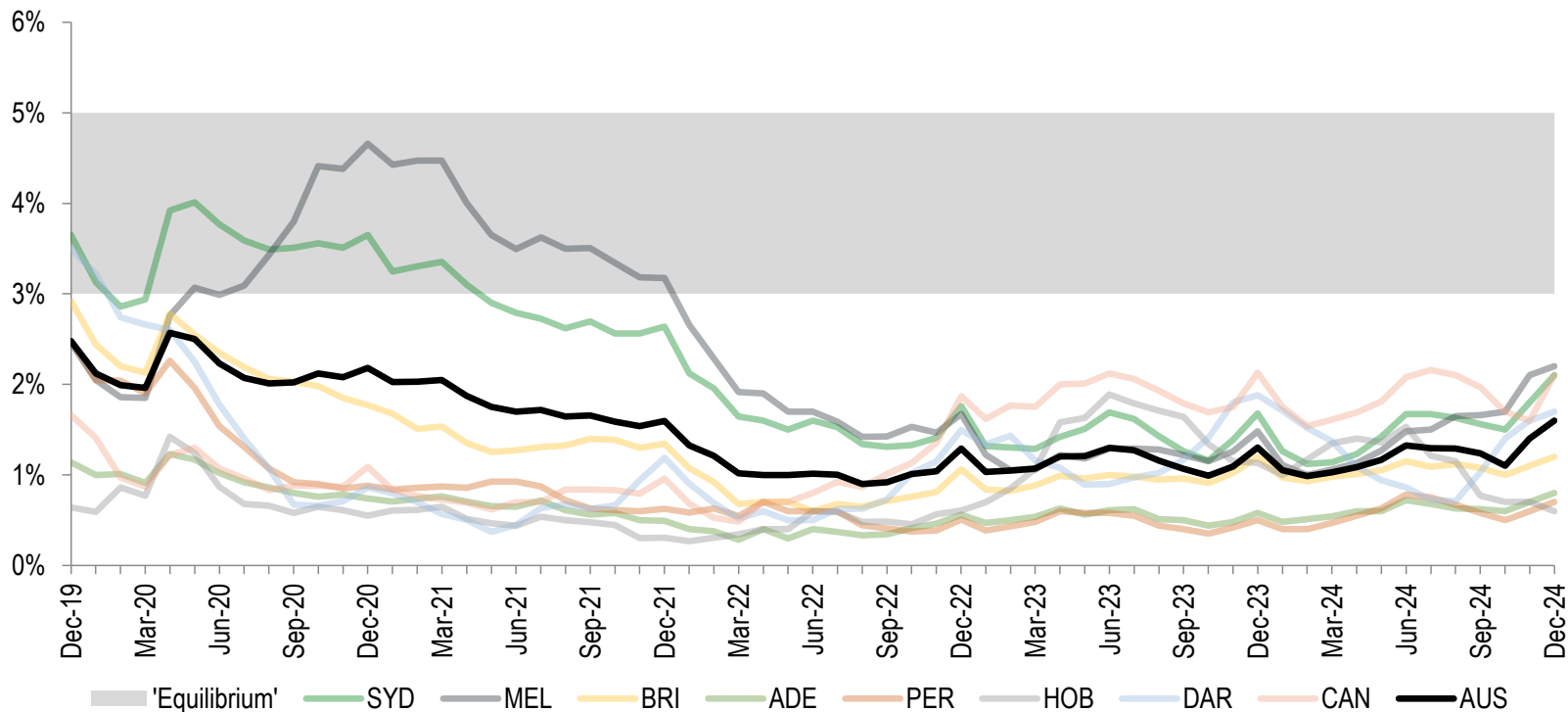
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# Acute rental shortages persisting

