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**GWA Group Limited (GWA Group) – Financial Results Presentation  
for the Half Year ended 31 December 2022**

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Yours faithfully

*Ernie Lagis*

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**Company Secretary and General Counsel**





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# Results Presentation

Half Year ended 31 December 2022

20 February 2023

# Presenters



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Managing Director and CEO



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Group Chief Financial Officer



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Group Executive - Sales

# Agenda

- Overview and Safety
- Group Financial Results
- Business Performance
- New Products
- Strategic Update
- Summary & FY23 Outlook
- Q&A
- Appendix

# 01 Overview



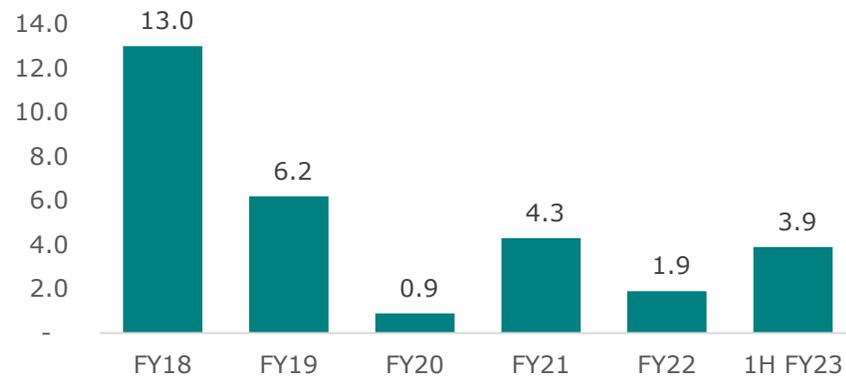
# Revenue growth of 3% despite mixed performance of end markets

- **1H FY23 Revenue up 2.9%, Reported EBIT up 13%, Normalised EBIT down 4.2%;**
  - Mixed market performance, residential renovation saw a revenue decline in Q2;
  - Costs impacted by increased customer freight
- **Balance sheet remains solid**
  - 6.0 cents per share fully franked interim dividend
- **Improved cash flow from operations and free cash flow**
  - Cash conversion ratio improved to 103%
- **Mixed market performance expected to continue into 2H FY23**
  - Detached housing completions and Commercial new build and renovation activity expected to remain solid for the remainder of FY23
  - Residential renovation activity expected to remain subdued for the remainder of FY23
- **Disciplined execution of strategy**
  - Solid progress on implementation of strategic initiatives

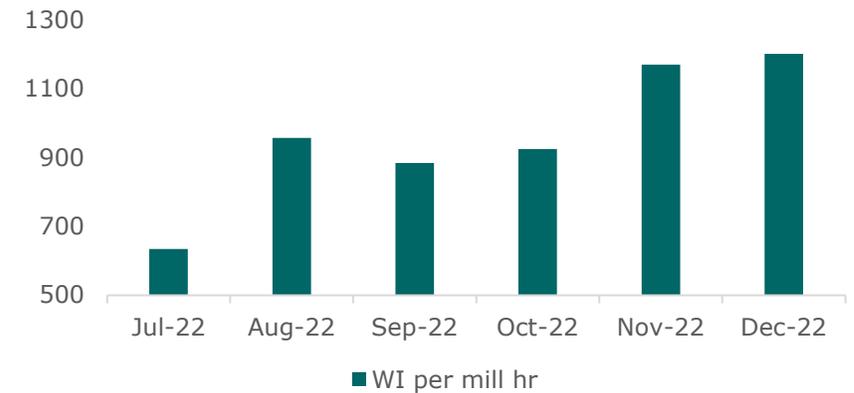
# Evolving safety focus & maturity

- Shift to leading indicators (worker insight frequency rate)
- Updating risk profile to include Psychosocial Risk
- Responding to changing ways of working including hybrid working
- Two minor injuries sustained in NZ business

