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NSW THE HAPPENING STATE FOR NEW HOUSING

The number of new houses approved in NSW continues to track at the highest levels in nine years, with approval rates continuing to rise in NSW despite falling nationally, according to data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics today.

“A total of 41,309 houses have been approved in the twelve months to August 2013, the highest level since 2003/04,” NSW Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard said.

“In NSW approvals have increased by 8% against the five year average in the period from April 2011 to August 2013, despite a fall of 2% in approvals nationally in the same period.

“This substantial hike in housing approvals shows NSW is the happening place when it comes to new properties.

“The message to those who want to build houses is come to NSW, where we are open for business.”

NSW recorded 3,740 dwelling approvals in August 2013.

“Our average monthly approvals are 17% higher than in the previous five years under Labor, showing that the NSW Government’s targeted policy is working and business and consumer confidence is returning to NSW,” Mr Hazzard said.

NSW approvals for August 2013:

- Up 31% on the 5 year monthly average from September 2008 (2,857 dwellings).
- Up 21% on the monthly average (3,099 dwellings) since we came to office.
- Up 11% on the July 2013 result.

Mr Hazzard said the NSW Government’s proposed new planning system, due in Parliament later this year, will put mum and dad homeowners in the driver’s seat with an easier to use system that cuts red tape and costs.

“This shows that that NSW Government is committed to delivering where Labor failed and ensuring there are thousands more housing options for families across NSW,” Mr Hazzard said.

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