## Rental Vacancy Rates

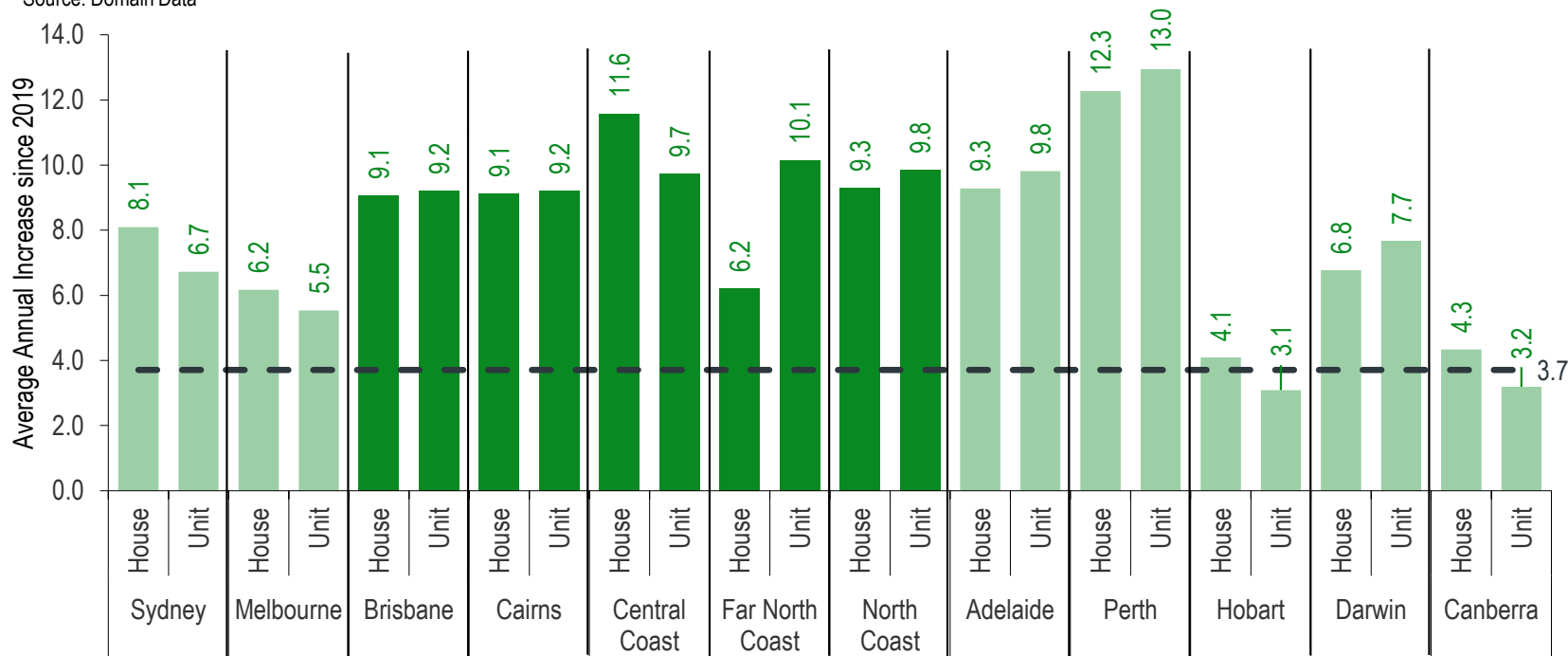
Source: SQMR



# Producing strong rental price growth

## Median Weekly Asking Rents - September Qtr 2024

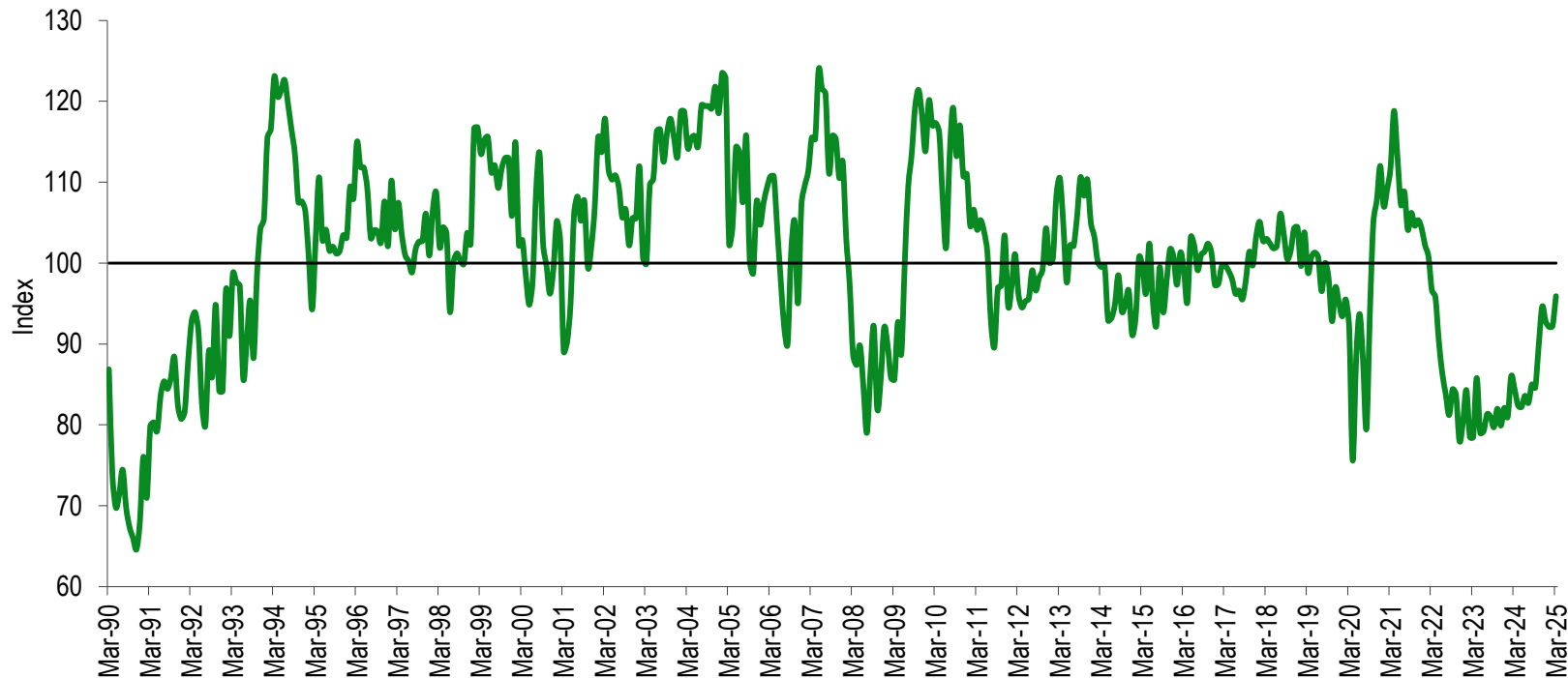
Source: Domain Data