## Total Injury Frequency Rate



## Worker Insights



## 02 | Group Financial results



# Revenue up 3% despite mixed market performance

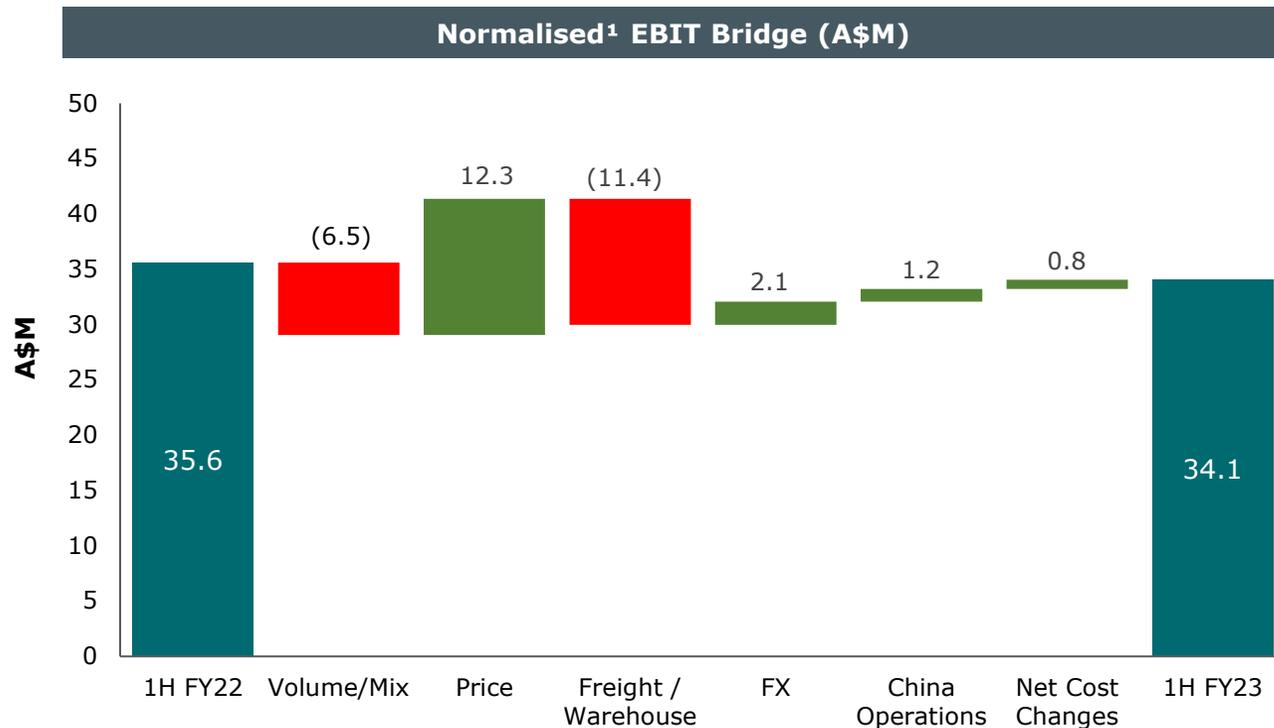
A\$m Reported	1H FY23	1H FY22	% Change
Revenue	207.1	201.3	2.9%
EBITDA	43.4	40.5	7.2%
EBIT	34.1	30.2	12.9%
EBIT Margin %	16.5%	15.0%	1.5pp
NPAT	21.3	18.6	14.9%
ROFE %	14.3%	14.4%	-0.1pp
EPS	8.0c	7.0c	1.0c
Dividend / share	6.0c	7.0c	-1.0c

Significant Items	1H FY23	1H FY22 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Pre Tax	0.0	(5.4)	nm
Post Tax	0.0	(3.8)	nm

A\$m Normalised <sup>2</sup>	1H FY23	1H FY22	% Change
Revenue	207.1	201.3	2.9%
EBITDA	43.4	45.5	-4.8%
EBIT	34.1	35.6	-4.2%
EBIT Margin %	16.5%	17.7%	-1.2pp
NPAT	21.3	22.4	-4.6%
ROFE %	16.5%	17.5%	-1.0pp
EPS	8.0c	8.4c	-0.4c

- Improved Group Revenue driven by:
  - Australian performance – up 3.4% PcP,
  - International markets – up 2.5%, offset by
  - Decline in New Zealand – down 0.4% PcP
- Reported 1H EBIT up 12.9% reflective of no significant items,
- Normalised 1H EBIT margin 16.5%, down 1.2% from 1H FY22, reflects the impact of customer freight
- Effective tax rate of 29%

