

Cordell Construction Industry Update

November 2008

These figures represent the number of projects researched and reported on by Reed Construction Data in November 2008.

NSW/ACT:

This month the Minister for Finance and Deregulation has announced that the \$527m contract for managing contractor for the new central office for ASIO in Parkes, ACT has been awarded to Bovis Lend Lease for the delivery phase of the project (ID 743148).

Other major projects reported in Canberra in the private sector include a \$65m office development at Turner (ID 1086394) and Latitude, a new \$65m residential/commercial proposal by The Hindmarsh Group (ID 2210838) in Belconnen.

In the Sydney metropolitan area, both private and public hospitals have featured strongly this month. The NSW Government has announced that the InfraShore Partnership Consortium, led by Thiess, has been awarded the contract to design & construct the \$721m Royal North Shore Hospital and Community Health Services Project (ID 2159379). Bovis Lend Lease is managing contractor for the \$296m Liverpool Hospital redevelopment (ID 950610), whilst a new \$100m hospital is planned for Bega (ID 660667), replacing the existing Bega and Pambula hospitals. Private health sector projects reported include the \$56m Greenwich Private Hospital (ID 970420) and the \$80m Medica Centre in Hurstville (ID 2194936), under construction by Hansen Yuncken.

Plans for the massive redevelopment of the Star City casino (Project Star) have progressed; tenders have been called for managing contractor for the casino, which will be repositioned to face the harbour (ID 827449), and for design and construct for an adjacent 5 star hotel (ID 1070122).

In Sydney's inner south, Leighton Properties and Mirvac has been named as the preferred consortium to deliver the first phase of Green Square Town Centre, which is set to be transformed into a sustainable urban village comprising residential, commercial and retail space (ID 2134094).

WA:

Major projects reported in WA during the month of November include: A major project that was reported during November 2008 included the ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL REDEVELOPMENT. This will include the rebuilding of tornado hit cathedral to traditional exterior & modern interior construction. Major earthworks will raise level of site to provide more parking, safer pedestrian access & hill-top views. Some buildings in precinct will be restored, & 2 new buildings will be built including the cathedral. May also include construction of religious bookshop & café (ID 781320 – Value \$20 million).

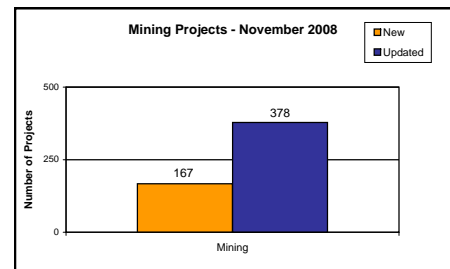
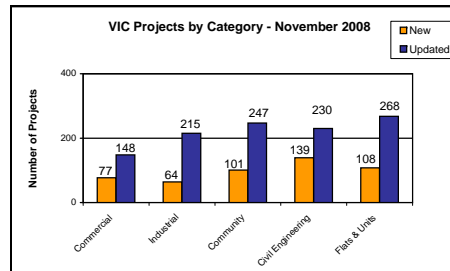
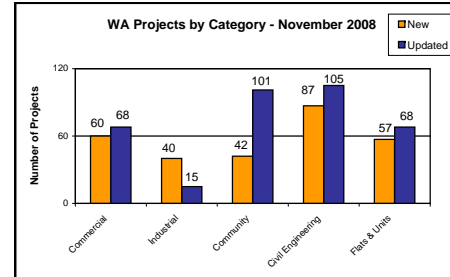
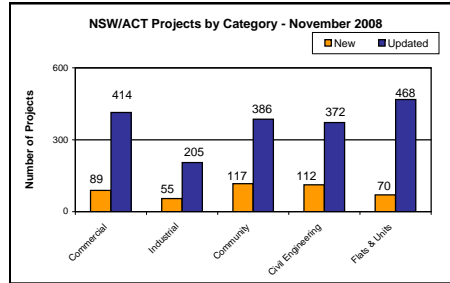
Another project was the Secret Harbour Youth Activation Space development in the city of Rockingham. Works to comprise construction of a unique Youth Activation Space providing opportunity for structured & unstructured play within Secret Harbour. Wheel sports elements will also be integrated within the facility (ID 1077294 value - \$750,000). Also reported was The CURRAMBINE CENTRAL - DELAMERE AVENUE GROUPED DWELLINGS development. This may include construction of 63 single & 2 storey grouped dwellings, each dwelling will have 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms, courtyard, storeroom & double garage (2 car bays per dwellings) & 14 visitors bays located in 5 locations throughout the site (ID 1009088 – value \$25 million).