# Consumer confidence bouncing back

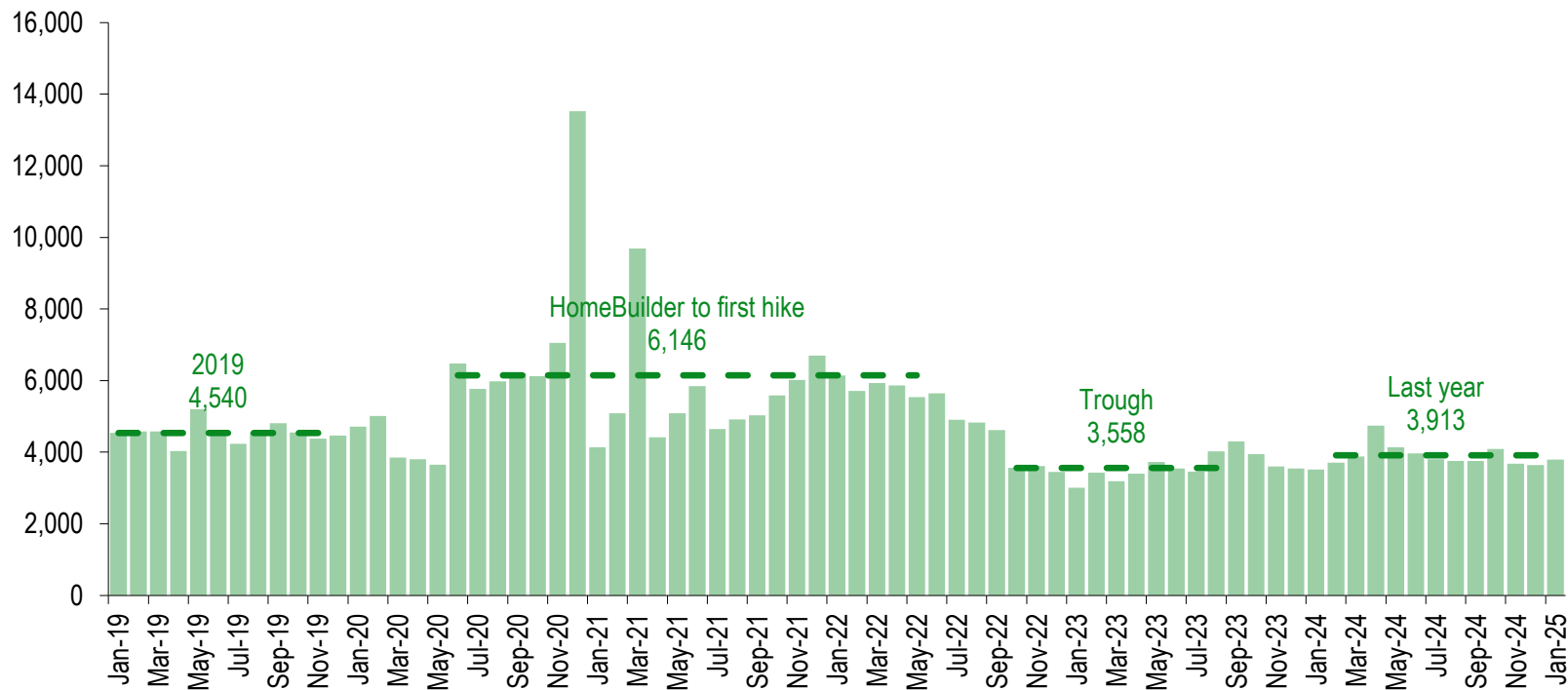
## Consumer Confidence

Source: Westpac-Melbourne Institute



# New Home Sales picking up

Private New House Sales – Australia (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

