



ADVANCING BUILT ENVIRONMENT  
COST PROFESSIONALS

# THE STATE OF CONSTRUCTION IN AUSTRALIA

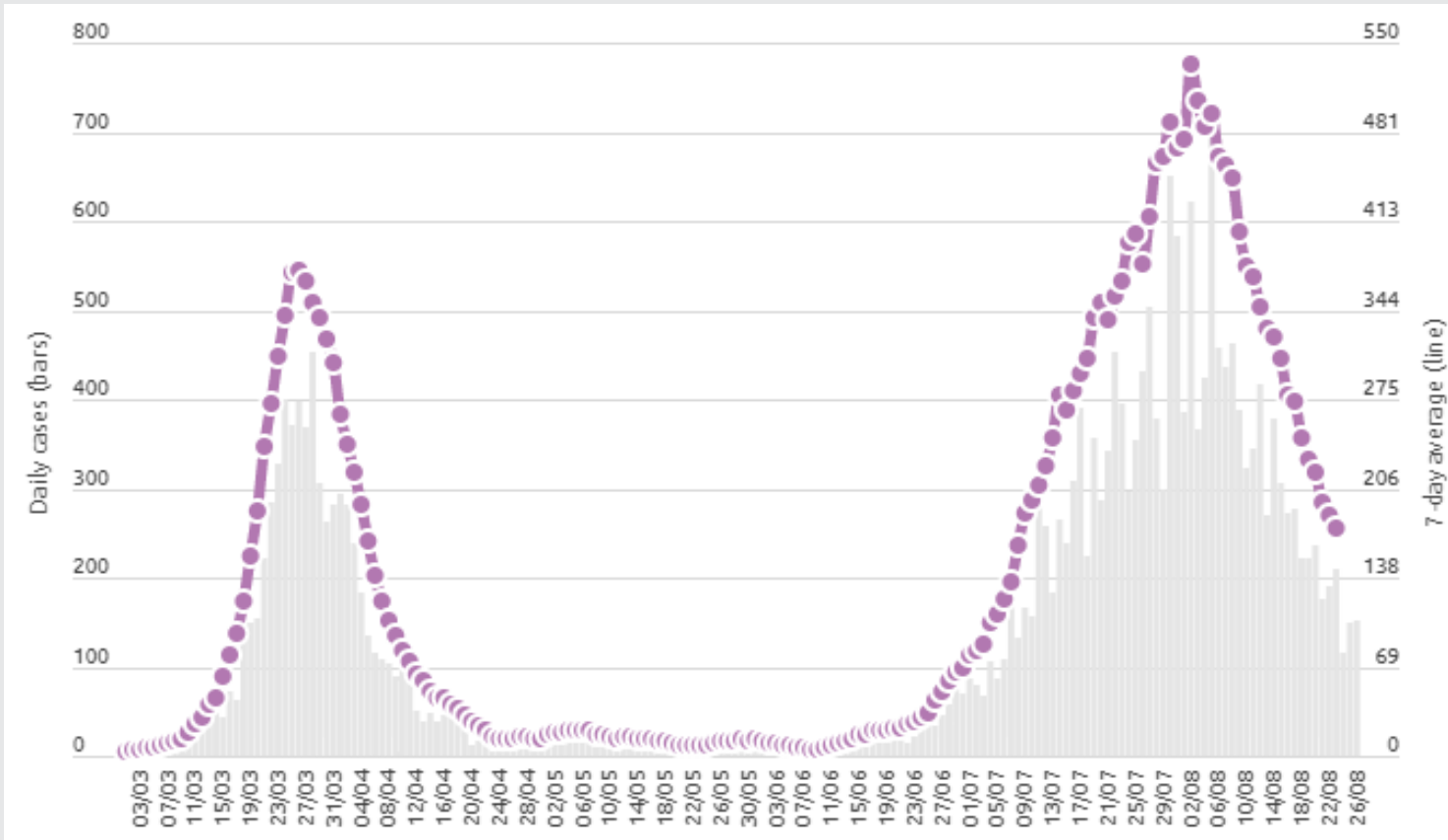
