

# Cordell Construction Industry Update

February 2009

These figures represent the number of projects researched and reported on by Reed Construction Data in February 2009.

## NSW/ACT:

School infrastructure projects throughout NSW will receive a major boost with tenders being called this month for managing contractor for the Building the Education Revolution program (ID 1116380), which forms an integral part of the Federal Government's economic stimulus package.

The \$4.8 billion Sydney Metro project (ID 1100088) is now finally officially underway with a project application under assessment by the Department of Planning; the 7km underground line will now follow a route from Rozelle to Central, construction is scheduled to commence next year, to be operational by 2015.

Despite many projects being deferred, major project applications in various categories continue to be submitted anticipating future growth outcomes, particularly in Sydney's upper North Shore where applications are filtering through in view of potential higher density achievable under the draft LEP for the upper North Shore town centres, notably a 118 unit, 15 storey residential development in Pymble (ID 2169426) and a \$40m residential/commercial project in Lindfield (ID 1115055). Further major metropolitan projects include a \$260m concept plan for a residential/commercial development in Wolli Creek (ID 823843), and the first residential stage of the Channel 7 site in Epping (ID 1116514). Hotels also featured strongly with a \$150.5m staged refurbishment and expansion of the Novotel Brighton-Le-Sands (ID's 1117810, 1125081 & 1125086). Approval was also granted for a 96 room extension at The Novotel Darling Harbour (ID 1005102), whilst a proposal for a further 136 rooms is still under assessment (ID 1117024).

The Molongolo Land Release will see 33,000 new homes for Canberra to be built over 40 years following a variation to the Draft Territory Plan which is currently undergoing public consultation (ID 884157).

## WA:

In February 2009 although we have reported on several major projects being deferred e.g. a \$350 million Engineered Strand Lumbar Plant at Mirrambeena - near Albany - Industrial Estate (ID 569632), on a positive note we have also reported on some very promising projects in the planning stages e.g. the \$102 million Police/Law Courts Complex (ID 876580) in Perth has been included into the State Government's Key Capital Works Programme. Also the \$263 million Link Project (ID 686319) in Northbridge is going through the rezoning process, the \$200 million Perth Airport Terminal redevelopment phase 1 draft major development plan has been advertised for public comment (ID 1070507), and the architect has been appointed on the \$63 million Governor Stirling Senior High School (ID105515) in Woodbridge.

A development application has been submitted for the \$68 million resort complex (ID 898415) in Frenchman Bay and development approval granted for the \$30 million 25 level office building - stage 2 of the Future 239 project (ID 1109862) in Perth. St Martin's Tower (ID 1046214) also in Perth will be undergoing \$20 million refurbishment following recently closed selected tenders and Expressions of Interest for the Design/Construction package have closed for the \$55 million Intersection Overpass Project at Mirrabooka (ID 1034716). Among other major projects where the contracts have been finalized we have reported on the \$24 million Collier River Bridge (ID 695062) and \$100 million Western Energy - Kwinana Peaking Generation Capacity Power Station (ID 6206563).

We have also reported on a great number of medium sized projects for which the Local Government Authorities have received funding from the Federal Government under the Regions and Local Community Infrastructure Program aimed at stimulating the national economy.

