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## Housing finance commitments hike

Tasmania is one of only three jurisdictions to see a rise in numbers of housing finance commitments compared to the same time last year, according to the latest ABS figures.

The data released today also shows that the trend nominal value of commitments is also up by 10 per cent.

These figures are bucking the national trend which saw a 3.7 per cent decrease over the same period.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is getting on with the job of helping more Tasmanians have a roof over their heads, and these latest figures prove it.

We are working hard to deliver our Affordable Housing Action Plan - Stage 2, which will result in an additional 1500 new homes.

Other measures include extending the \$20,000 First Home Owners Grant, a 50 per cent stamp duty concession for first home buyers who purchase existing homes up to \$400,000 and a land tax exemption for up to 3 years for all new-build housing that is leased for long term rental and a stamp duty concession for eligible pensioners downsizing.