VIC/TAS:

Major projects reported in Melbourne during the month of November include: The WANGARATTA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE - Feasibility study, including a business case for a quality tertiary education and medical training centre of excellence in Wangaratta (ID 1070947 – Value \$2 million).

Another project included the HEIDELBERG ROAD TOWNHOUSES DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION which is for the Construction of six double storey dwellings, remove vegetation and alter access to a Road Zone category 1. (ID 1073563 – value \$1.350 million).

In the health sector a project that has been submitted for a development application is the MASON STREET NURSING HOME. This will include construction of a double storey nursing home with 72 beds and associated car parking (ID 1072591 – value \$2 million). The STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA is revamping its premises to include the following alterations/additions to existing building construction of a lift, a ramp, a canopy and plant room and installation of an electronic sign (ID 1078014 – value \$2 million).



QLD:

There has been a substantial downturn in construction activity during November. The number of projects that are being deferred are increasing, with many developers opting to hold off on commencing working drawings, either due to lack of finance or simply due to the uncertainty in the market. Another factor which is slowing development in some areas is the time taken to gain approvals. Some regional centres are particularly slow in this regard.

In regional areas it seems to be locations that have been more reliant on the "seachange" factor that are slowing at a greater rate with other regional centres such as Townsville not so affected by the downturn. It would appear that centres with a mixed base of industry and government infrastructure, such as defence bases are the ones that are performing the strongest.

However, the market is not all doom and gloom with some bright spots particularly in regard to major government infrastructure and the usual run of school and university tenders that flourish at this time of the year. Major projects of interest during this month were the Gold Coast Hospital (ID 746188), Flinders Plaza Redevelopment in Townsville (ID 975331) and the Princess Alexandra Hospital's Emergency Department redevelopment (ID 1028493).

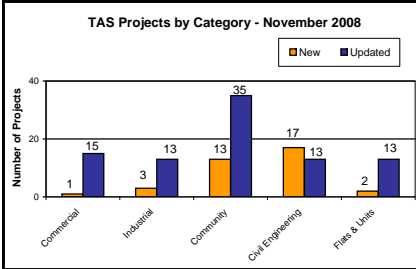
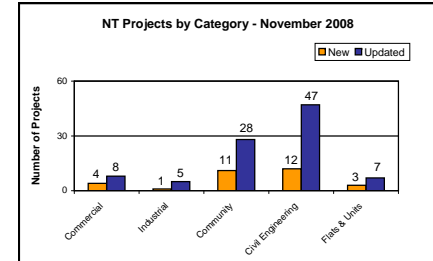
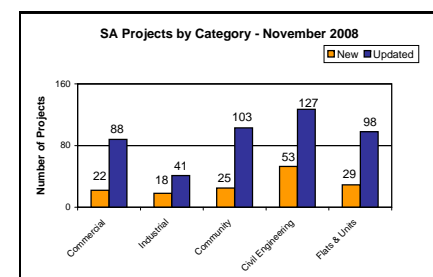
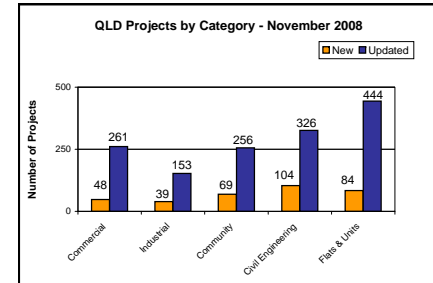
SA:

Perhaps because the state has not been so overheated as some others, there has not been a noticeable decline in project movement, as for example in Queensland. Government tenders have been prolific. Examples include a new arts and home economic block for Gawler High School (ID 1014026), a visual arts facility for Modbury High School (ID 885503) and an early childhood development centre for Woodcroft Heights Pre-School (ID 862820).