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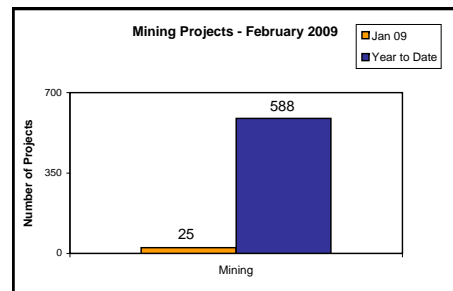
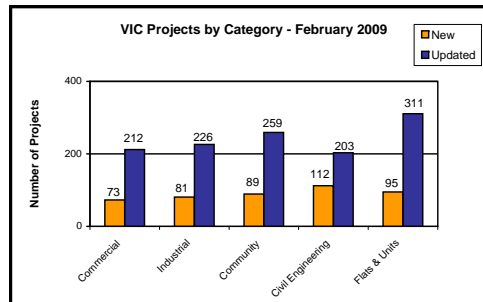
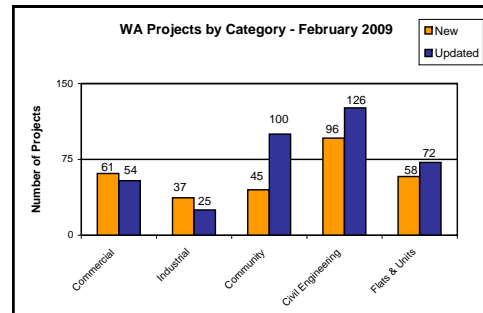
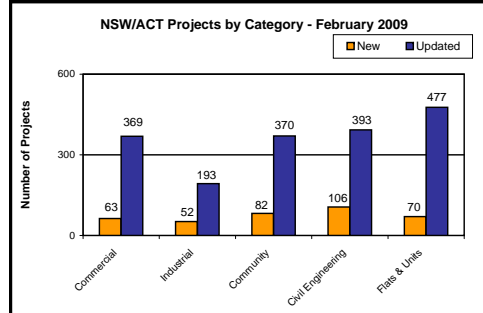
On the commercial front the long planned and highly publicized Lindsay Fox development the \$500 million Phillip Island Grand Prix Hotel was refused at VCAT and has been abandoned (ID 381638). Developer Asian Pacific Corporation appears to be on the move after 3 years in the wings with their \$37 million residential hotel in Daly Street South Yarra (ID 791890).

The State Government identified the Dandenong Rail Corridor Project as a priority public transport improvement project. Tenders closed for design and construct contractors for Stage 2, the Westall Rail upgrade (ID 1006239) and further progress is expected February 2010 for the Caulfield to Dandenong section (ID 1074639). The industrial property market is stagnating according to research from Savills as businesses are extending current leases and putting expansion plans on hold.

An exception appears to be Versacold Austalia Pty Ltd who have proceeded with a design and construct tender for a new \$12.9 million cold storage facility at Laverton North (ID 1016685).

Also during February deferred projects were much more noticeable across all categories, with 88% being deferred at planning stage. In January 2009 there were less than half that number deferred across all categories.

In Tasmania's north Launceston City Council is carrying out geotechnical investigations for \$25 million flood protection works on the North Esk River and Tamar River at Invermay. Tenders for first stage September 2009 (ID 1047667).



## QLD:

During February a development application was lodged for 174 Ann Street, between the Minco Building & The School of Arts Building. The site has been maligned during the past 12 months as a poor use of building space. The new development proposes a 30 storey office tower that incorporates a high level of visual connections between urban public space, the office tower & all entry & exit points. The design provides a 24 hour publicly accessible covered outdoor space underneath the new tower know as the "Loggia". Media reported refer to the loggia as similar to veranda. Hence, the project as been hailed as the first high-rise Queensland (ID 1106930).

The El Dorado Village mixed development has finally been given approval after 2 years. The development is a 14 storey development in Indooroopilly & yet the council refused an application in the same area that involved the refurbishment of Keating House & construction of a 9 storey residential tower to the rear of the site. The developer has lodged an appeal with the land & environment court (ID 854057).

Also during the month, as a result to the federal government's stimulus package for education and affordable housing, many design consultants were busily preparing sketch plans for submission for funding.

## SA:

As a result of the Federal Government Second Stimulus Package, the South Australian Government has committed to a rapid rollout of projects with the aim to have 190 primary school buildings under construction by end of June 2009, a further 500 primary school construction projects 2010/2011 and early this year approx 1500 new social houses to be built and completed by December 2010.

