

## SUMMARY

During November 2020, the number of new dwellings approved:

- rose by 19% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals rose 2.6%).

Note: Due to the impacts of COVID-19 on building approvals the ABS has suspended the trend series from May 2020 onwards until further notice.

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

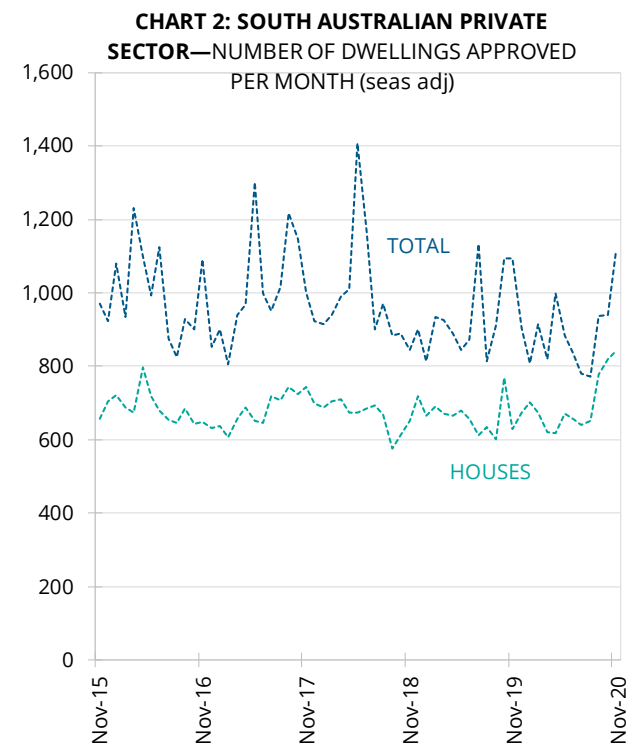
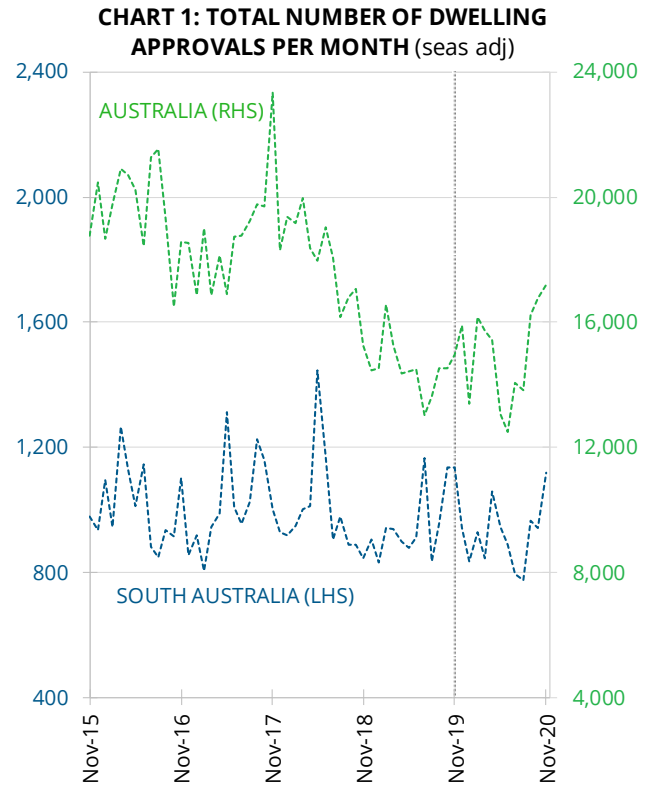
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The total number of dwelling approvals in South Australia in November 2020 was 1.4% lower than a year ago. Nationally, the number of dwelling approvals was 15% higher than a year ago – see Chart 1 and Table 1.

The number of private sector houses approved for construction in South Australia rose by 2.8% during November to be 34% higher than a year ago — see Chart 2.

Private ‘other’ dwelling approvals in South Australia rose by 128% during November but were 40% lower than a year earlier.