In the private sector tenders for November included Lutheran Homes Aged Care Facility refurbishment (ID1074651), Grand Central Apartment and Offices at Mawson Lakes (ID 1050845), Beach Point Apartments at Christies Beach (ID 547323), Seasons of Adelaide Hotel (ID 758449) and Wakefield Waters service station and fast food outlets (ID 1029357).

NT:

There has been a slow down in government tenders in NT mainly due to the approach of the wet season. A notable tender for the month was for the CSIRO sustainable ecosystems facility in Alice Springs. Designed by MKEA Architects Pty Ltd, the facility will include new research areas, offices and library. (ID 1086363). Once again mainly due to the weather, construction is now unlikely to commence on the Chinatown Mixed Development (ID847293) until next year, although siteworks have been progressing.

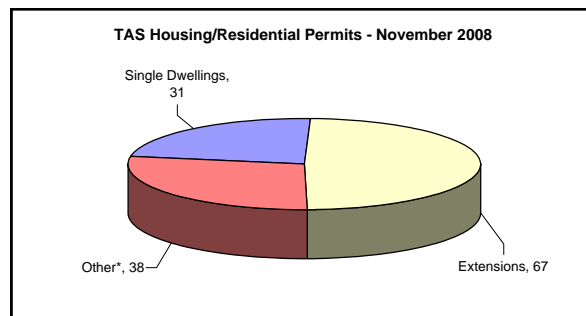
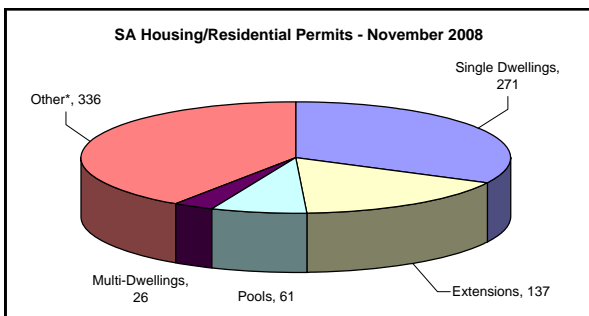
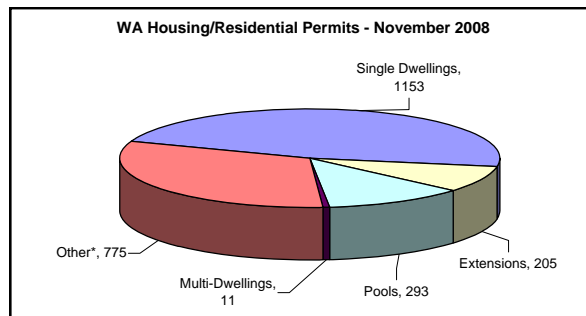
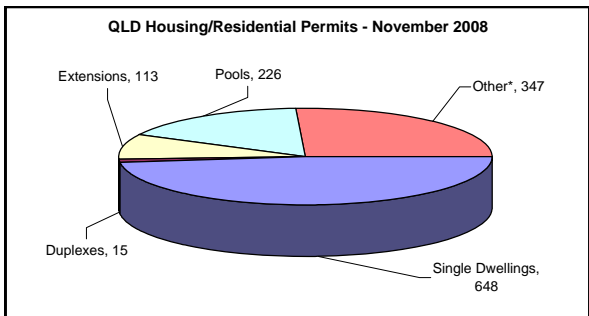
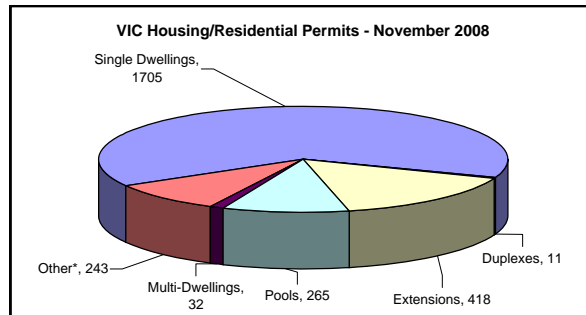
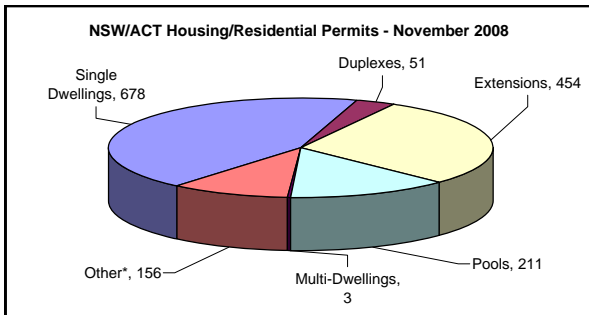
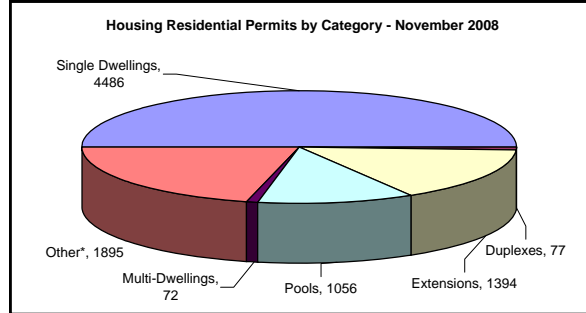
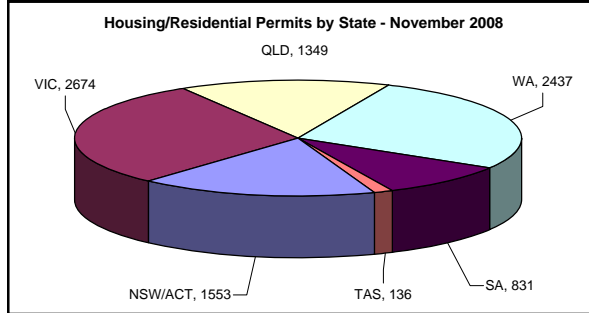