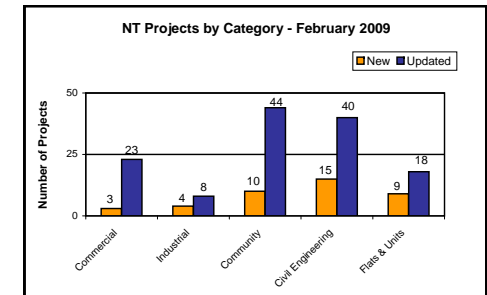
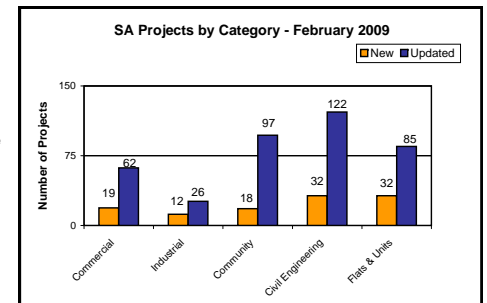
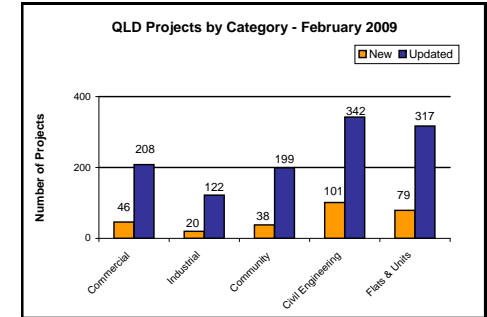
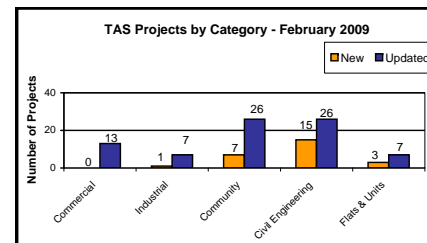
Major projects reported during the month were, the Desalination Plant (ID 902808) of which the preferred tenderer was named as Adelaideaqu (Spanish Company Acciona Agua, United Utilities, McConnell Dowell & Abigroup) and Techport Ship Building Precinct Commercial Campus at Osborne (ID 924451) where selected tenders closed early in the month.

There was also the continued re-sleeping/electrification of train lines projects where tenders were called for consultancies for industry capability and concept planning for the signaling component. (ID's 1106706 & 1109056).

The new hospital over the old railyards (ID 980316) previously called Marjorie Jackson but now reverted to Royal Adelaide Hospital was reported as having registrations expected to be called mid 2009.