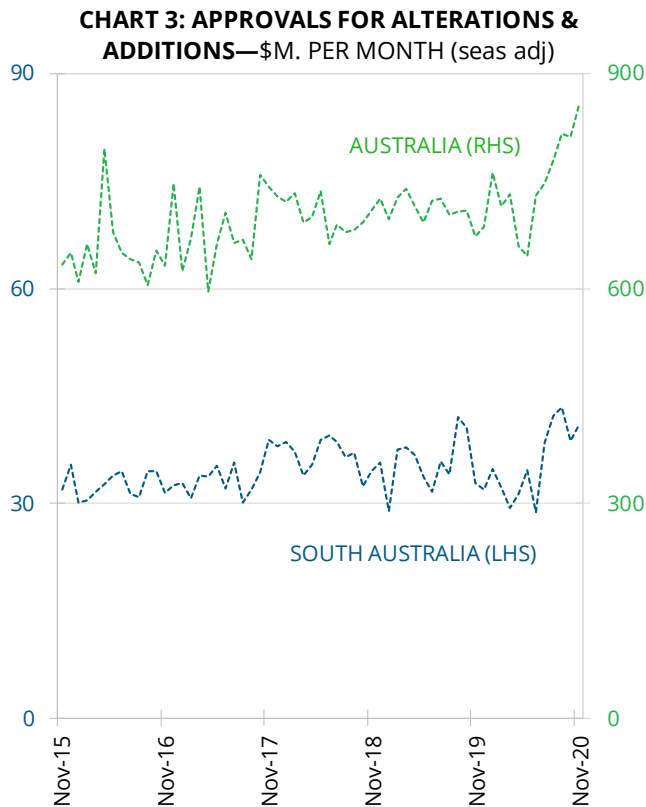
Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction rose by 6.1% during November, while the number of private ‘other’ dwelling approvals fell by 3.9%.



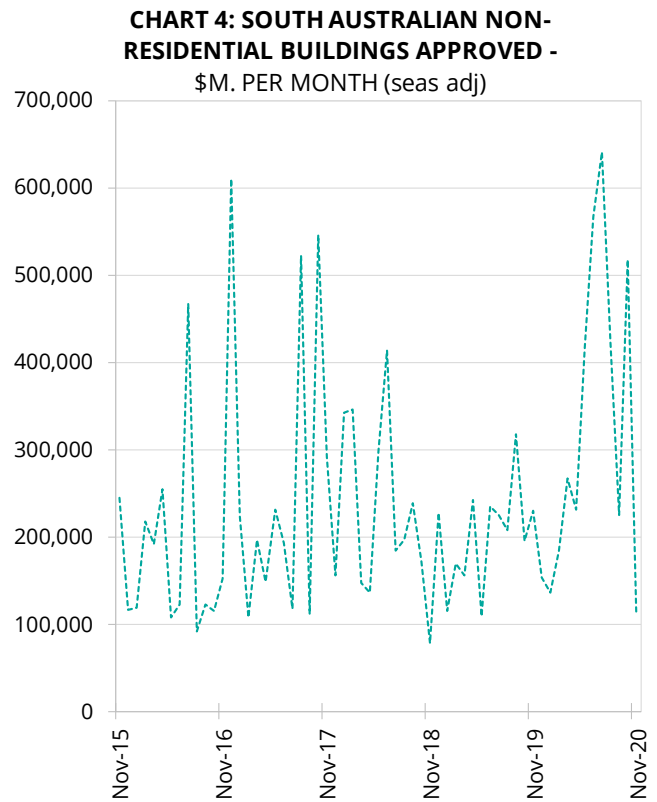
**Table 1: Dwelling Approvals By State**

|            | Nov 20<br>(no.)<br>(seas adj) | Nov 20 vs.<br>Oct 20<br>(% change) | Nov 20 vs.<br>Nov 19<br>(% change) |
|------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| NSW        | 4,834                         | 1.5                                | 0.1                                |
| VIC        | 4,838                         | -4.6                               | -1.4                               |
| QLD        | 3,248                         | 6.5                                | 32.0                               |
| <b>SA</b>  | <b>1,120</b>                  | <b>18.8</b>                        | <b>-1.4</b>                        |
| WA         | 2,294                         | -5.4                               | 103.7                              |
| TAS        | 280                           | -0.4                               | 8.1                                |
| <b>AUS</b> | <b>17,205</b>                 | <b>2.6</b>                         | <b>15.0</b>                        |

The value of alteration and addition approvals in South Australia rose by 5.9% during November and was 25% higher than a year ago. Nationally, the value of alteration and addition approvals rose 5.6% in November to be 27% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 3.



During November, the value of non-residential building approvals fell by 79% in South Australia, to be 52% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 4. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals fell by 27% during November, to be 7.1% lower than a year ago.



Note: The ABS excludes large irregular movements in a seasonally adjusted series when calculating a trend series. This is pertinent in this brief where seasonally adjusted private sector 'other dwellings' has recorded large irregular movements in South Australia, and explains why there is a large difference in the movement of these series.

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