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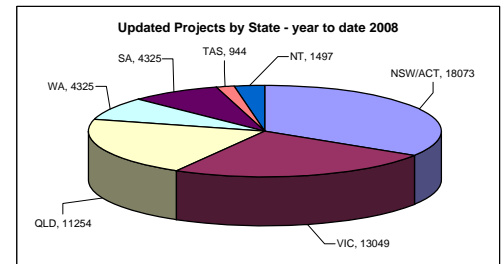
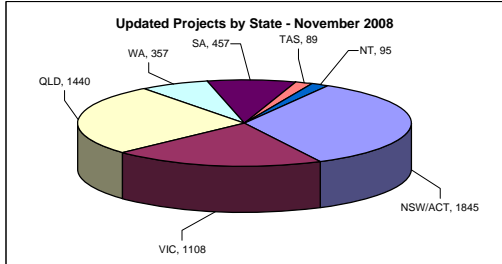
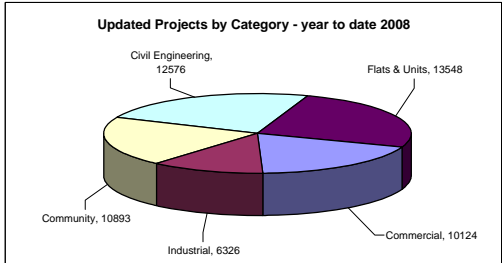
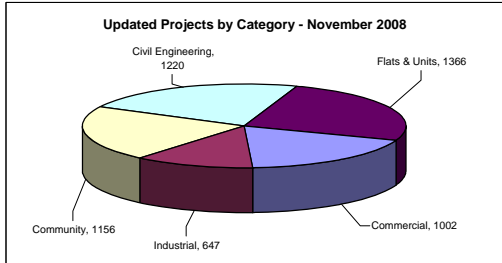
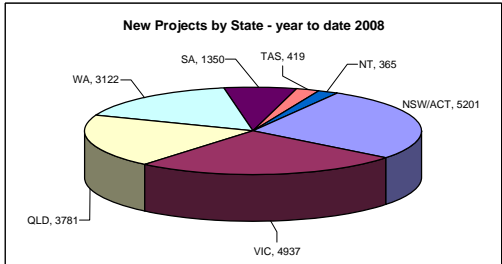
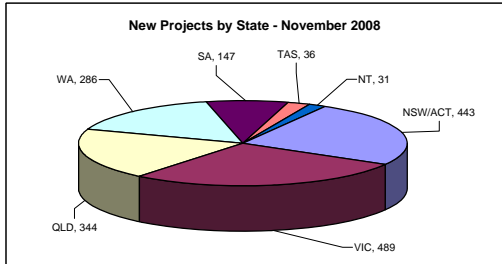
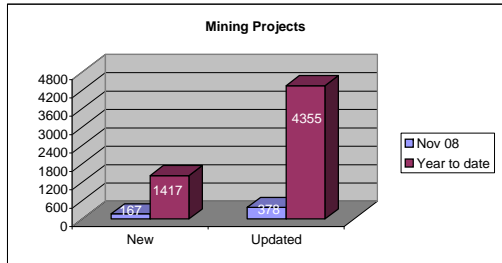
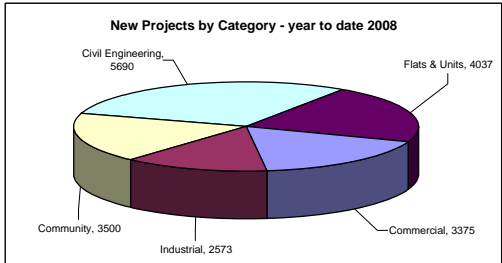
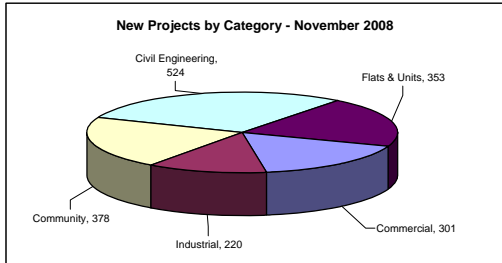
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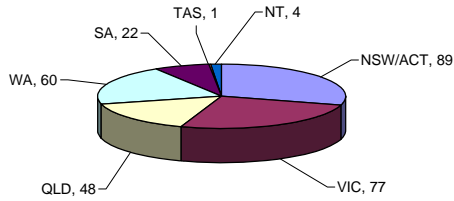
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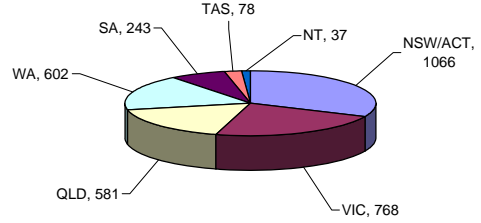