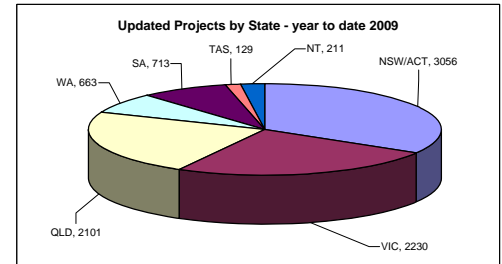
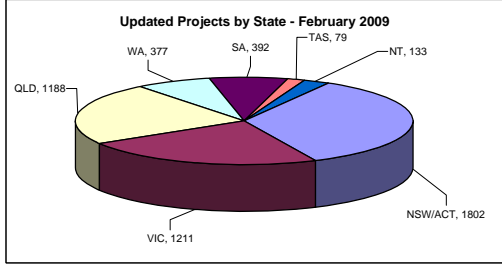
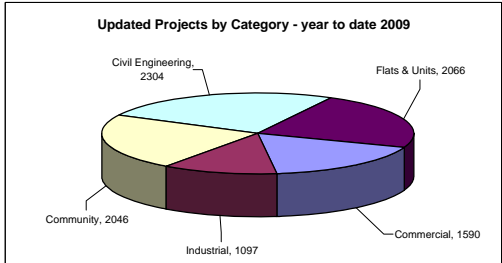
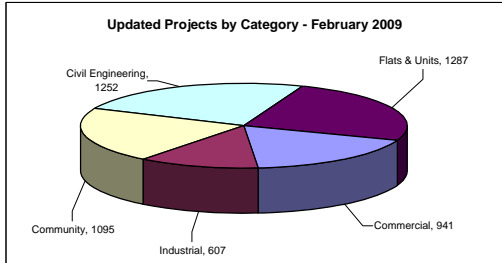
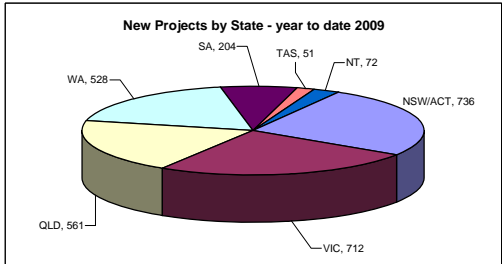
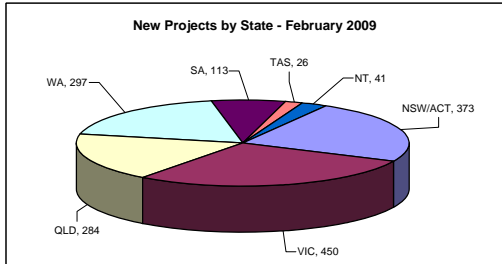
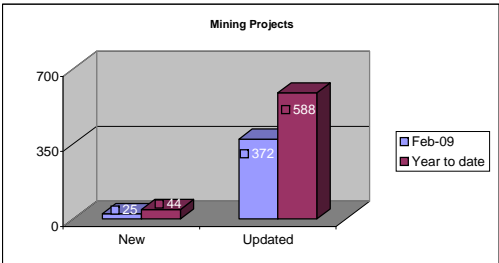
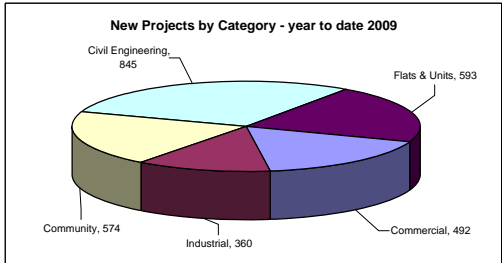
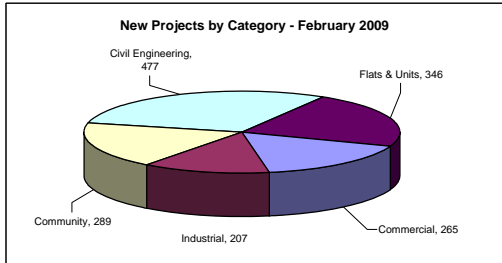
## NT:

The Stimulus Package for the Northern Territory will inject approx \$505 million. The Territory Government has increased the meeting/decision making of its Development Consent Authority to once a fortnight to fast track approvals. The infrastructure program focusing on roads, schools & East Arm Wharf is continuing with a number of infrastructure tenders called for this month. Many of these are small maintenance/rehabilitation works which we have not covered but together create continued work in the Territory. There was a marked increase in government tenders throughout the month and interestingly there was an increased number of interstate companies tendering.



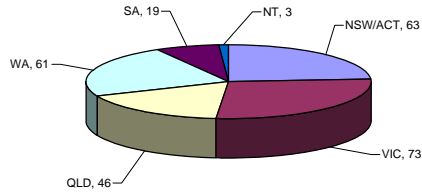
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# New & Updated Projects - February 2009