# Proactive price increases to offset external cost increases



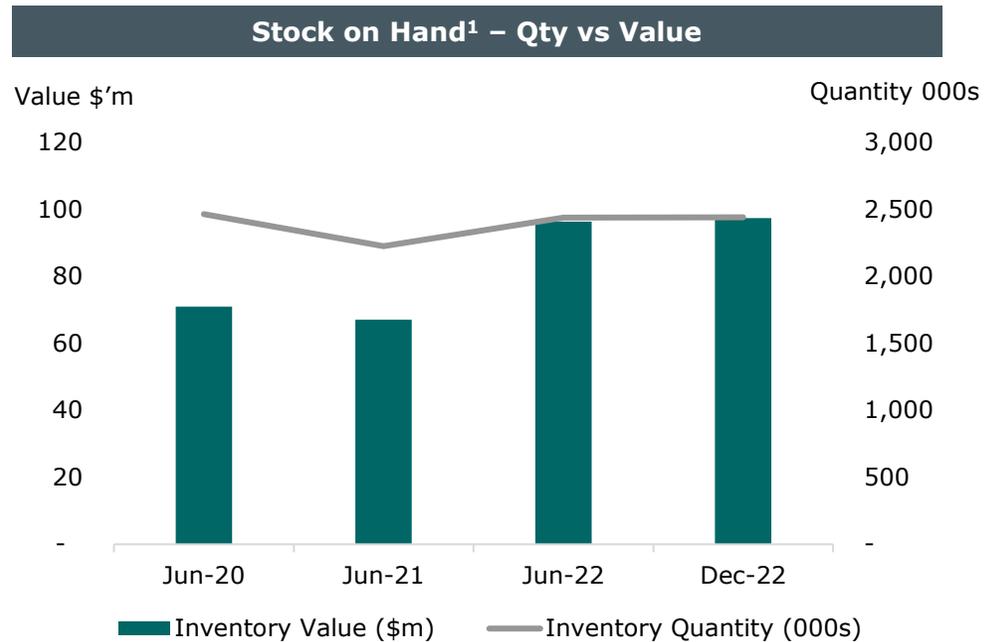
- **Volume/Mix:** reflects negative impact of Q2 on volumes, partially offset by favourable sales mix in Australia
- **Price:** Price increase ~5% implemented across ANZ from July 2022
- **FX:** favourable AUD vs. USD on purchases 1H FY23 ~72c vs. 1H FY22 ~70c
- **Freight / Warehouse:**
  - cost pressures driven by global supply chain disruptions on both inbound and outbound freight
  - use of external 3PL warehouse storage due to space restrictions in New Zealand
- **Net cost changes:**
  - increased A&P investment and product cost offset by;
  - lower SG&A expenditure

# Improved cash flow from operations and free cash flow

Cash flow from Continuing Operations A\$M	1H FY23	1H FY22
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>45.5</b>
Net movement in Working Capital	2.2	(1.5)
Other	(1.0)	(0.4)
<b>Cash Flow from Operations</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>43.6</b>
Capital Expenditure and other investing activities	(1.4)	(1.6)
Significant Items / Other costs	(2.3)	(3.9)
Net Interest Paid	(4.0)	(3.7)
Tax Paid	(7.7)	(11.4)
Lease Payments	(5.6)	(5.0)
<b>Group Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>18.1</b>

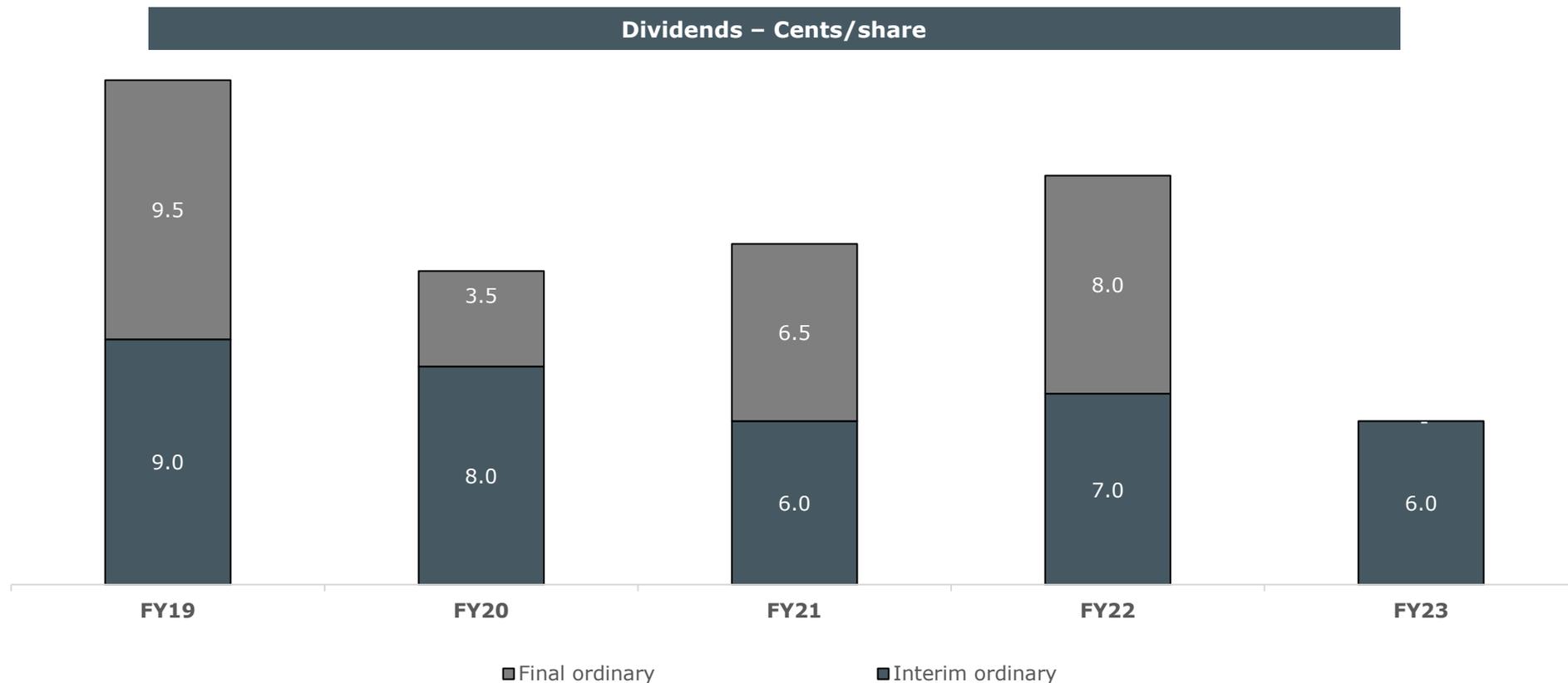
- Cash conversion\* improved to 103%
- Increase in Cash Flow from Operations due to favourable impact of movement in debtors, partially offset by increased inventory
- Cash restructuring/other costs due to
  - ERP/CRM implementation
  - China sales operations closure
- Strong financial position enables an interim dividend of 6.0 cents per share fully-franked.