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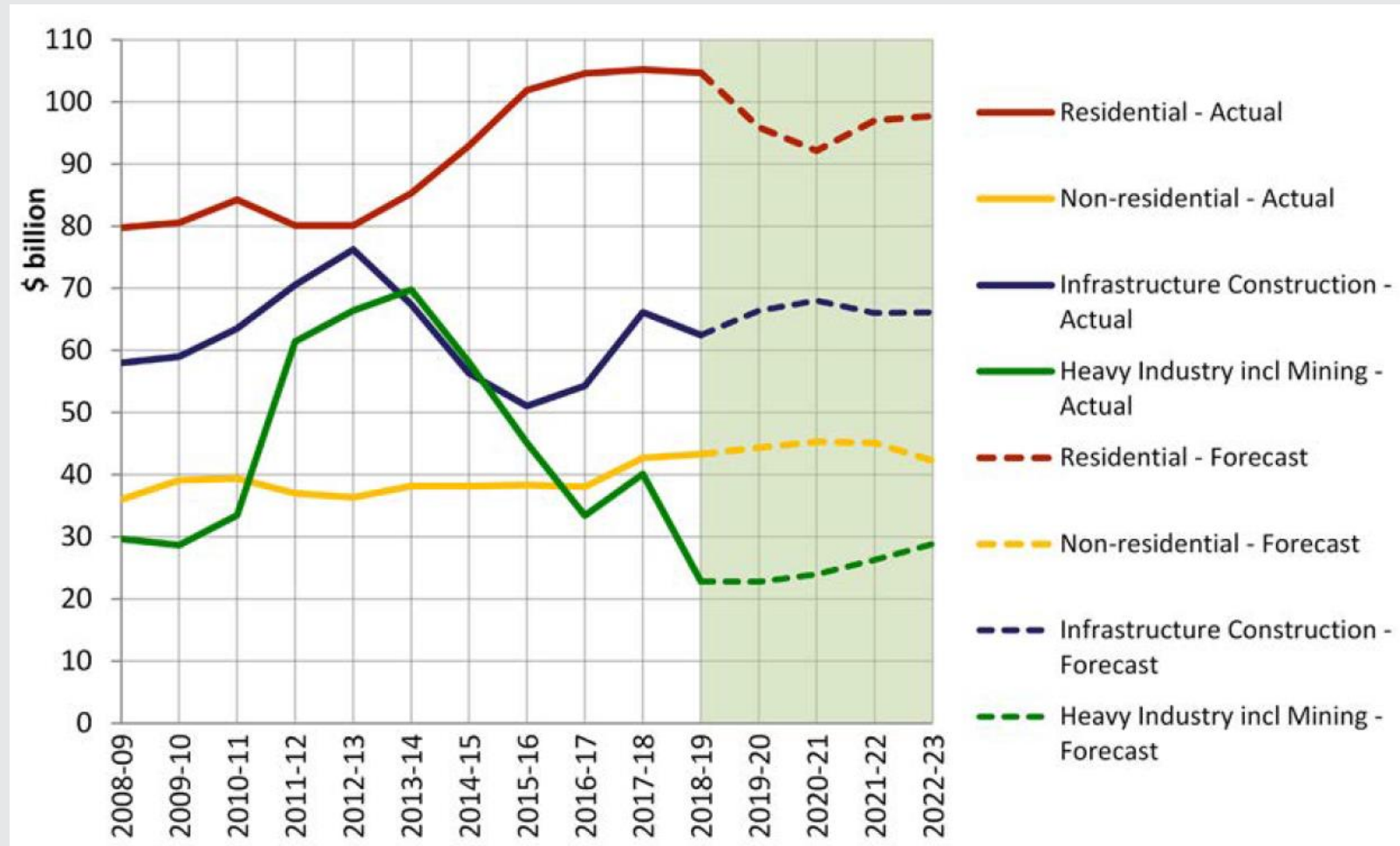
# NEW COVID CASES AND 7-DAY AVERAGE-AUSTRALIA