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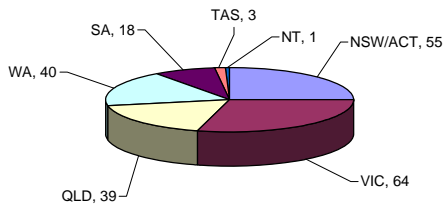
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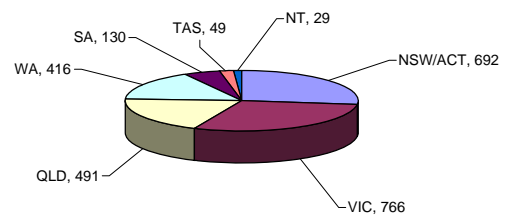
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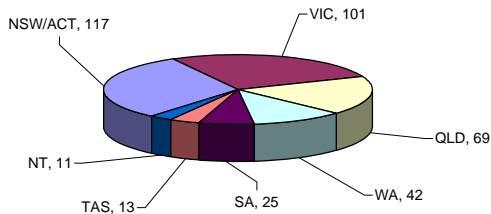
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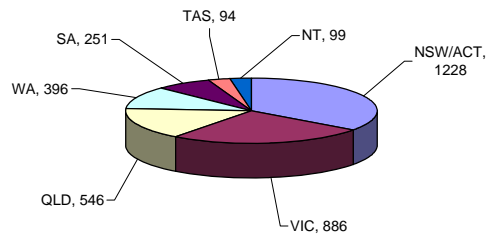
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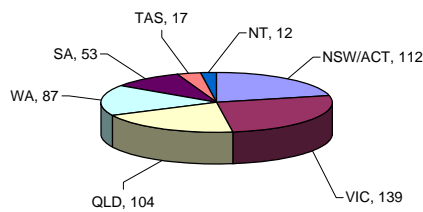
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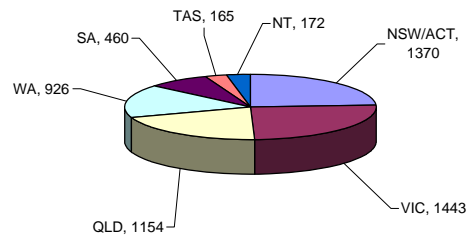
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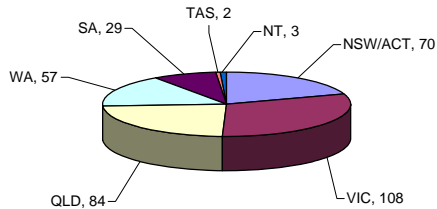
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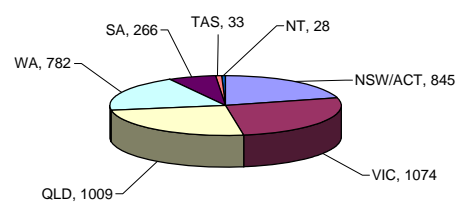
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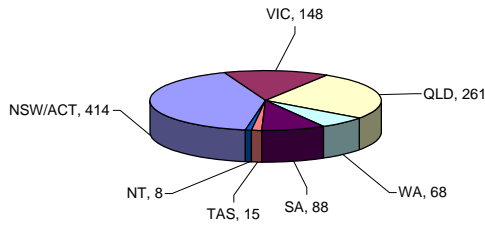