# Stock on Hand – quantity vs value



- Proactive inventory management in response to Covid challenges in South-East Asia resulting in current inventory levels
- Improvement in quality of inventory, shift from B and C class to A class products which are higher volume faster selling SKUs
- Value increase reflective of product mix and higher input costs

# FY23 interim dividend of 6.0c per share



# Solid financial position maintained

Metrics <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2019	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	31 Dec 2022
<b>Net Debt</b>	141.9	144.8	104.8	138.2	136.6
<b>Leverage Ratio</b> <i>Net Debt / EBITDA</i>	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.7
<b>Interest Cover</b> <i>EBITDA / Net Interest</i>	23.5	13.6	15.5	18.3	16.4
<b>Gearing</b> <i>Net Debt / (Net Debt + Equity)</i>	27.5%	28.4%	21.5%	26.2%	26.1%
<b>Net Debt</b>					
Borrowings	177.8	175.4	146.1	168.3	184.0
Bank Guarantees	3.8	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.4
Cash	(39.6)	(32.4)	(42.6)	(31.4)	(48.7)
	<b>141.9</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>136.6</b>

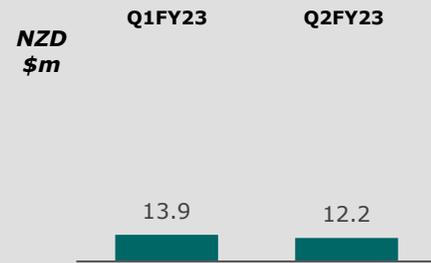
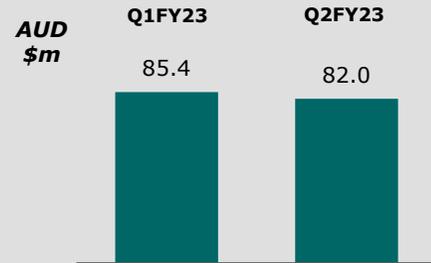
- Net debt \$136.6m, down 1% from June 2022
- Credit metrics remain within target ranges
- Banking facilities of \$220m
  - \$180m multi-currency revolving facility does not expire until October 2024
  - \$40m bi-lateral facility matures October 2023 and is expected to be extended prior to this

### 03 | Business Performance



# Group revenue improved by +3% vs 1H FY22

## 1H FY23 Revenue



## Revenue commentary

### Australia

- Strong Q1 growth offset by decline in Q2
- Q2 decline largely attributable to decline in residential renovation
- Effective 5% price increase from 1 July 2022