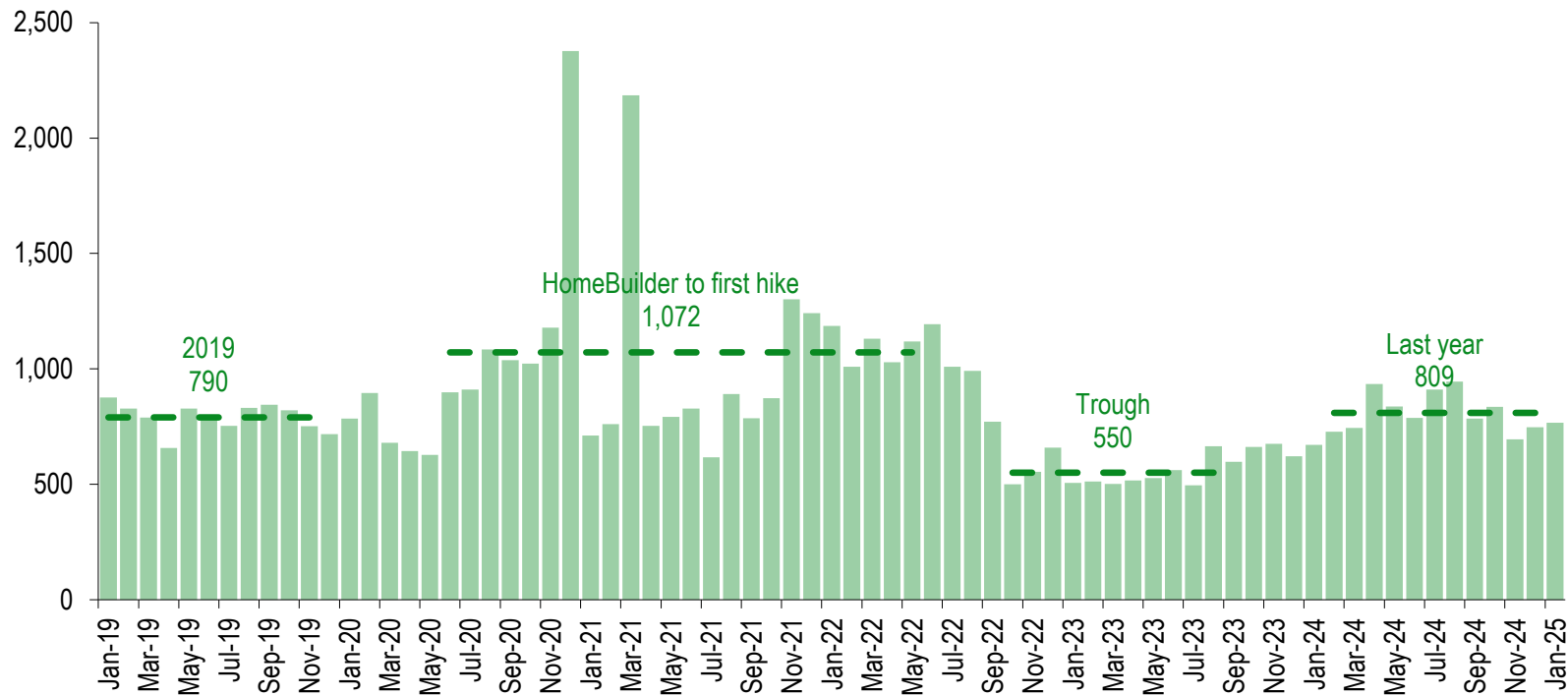


Source: ABS 8731.0 and HIA



# Especially QLD

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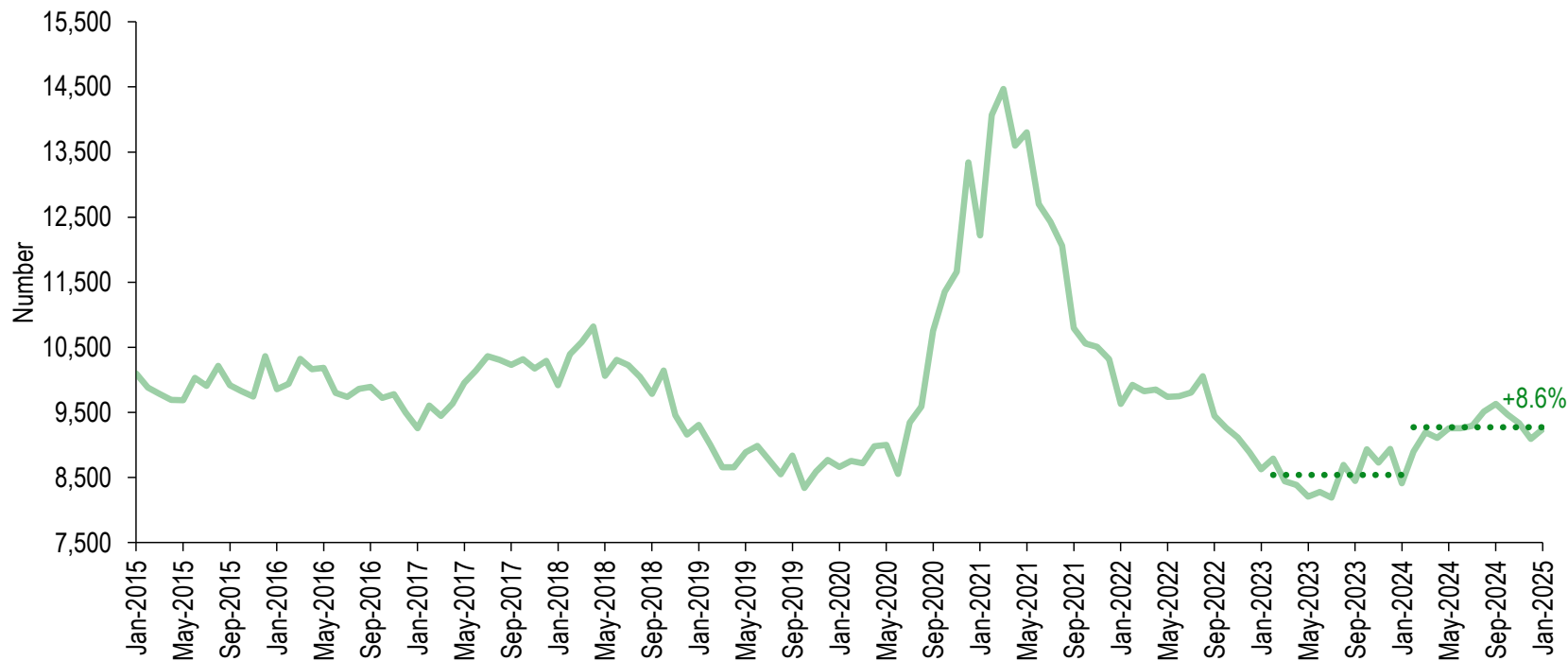
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# Approvals followed suit

## House Approvals, Australia

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# Especially QLD

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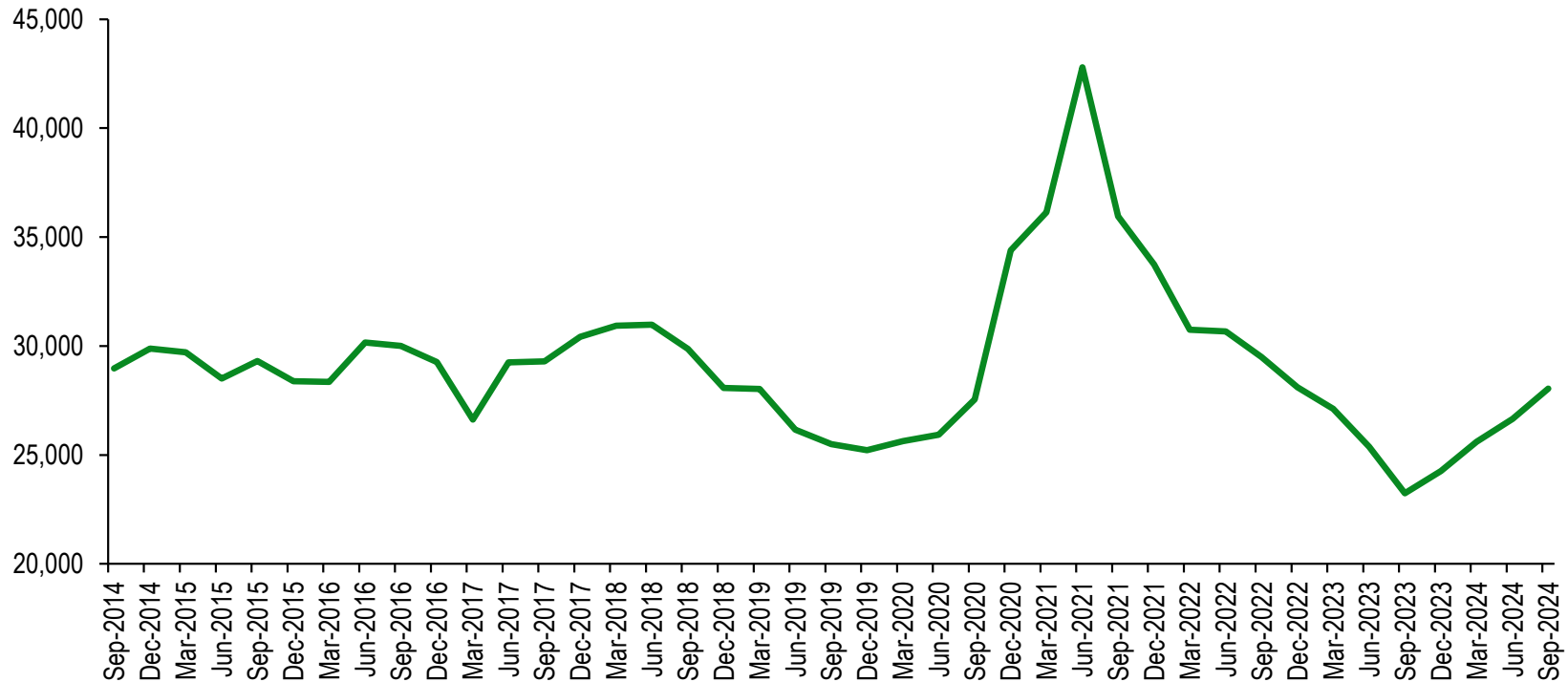
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# And now commencements

