

SUMMARY

During March 2023, the number of new dwellings approved:

- fell by 19% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell 0.1%); and
- fell by 0.8% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, new dwelling approvals fell 3.7%).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The number of private sector houses approved for construction in South Australia fell by 0.1% during March to be 7.0% lower than a year ago — see Chart 2.

Private 'other' dwelling approvals in South Australia fell by 63% during March to be 13% lower than a year earlier.

Nationally, the number of private sector houses approved for construction fell by 2.8% during March, while the number of private 'other' dwelling approvals rose by 5.6%.

CHART 1: TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING APPROVALS PER MONTH

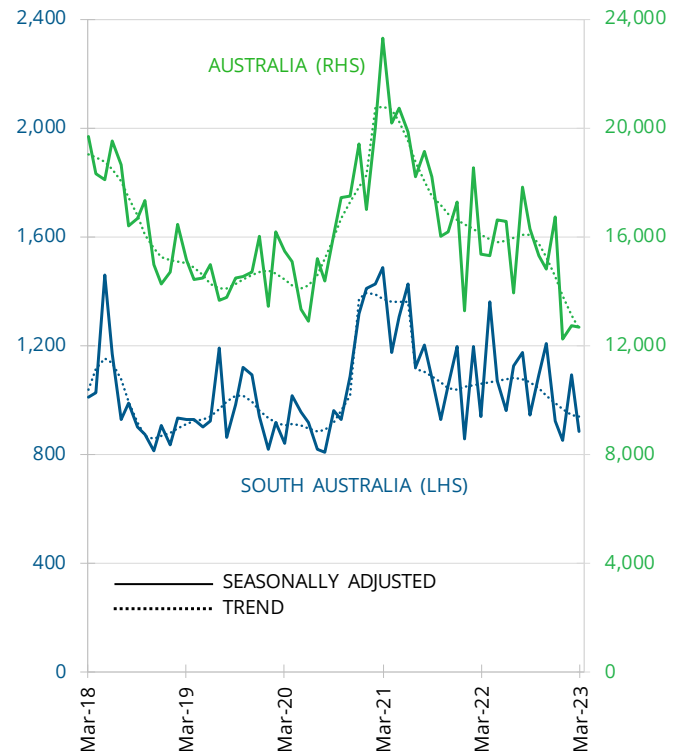


CHART 2: SOUTH AUSTRALIA — NUMBER OF DWELLING APPROVALS PER MONTH

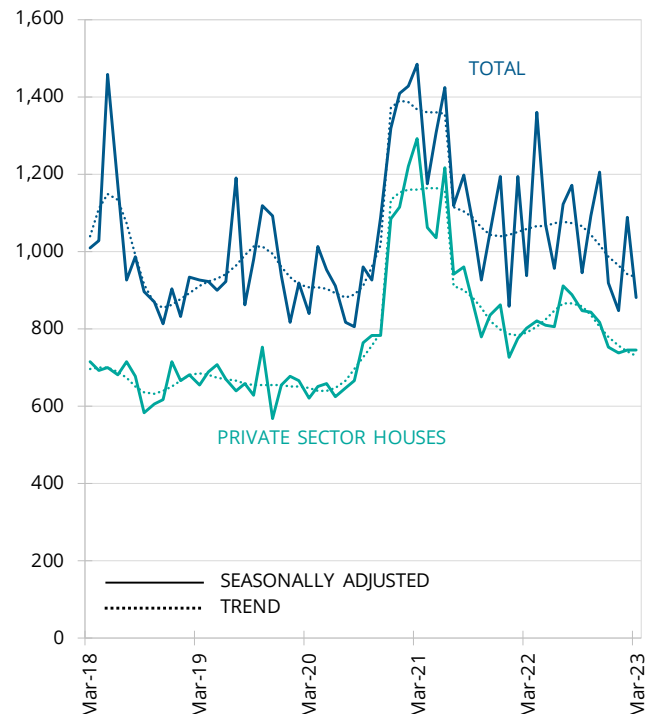
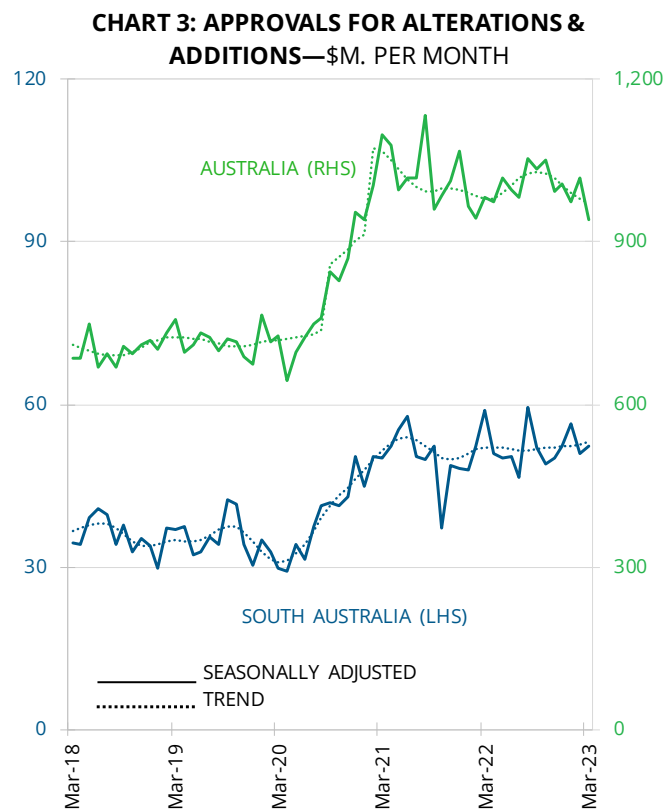


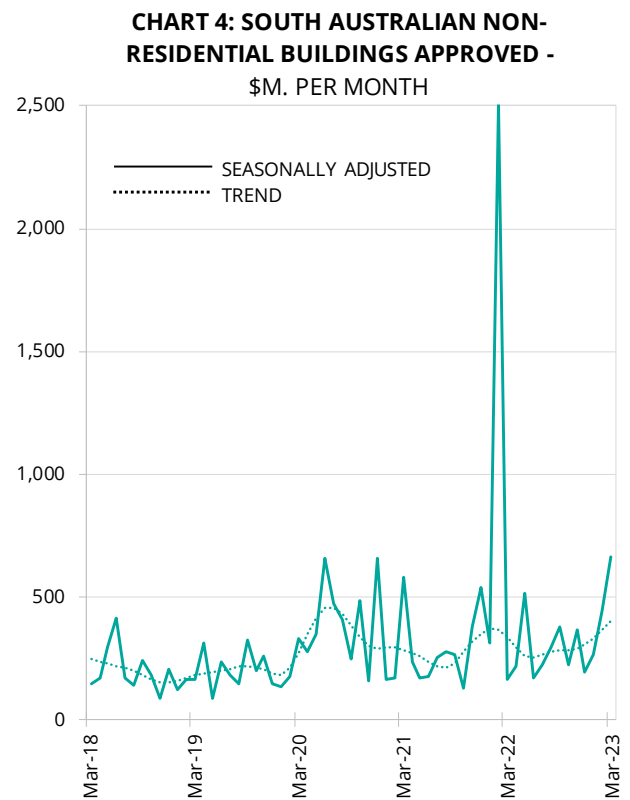
Table 1: Dwelling Approvals By State

	Mar 23 (no.)	Mar 23 vs. Feb 23 (% change)	Mar 23 vs. Mar 22 (% change)
NSW	3,114	3.1	-25.9
VIC	3,977	1.7	-15.5
QLD	2,917	-6.7	-4.5
SA	881	-19.1	-6.0
WA	1,216	27.2	-7.2
TAS	197	-42.1	-9.6
AUS	12,686	-0.1	-17.3

The value of alterations, additions and approvals in South Australia rose by 2.7% during March but was 11% lower than a year ago. Nationally, the value of alteration and addition approvals fell 7.4% in March to be 4.0% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 3.