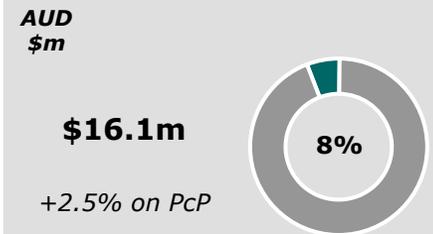
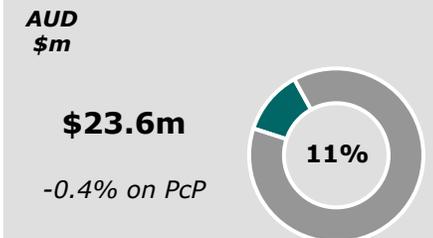
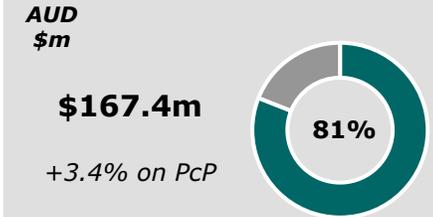
### New Zealand

- 1H FY23 Revenue +4.8% on a constant currency basis
- Q2 decline a result of softening demand
- Effective 5% price increase from 1 July 2022

### International

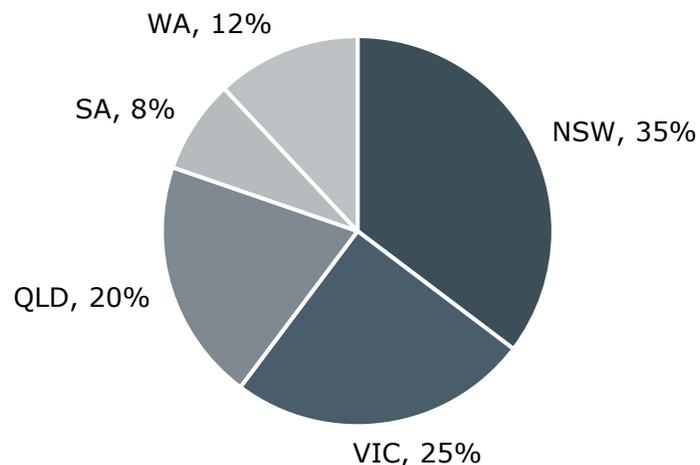
- 1H FY23 UK revenue +5.0% on a constant currency basis
- Revenue largely flat quarter on quarter
- Effective 5% price increase from 1 November 2022

## \$ Revenue & % of Group



# Revenue by State

A\$m Revenue	1H FY23	1H FY22	% Change
NSW	58.5	59.4	-1.4%
VIC	42.9	39.3	9.2%
QLD	33.3	30.9	7.5%
SA	12.9	13.1	-2.0%
WA	19.8	19.2	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>167.4</b>	<b>161.9</b>	<b>3.4%</b>



## NSW

- Strong R&R led Q1 +12%, with Q2 impacted by commercial projects delayed to 2H and R&R customers rebalancing stock levels.

## VIC

- Growth driven by recovery in Commercial, while lapping prior year COVID lockdowns.

## QLD

- Strong Detached housing and Commercial after a disappointing FY22.

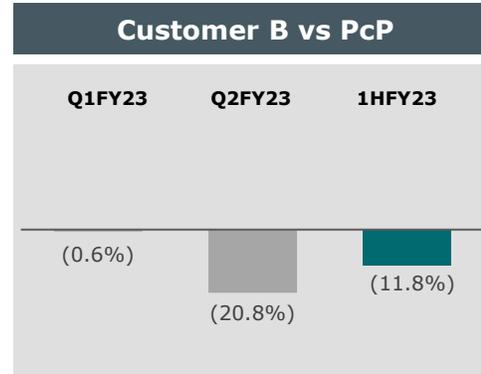
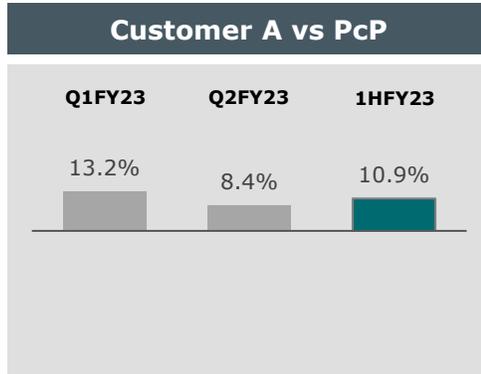
## SA

- Detached housing in steady growth, with softer R&R and Commercial predominantly in Nov/Dec.