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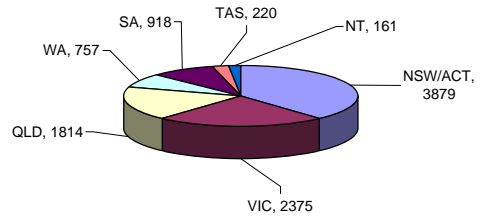


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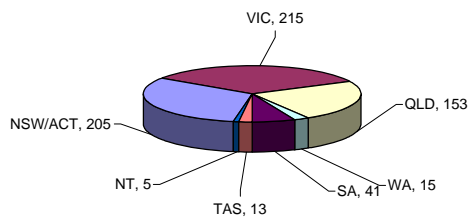
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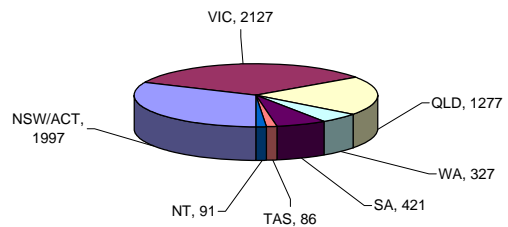
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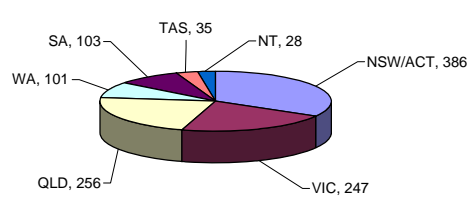
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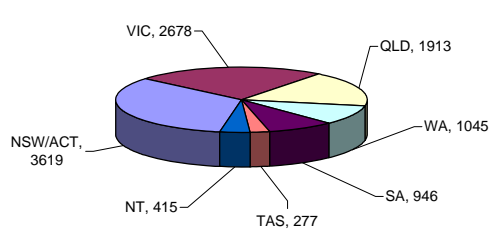
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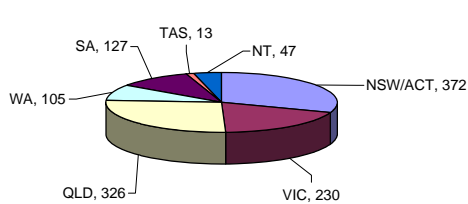
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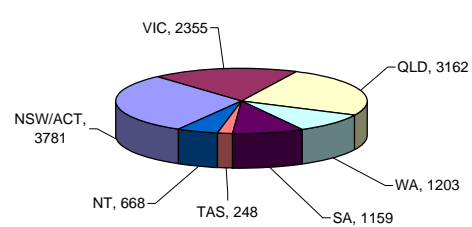
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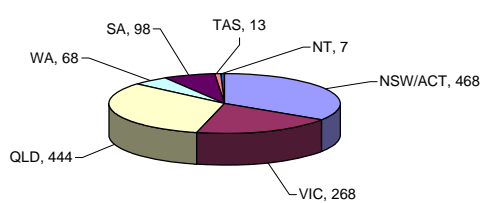
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