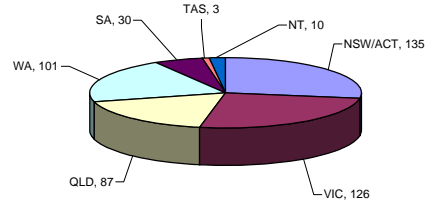


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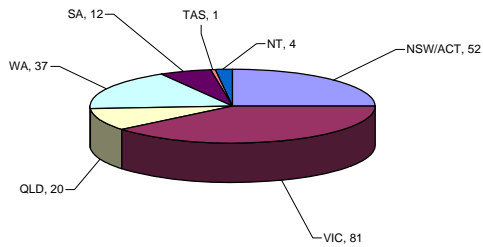
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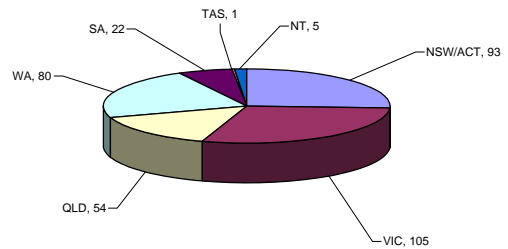
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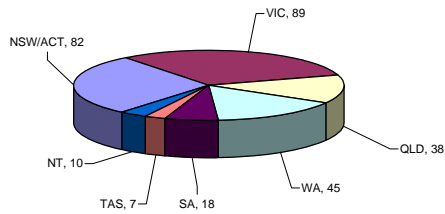
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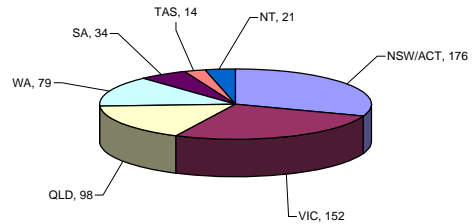
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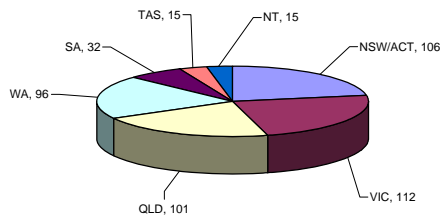
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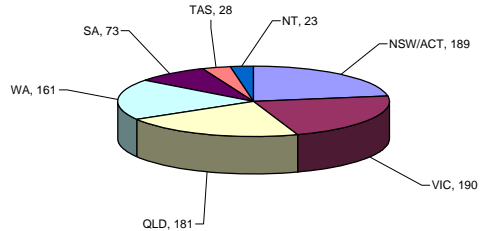
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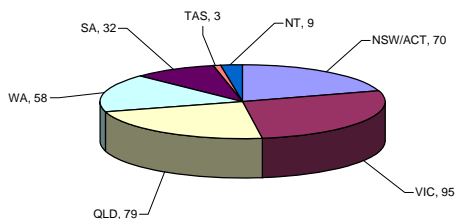
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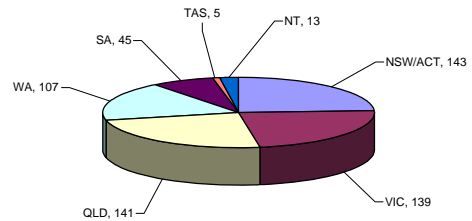
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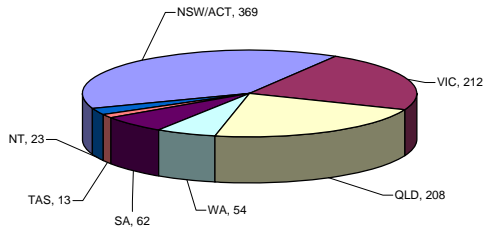


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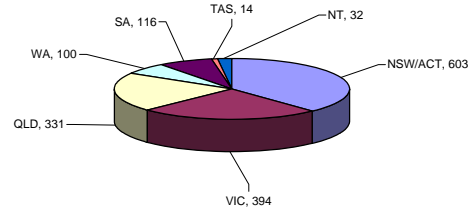