## WA

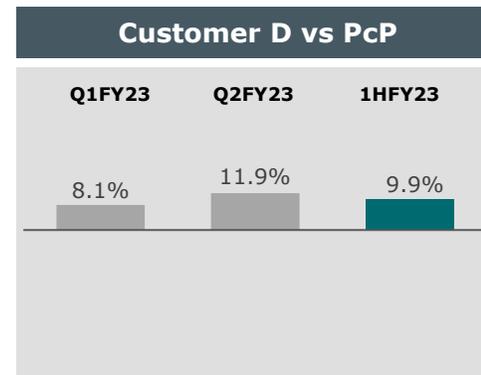
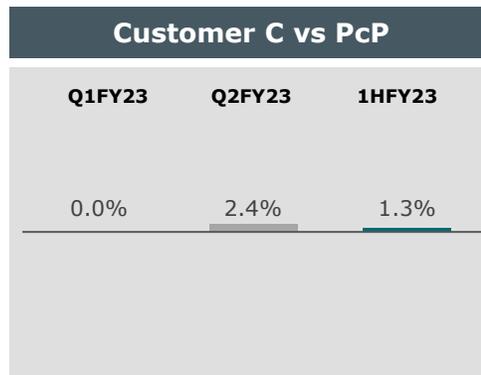
- Strong R&R growth, with soft Detached housing

# Top 4 customers: Australia – 3 in Growth



3 out of 4 Merchant partners in growth driven by

- Continued solid performance in Commercial segment
- Early signs of 'Win the Plumber' momentum
- Slow down in residential renovations



# Supply chain risks

## Challenges

## Mitigation strategies

Impacts of COVID (particularly in China)

- Healthy inventory levels to minimise the impact of manufacturing disruptions

International freight/container availability

- Long term contracts in place
- Availability and rates returning to normal levels

Domestic freight (ANZ)

- Freight volume and route optimisation
- Domestic freight carrier tender
- Price increases being implemented

New Zealand freight congestion

- Elevated inventory levels and optimised ordering pattern to minimise impact of freight peak season

## 04 | New Products

# Promising NPD launches



- Launch of **consumer smart** bathroom and kitchen collections including smart toilets, sensor sink & bathroom mixers and soap dispensers to capture growing demand for touchless products
- Continue to evolve our popular **independent living** range, Livewell, with the launch of grab-rail showers, support accessories, smart retrofit bidet as well as addition of colours
- Soft launch of our new **Youth Care** collection to capture educational & public amenities growing needs and start early life brand recognition

## 05 | Strategy Update



# Strategy on a page

Making everyday water experiences



extraordinary – today, and for tomorrow

## STRATEGY

To be the trusted and integrated solutions partner in the delivery of sustainable water solutions for bathrooms, kitchens and laundries

## FOCUS

### WIN THE PLUMBER

Connect, deepen and leverage plumbing relationships

### INNOVATE THROUGH DESIGN & PARTNERSHIPS

Leverage in-house capability and global partnerships to fast-track value creation and portfolio modernisation

### GROW OUR AFTER-MARKET OFFERINGS

Build a comprehensive after-market capability

### FOCUS ON STRATEGIC GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Disciplined and targeted investment in local & international markets

## FOUNDATION



CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE – Integrated Customer experience with structured brands & category portfolios



DIGITAL – Investment in digital opportunities to deliver a superior Customer experience



ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE – A sustainable business that drives value and fuels growth



ALIGNED ORGANISATION – The right people in the right roles, focused on the right outcomes

OUR CULTURAL PILLARS – We are one team | We are Customer focused | We care for each other

# Key Strategic Highlights

## Win The Plumber

- 11,000 plumbers engaged – defined specific profiles
- Successful trial of dedicated technical phone line – 90% success

## Innovate through Design & Partnership

- Consumer smart products
- Extended 'independent living range'
- Created and operating an 'Age lab'

## Foundations

- Customer experience – 20% reduction in SKU range
- Digital – refresh of Caroma website
- Digital – embedded ERP following go live in April 2022
- ESG – Qld distribution transitioned to 100% GreenPower™

06 | Summary and FY23 outlook



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- **Proactive execution of strategy in the context of changing market conditions**

## Key focus

### Key Markets

*Mixed for GWA*

### Financial Performance

*Disciplined growth agenda*

### Strategy

*Continue with clear focus*

## FY23 commentary

- Mixed sentiment across key construction segments
  - Commercial – continued demand for new build and R&R
  - Residential detached – momentum expected to continue into 2H FY23
  - R&R in Residential – subdued demand expected through 2H FY23
- Managing higher input cost through proactive price increases as required and various cost initiatives
- Inventory levels able to meet demand
- Targeted investment in new products and experience centres across ANZ
- Proactive execution in the context of changing market conditions
  - Profitable volume growth targeting new markets and customers;
  - Acceleration of ease of doing business initiatives with a focus on our merchant partners; and
  - Continued focus on cost management