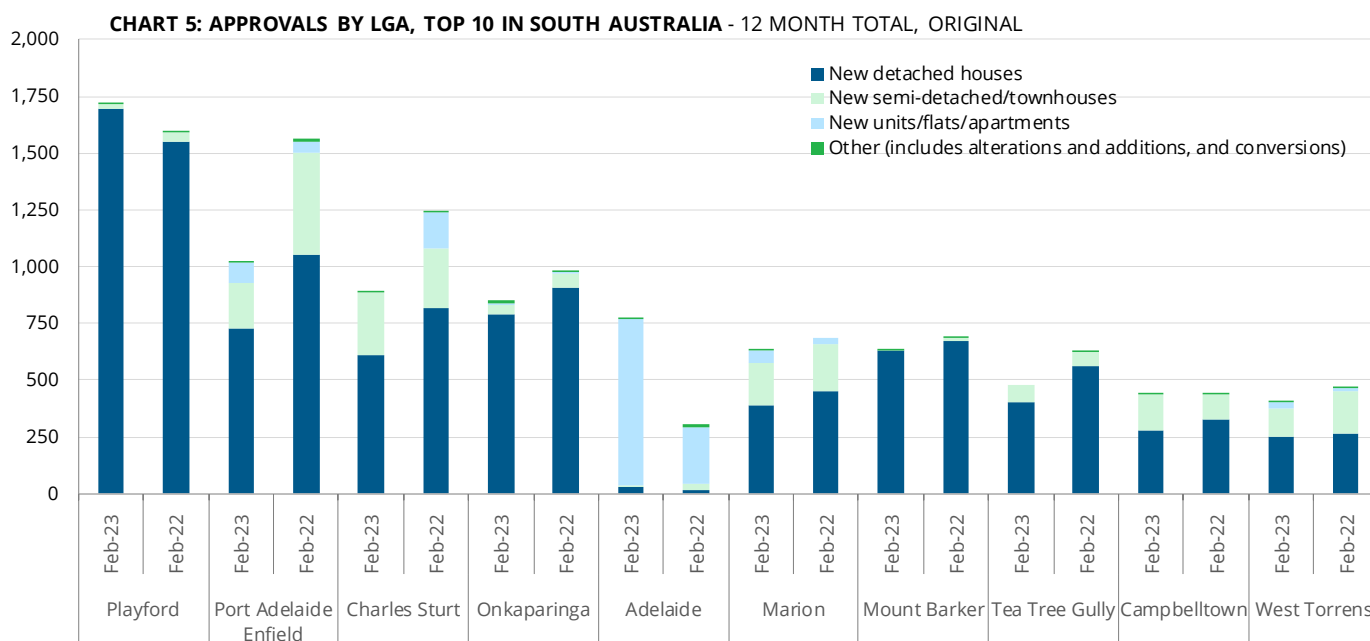
During March, the value of non-residential building approvals rose by 51% in South Australia, to be 311% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 4. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals fell by 5.1% during March, to be 7.4% lower than a year ago.



APPROVALS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

In the 12 months to February, the ten local government areas (LGAs) with the highest number of approvals accounted for 62% of total approvals in South Australia.

The LGAs with the most approvals were Playford, Port Adelaide Enfield, Charles Sturt, and Onkaparinga.



The five LGAs with the largest increase in approvals in the 12 months to March, compared to the previous 12 months were:

- Adelaide (up 469 approvals);
- Playford (up 127 approvals);
- Norwood Payneham and St Peters (up 124 approvals);
- Holdfast Bay (up 81 approvals); and
- Murray Bridge (up 57 approvals);

The five LGAs with the largest decrease in approvals in the 12 months to March, compared to the previous 12 months were:

- Port Adelaide Enfield (down 546 approvals);
- Charles Sturt (down 358 approvals);
- Salisbury (down 222 approvals);
- Gawler (down 162 approvals); and
- Tea Tree Gully (down 152 approvals).

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