## Detached Houses Commencements, Australia

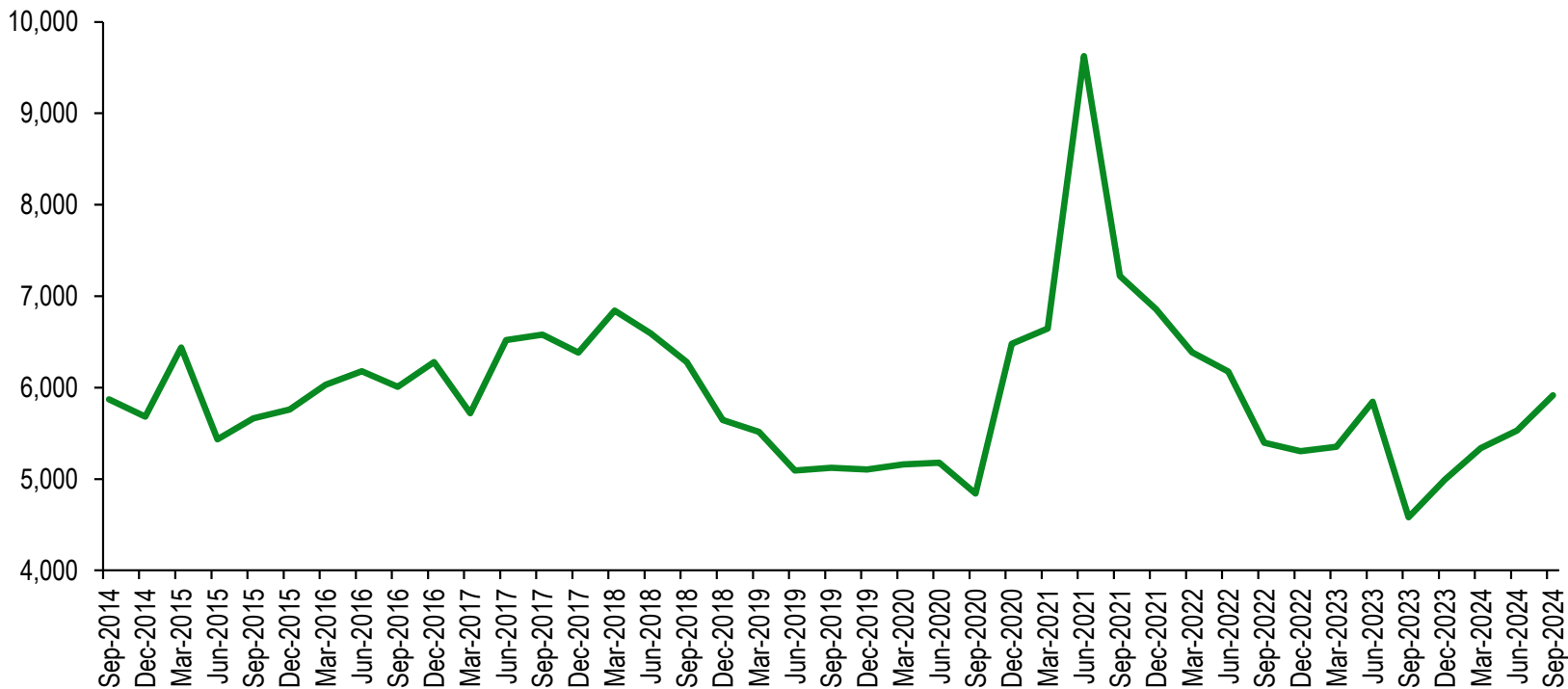
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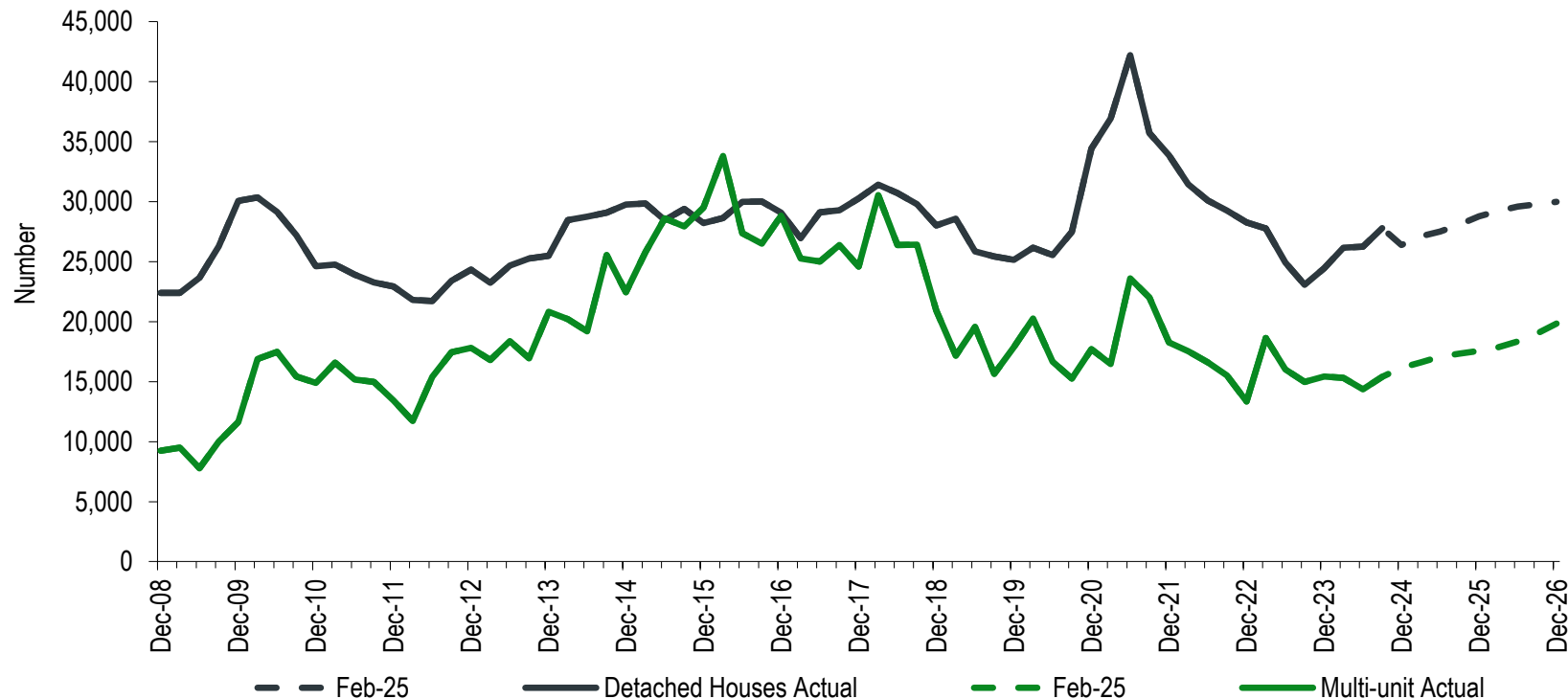
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# New forecasts!

