

## SUMMARY

During the September quarter, real private new capital expenditure in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms:

- fell 3.7% in South Australia to be 8.5% lower than a year earlier;
- nationally, fell 3.0% to be 14% lower than a year earlier.

Note: The ABS survey of New Capital Expenditure covers private businesses in all industries except for agriculture, forestry and fishing, government administration and defence, superannuation funds, education, health and community services, and 'other' services and those that do not employ.

Also note that due to the impacts of COVID-19 on the series, the ABS has suspended trend estimates until further notice.

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In South Australia, the fall in private new capital expenditure during the September quarter followed a rise of 4.0% in the previous quarter. The September quarter fall reflected a fall in expenditure on buildings and structures (down 7.5%) and a rise in equipment, plant and machinery (up 2.1%).

Real private new capital expenditure in South Australia was 8.5% lower than a year earlier. This reflected a fall in capital expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery (down 17%) and a fall in capital expenditure on buildings and structures (down 1.5%).

Nationally, real private new capital expenditure was 14% lower than a year earlier.

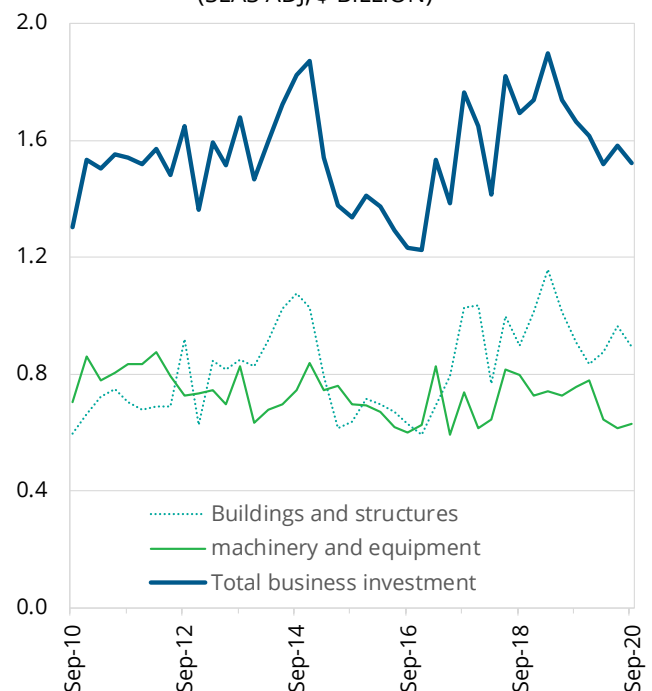
All states recorded decline in capital expenditure in the September quarter 2020: Victoria (down 7.7%), New South Wales and South Australia (both down 3.7%), Tasmania (down 3.4%), Western Australia (down 1.4%) and Queensland (down 0.7%)—see Table 1.

Western Australia (up 4.8%) recorded through the year growth in capital expenditure, while falls were recorded in Victoria (down 24%), New South Wales (down 21%), Queensland (down 14%), South Australia (down 8.5%) and Tasmania (down 4.2%)—see Table 1.

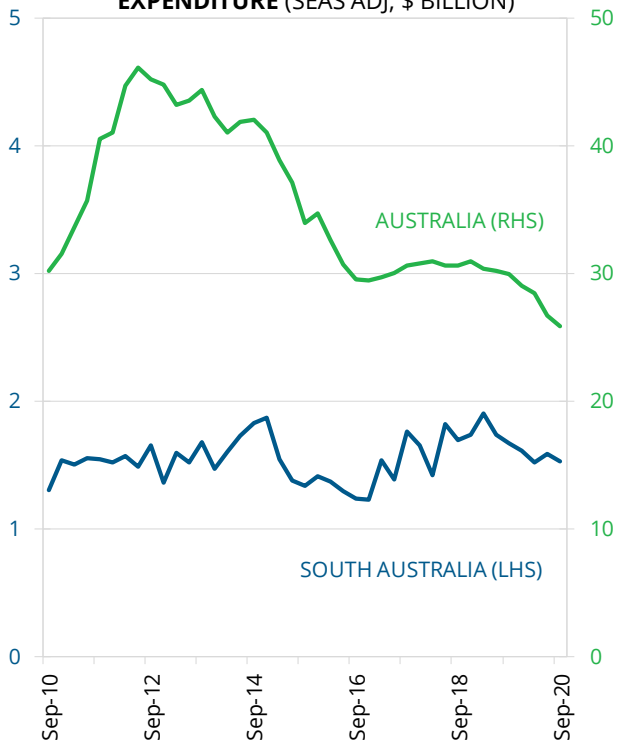
**TABLE 1: Real Private New Capital Expenditure – Seasonally Adjusted**

	(\$ billion)	Sep 20 v Jun 20 (% change)	Sep 20 v Sep 19 (% change)
NSW	6.8	-3.7%	-21.0%
VIC	4.7	-7.7%	-23.7%
QLD	5.4	-0.7%	-13.7%
<b>SA</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>
WA	6.5	-1.4%	4.8%
TAS	0.3	-3.4%	-4.2%
<b>AUS</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>	<b>-13.8%</b>

**CHART 1: SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (SEAS ADJ, \$ BILLION)**



**CHART 2: REAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (SEAS ADJ, \$ BILLION)**



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