07 | Q & A



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08 | Appendix



# FY23 Key Assumptions<sup>1</sup>

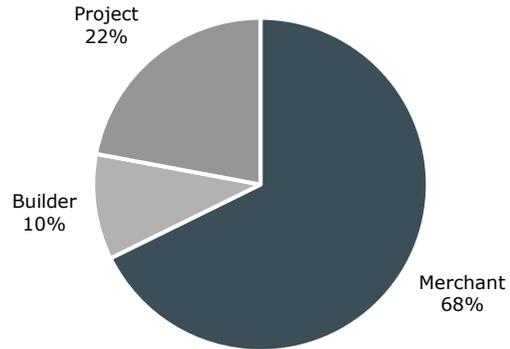
Area	FY23 Expectation	Actual 1H
Australian market backdrop	BIS total building activity data <sup>2</sup> is indicating a market decline of 4% in FY23 (July 2022 +3%)	
Price increase	5% implemented in ANZ from 1 July 2022. ~4% implemented in Australia from 1 April 2023 ~5% implemented in New Zealand from 1 March 2023	5% implemented in ANZ from 1 July 2022 and UK from 1 October 2022
D&A (depreciation and amortisation)	~\$7.0-8.0m excluding the impact of IFRS 16. Including the impact of IFRS 16 ~\$18.5 – 20.5m	\$3.4m excluding the impact of IFRS 16. Including the impact of IFRS 16 D&A is \$9.3m
Interest costs	~\$6-7m excluding lease interest. Including lease interest ~\$8-9m.	\$2.8m excluding lease interest. Including the impact of IFRS 16 interest costs are \$3.9m.
FX	Neutral, Currently 80% hedged at US\$0.70	Gain of \$2.1m
Effective Tax rate	~29.0 – ~30.0%	29.3%
Working capital	Decrease from June 2022	Decrease from June 2022
Capex	~\$3.0 - \$3.5m	\$1.4m
Ocean freight cost increase	~\$6.0 – \$7.0m	~\$3.5m
Customer freight cost increase	~\$6.0 – \$8.0m	~\$4.0m

<sup>1</sup> Refer Disclaimer on slide 28

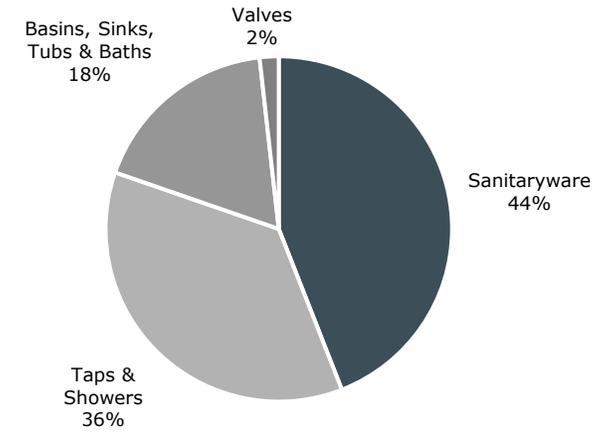
<sup>2</sup> BIS Oxford data, Australia market, December 2022 release

