

# Australian Dwelling Prices and Tobin's q

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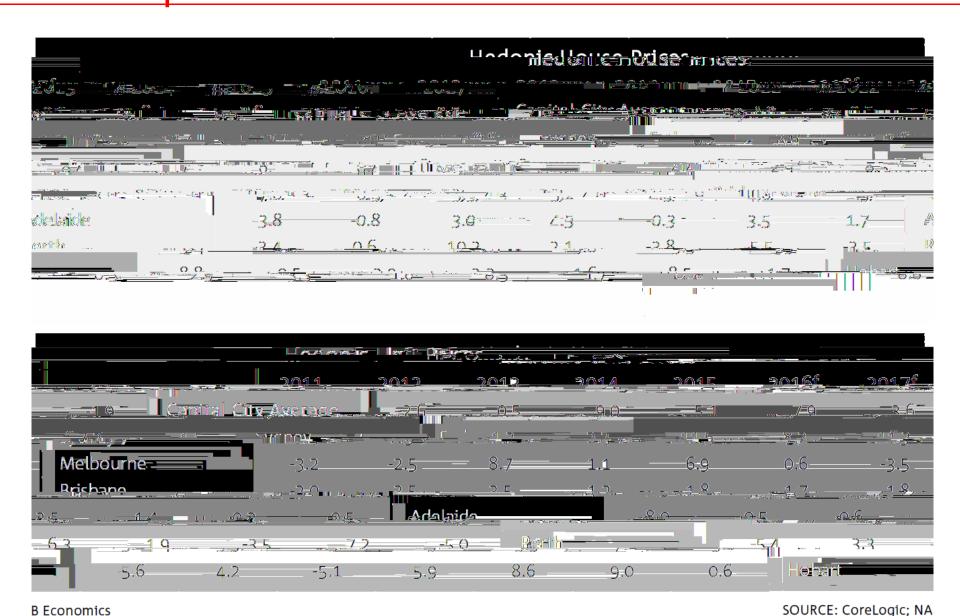
# Reasons why house prices have surged.

- Lower interest rates and improved affordability
- Population growth
- Foreign demand
- Slow supply side response of construction sector

- Low mortgage rates, foreign demand and a slow supply-side response all have supported higher dwelling prices in some Australian cities in recent years
- Some of those supports have weakened:
  - prices/valuations are higher
  - The under-supply of dwellings particularly units/apartments has closed and some some postcodes are already in over-supply. Peak supply still 12-24 months away.
- At the same time, mortgage lending standards have tightened.

### NAB's view on housing

- Our expectation is that the housing market will cool appreciably
- National house price growth of 0.5% is expected in 2017.
- Unit prices are expected to decline by nearly 2% over 2017 more where over-supply is acute.
- We continue to hold the view that residential property prices are unlikely to experience a severe 'correction' without a trigger from a shock.



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