Source:  
Dept of Health, States  
and Territories

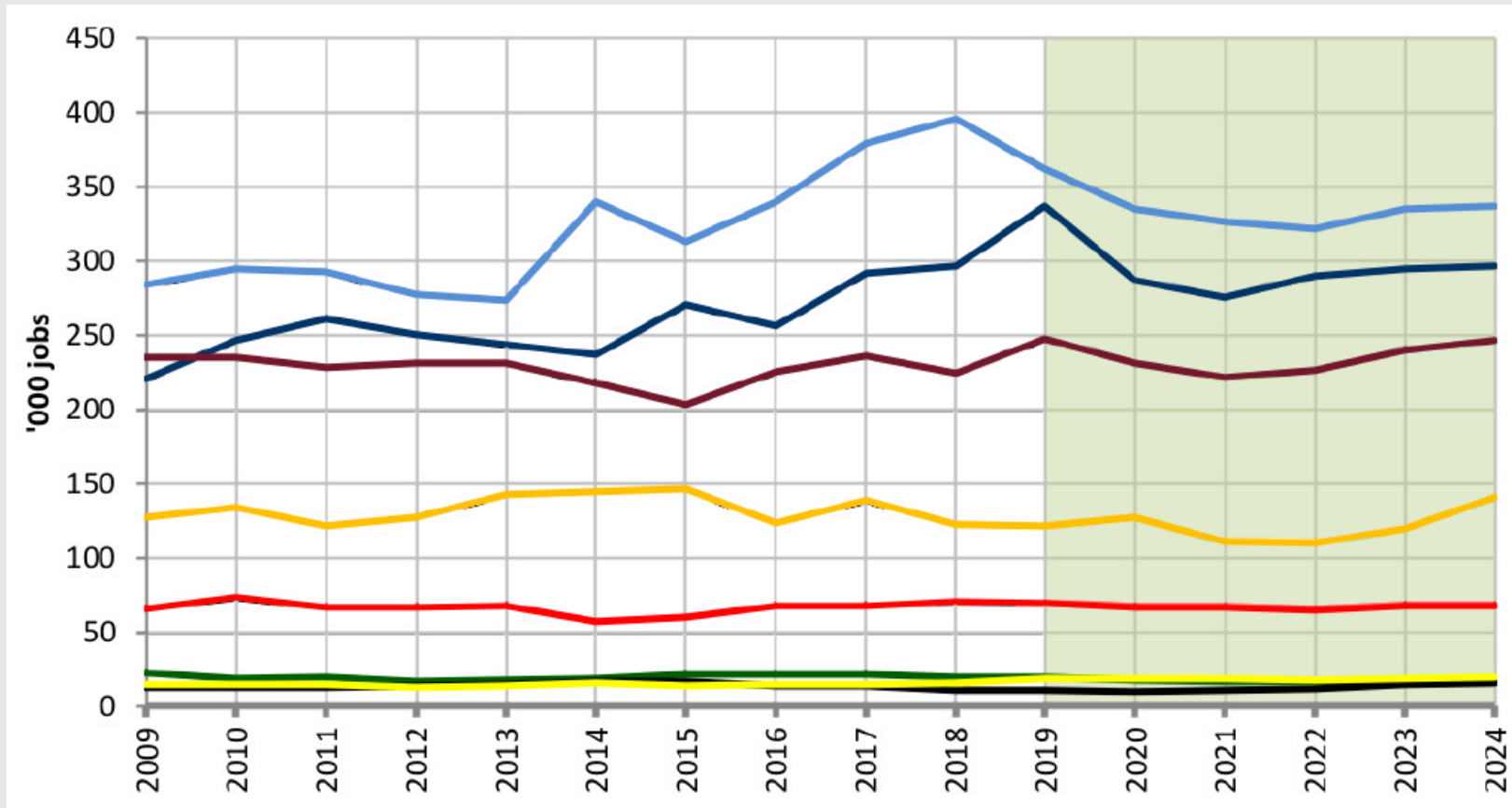
[www.covid19data.com.au](http://www.covid19data.com.au)\* Curve shows rolling average across 7 days using arithmetic mean (centred).  
\* Y-axes are dynamic, and Y differs from Y2. \* This chart uses official case notification datasets for NSW and VIC, which give the truest reflection of daily case numbers because they remove revisions from the correct days. The most recent day/s are added as announced until official data are updated

# EMPLOYMENT IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION



Source:  
Australian Construction  
Industry Forum. Latest data  
available (as at Nov '19.)

# BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE (\$ BILLION)



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Australian Construction  
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# BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATES AND TERRITORIES

STATE	Employment			Employment share (Current)
	2019	2020 (f)	2021 (f)	
	'000s jobs			
NSW	362	335	327	10.3
VIC	337	287	275	9.2
QLD	247	231	222	9.7
SA	70	67	67	8.1
WA	121	127	111	10.0
TAS	19	19	17	7.9
NT	11	11	11	7.8
ACT	19	19	18	8.8
TOTAL	1,187	1,094	1,049	9.7
	% change			%
NSW	-8.6	-7.6	-2.4	
VIC	13.5	-14.9	-4.0	
QLD	10.4	-6.5	-4.2	
SA	-1.6	-4.3	-0.1	
WA	-1.1	5.1	-12.7	
TAS	-3.0	-7.0	-4.5	
NT	-4.5	-5.7	-9.0	
ACT	19.6	0.3	-2.0	
TOTAL	2.5	-7.8	-4.2	

Source:  
Australian Construction  
Industry Forum - ABS  
(actuals) and FTI  
Consulting (forecasts)

## SUMMARY – AUSTRALIAN OUTLOOK

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- National and state borders are closed, movement within Australia is heavily restricted.
- New rules reduce the amount of activity on building sites in some states, in particular Victoria.
- Construction activity in large infrastructure remains strong but declines in other sectors are becoming increasingly evident.
- While there is expected to be a downturn in construction employment, the falls are less than other sectors of the economy, like tourism and retail.