## HIA Forecast - Australia

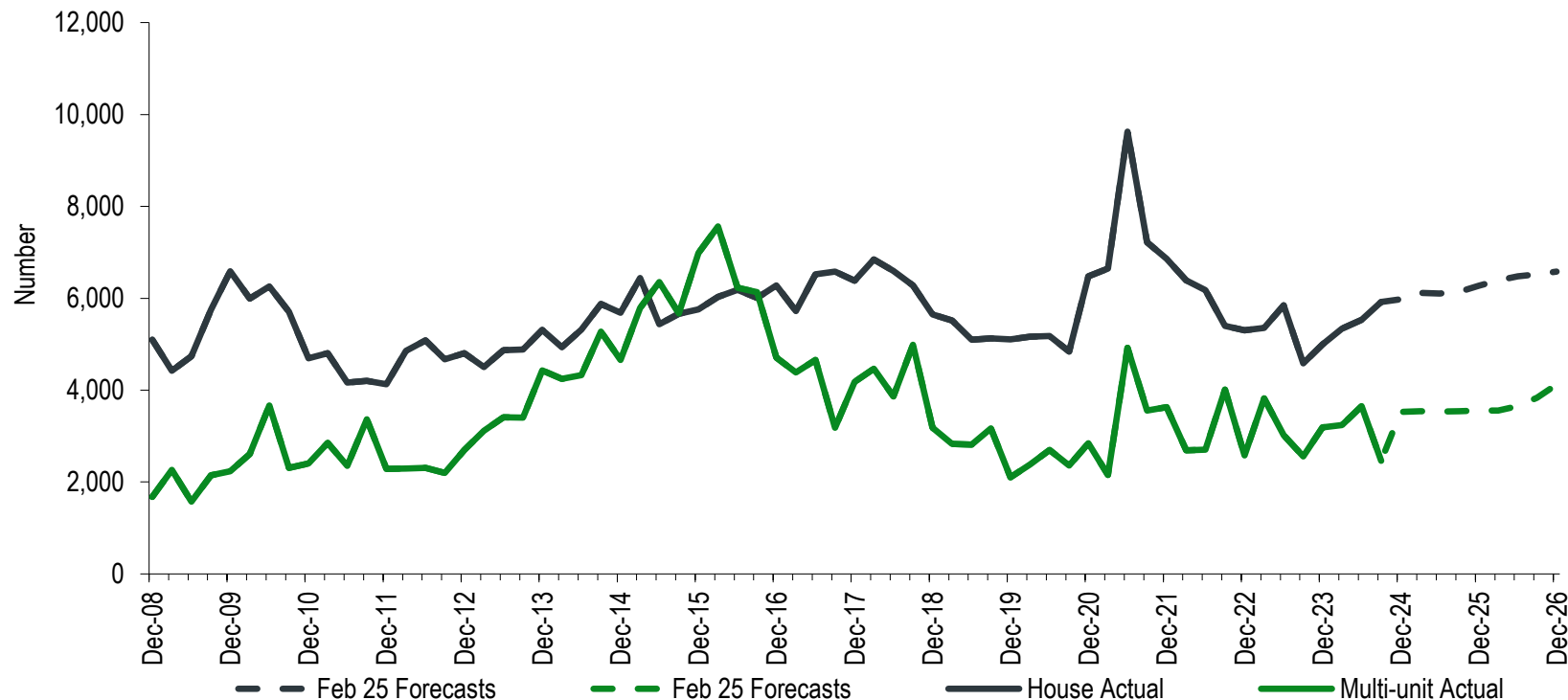
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# Forecasts for QLD

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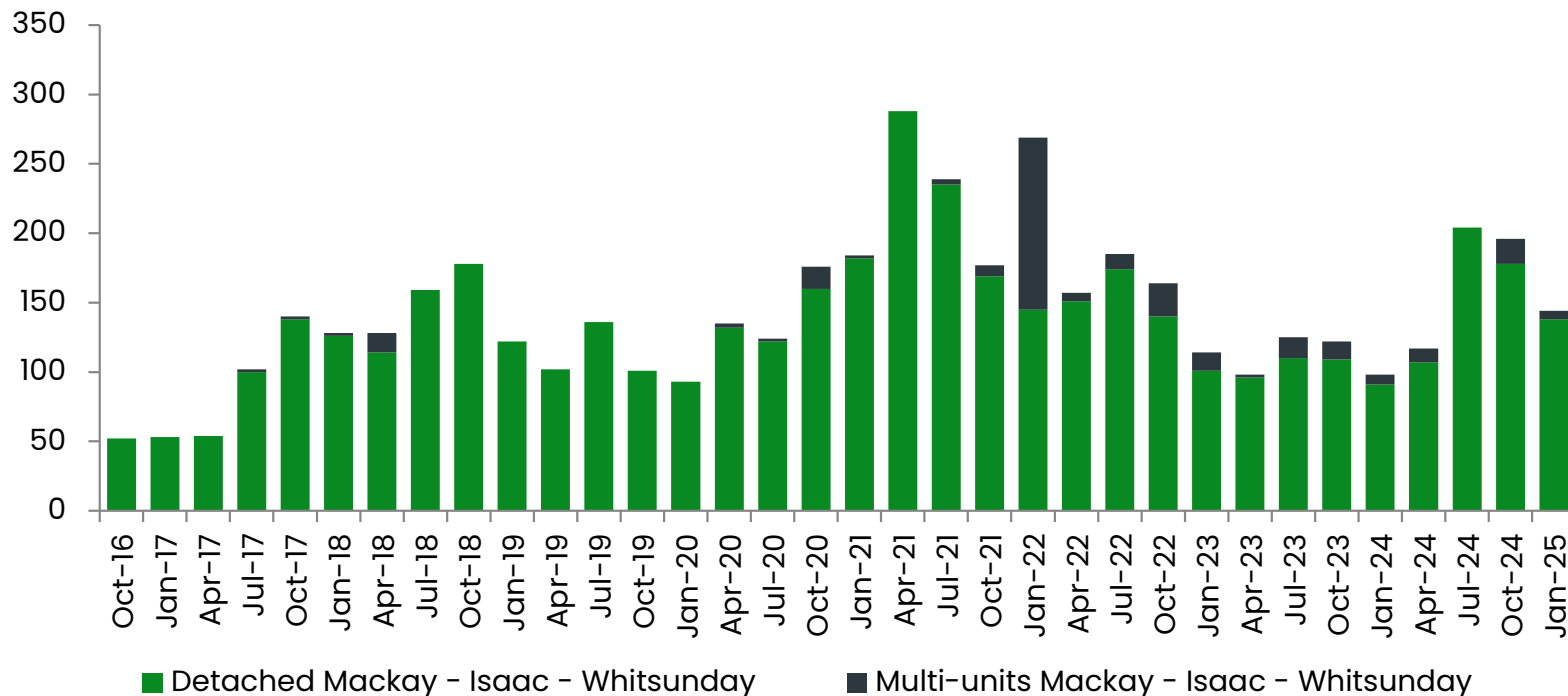
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# Local region