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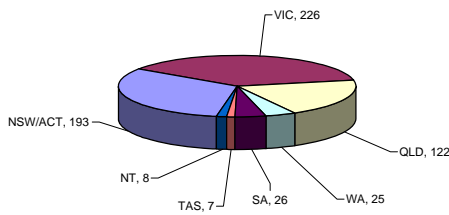
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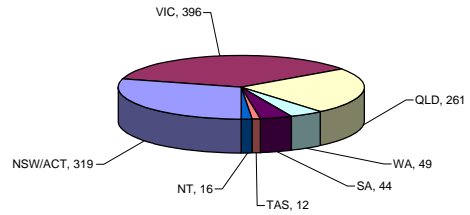
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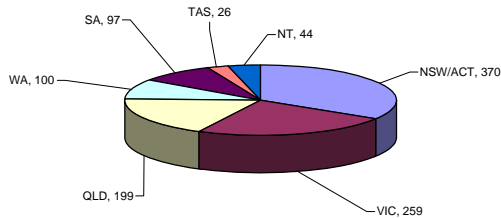
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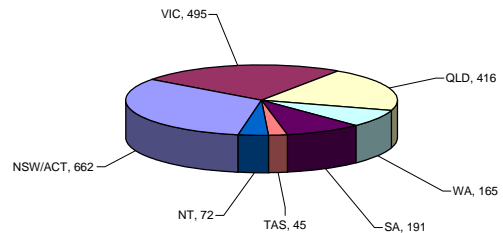
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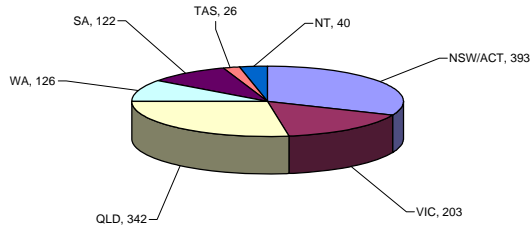
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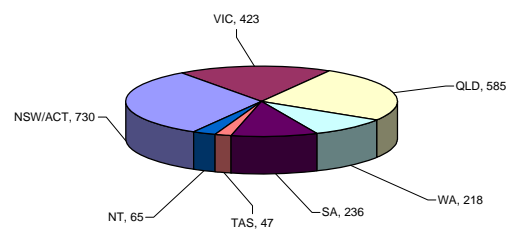
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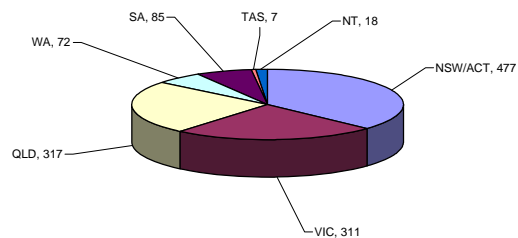