## Quarterly Building Approvals, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday

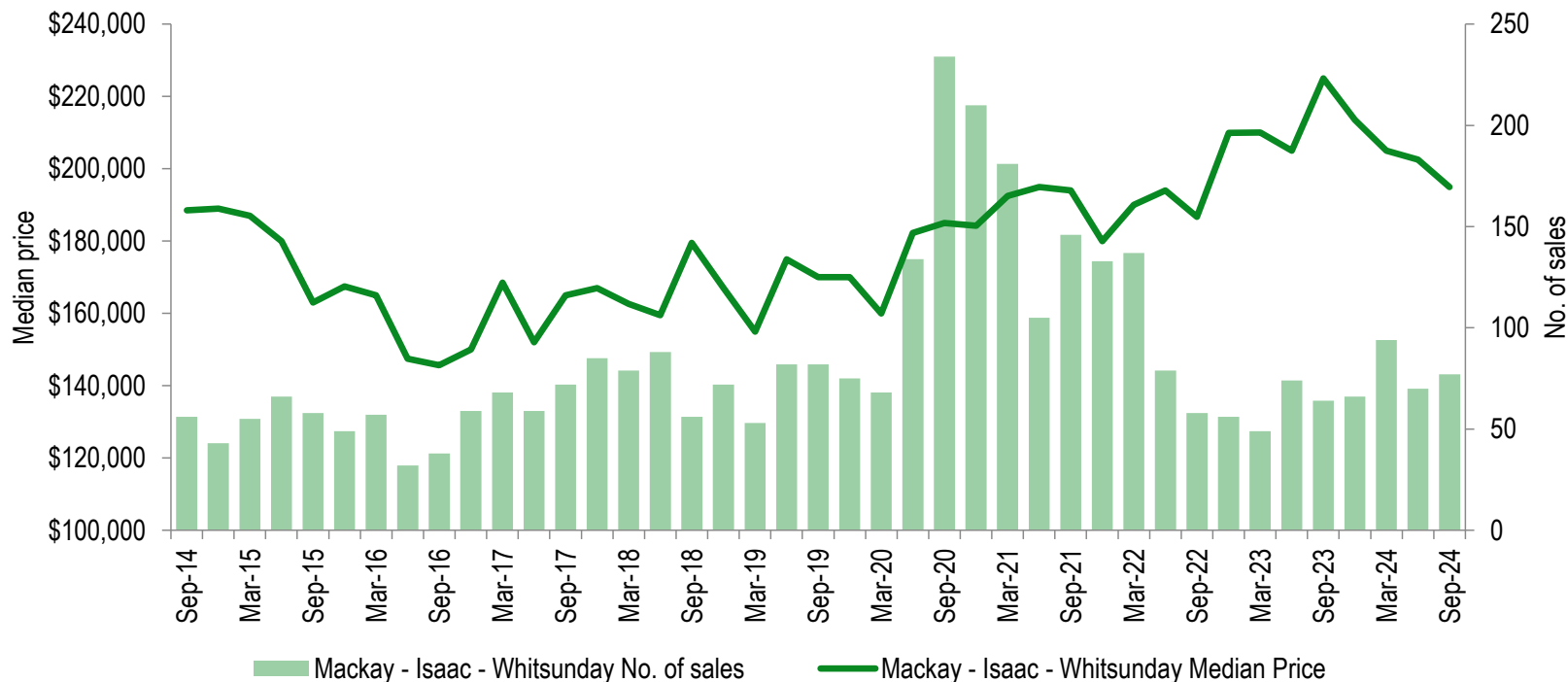
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# Land sales picking up too

## Residential Land Sales and Median Lot Value

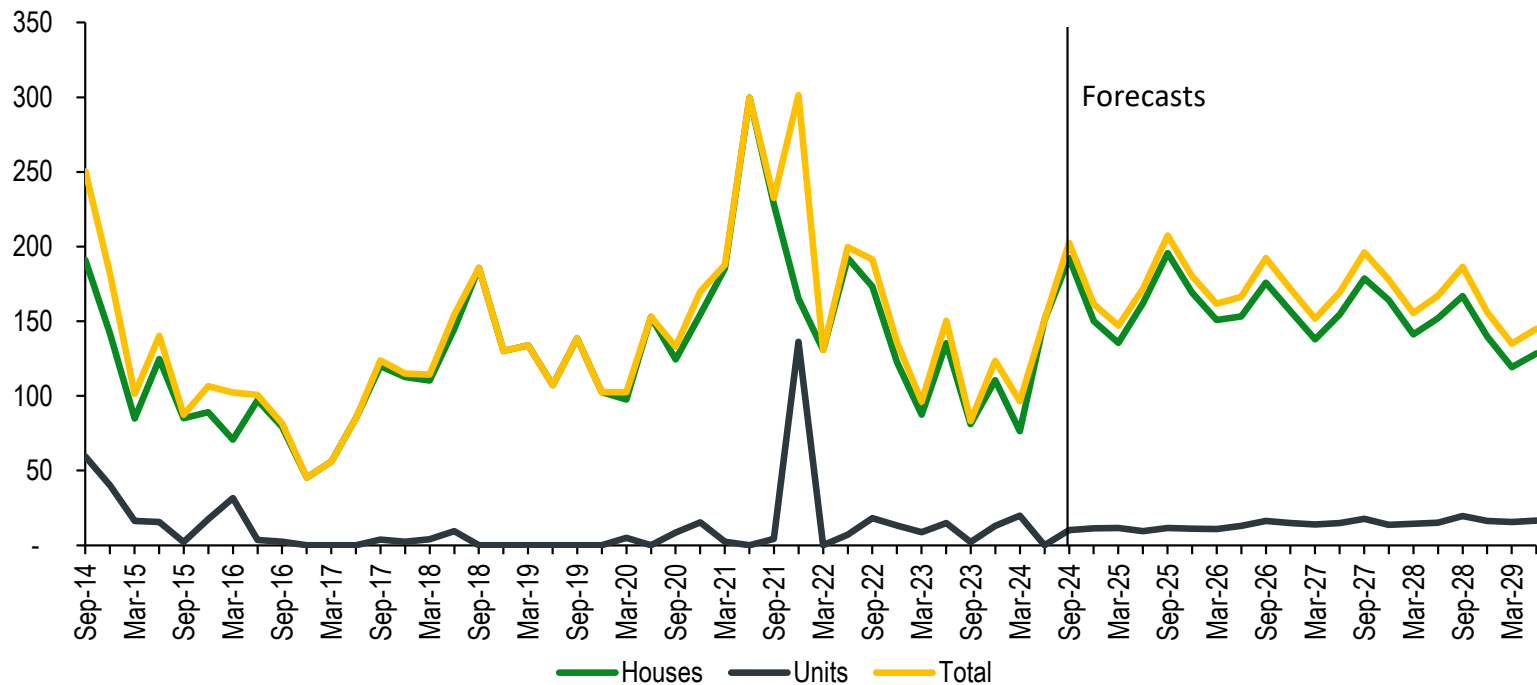
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# Commencements expected to follow