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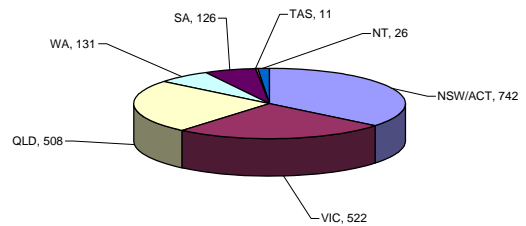
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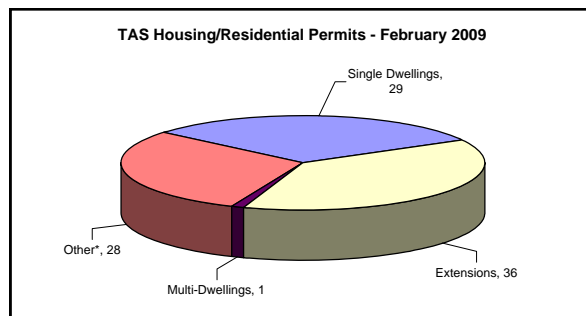
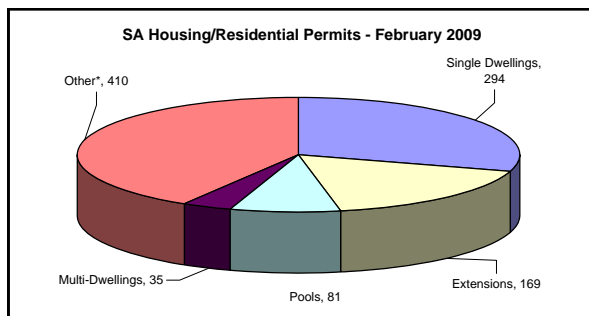
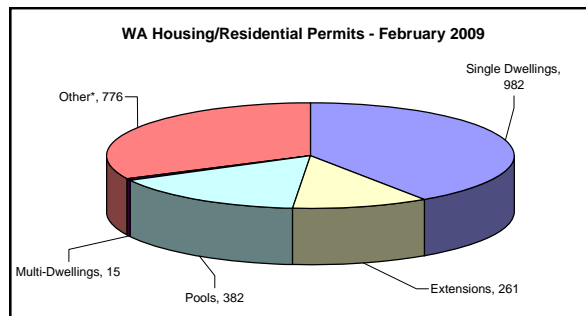
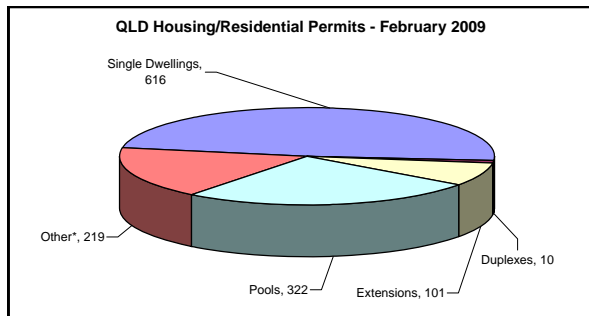
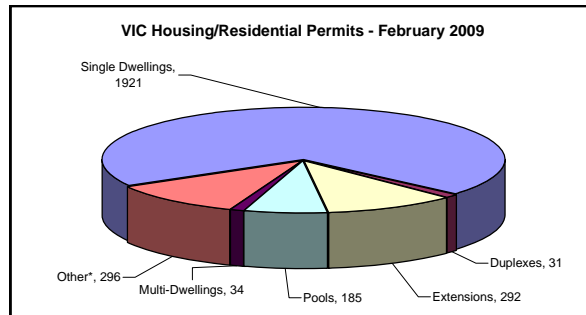
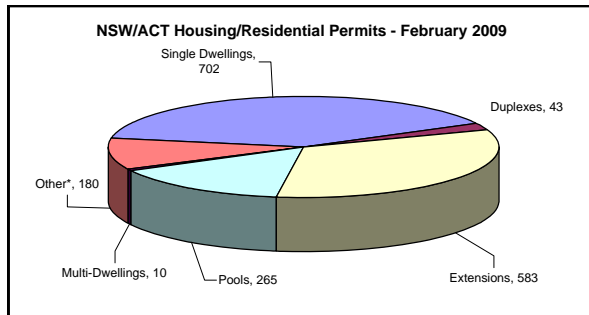
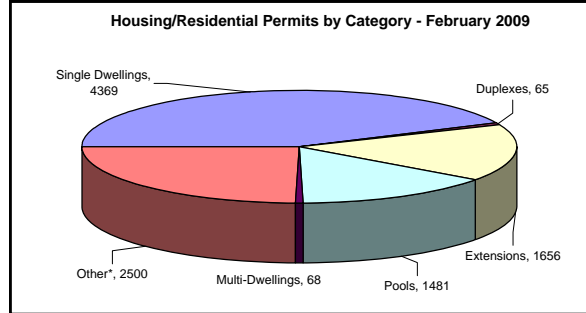
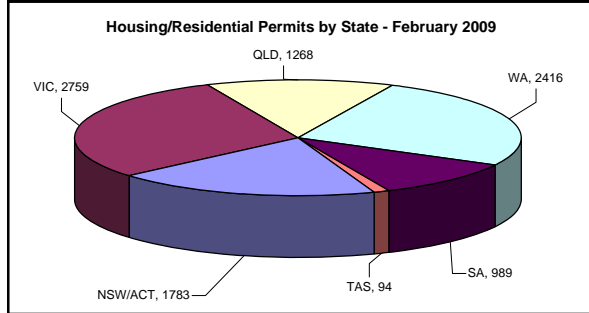


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# Housing/Residential Permits - February 2009

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\*Other = Carports, Verandahs, Garages/Sheds, Pergolas