## House vs Unit Commencements, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday

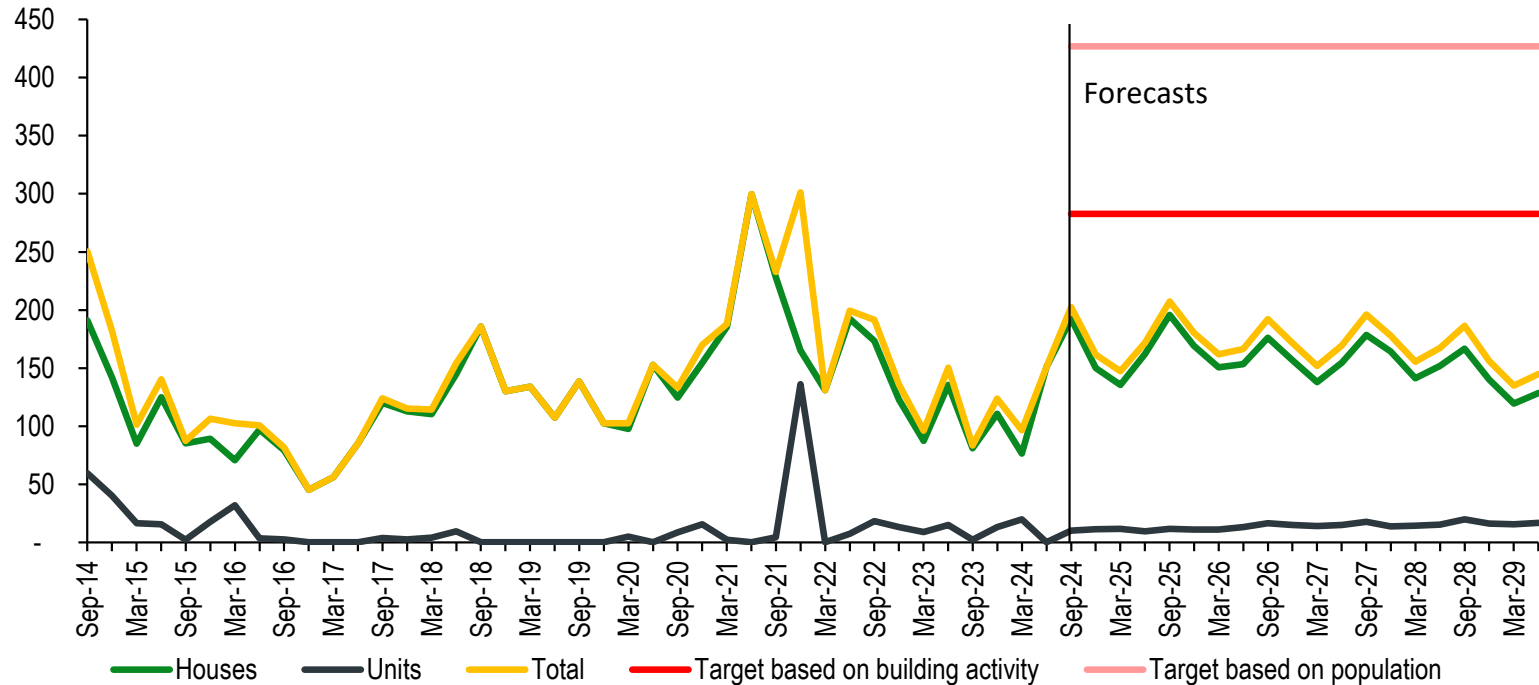
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# Compared to target ...

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# HIA's Election Imperatives

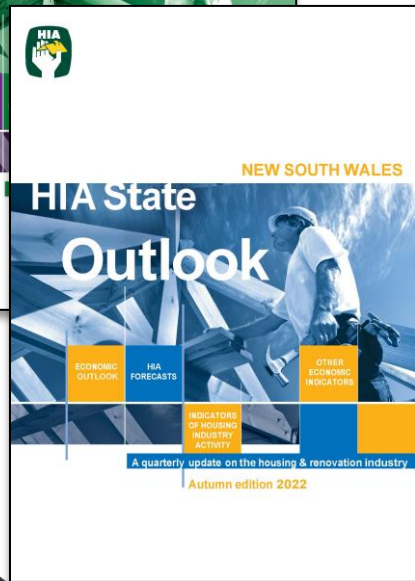
1. Addressing skill shortages
  - Skilled migration
  - Domestic workforce development
2. Removing the barriers to supply of housing
  - Planning, approvals
  - Land
  - Infrastructure
  - Building regulations
  - Taxes
3. Establishing financial settings that encourage home ownership
  - Oversight of regulatory targets
  - Greater prioritisation of homeownership not just financial stability





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