# Continuing strength in sanitaryware

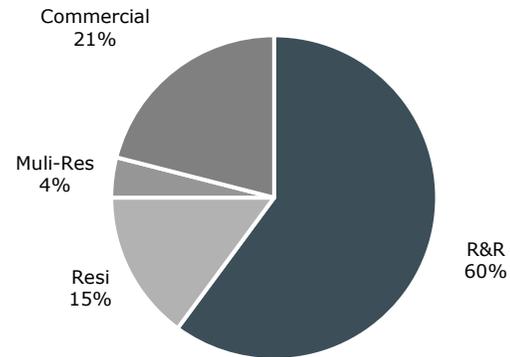
## Segment



## Category



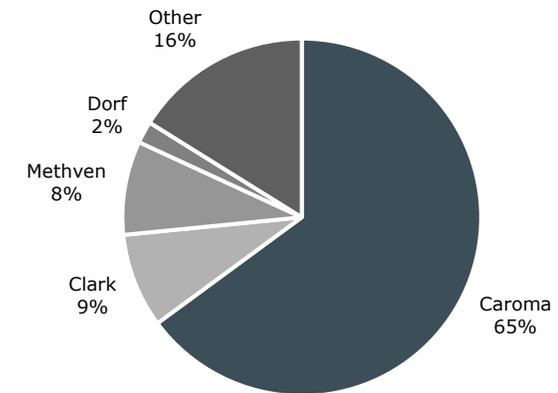
## Sub-Segment<sup>1</sup>



## Geography

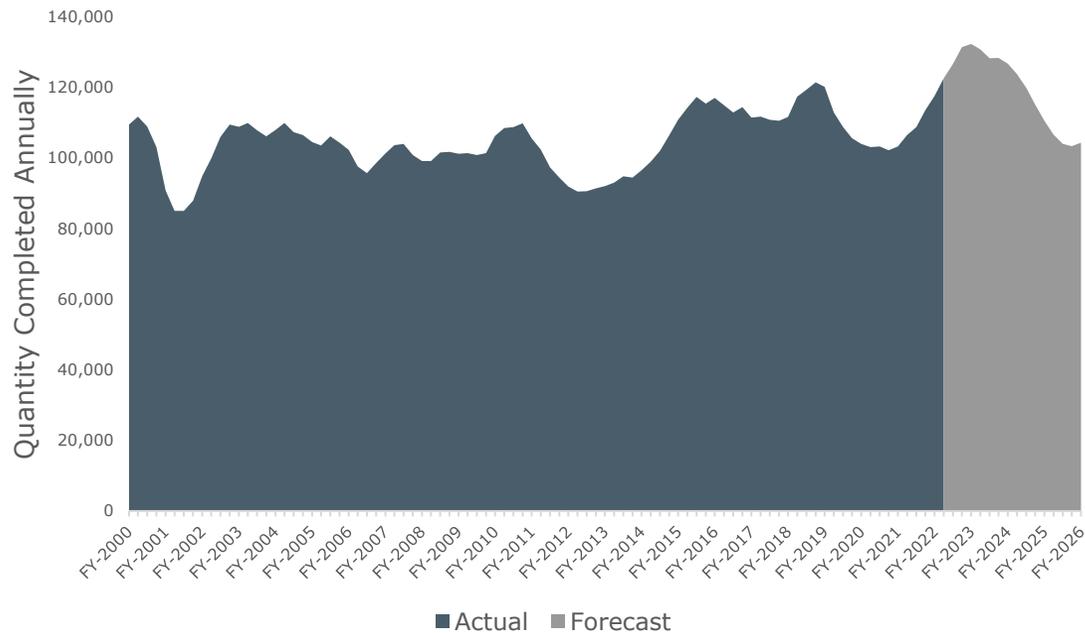


## Brand



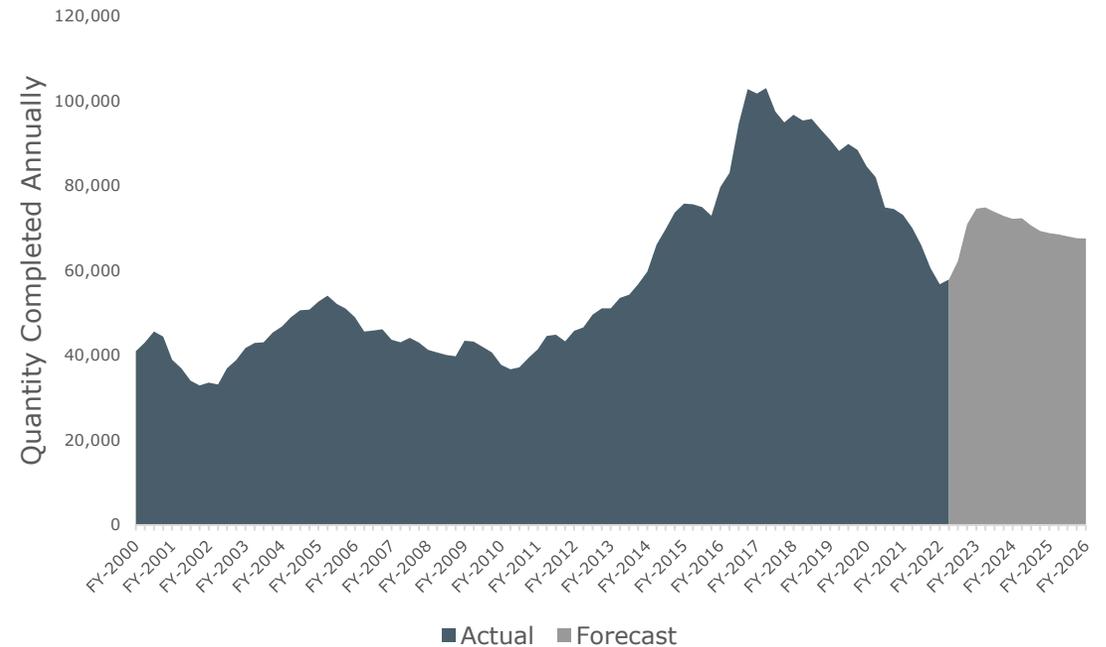
# Australian Market Context – residential completions expected to remain at elevated levels in 2H with multi-residential to pick up

## Residential<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Approximately 15% of GWA’s Australian revenue

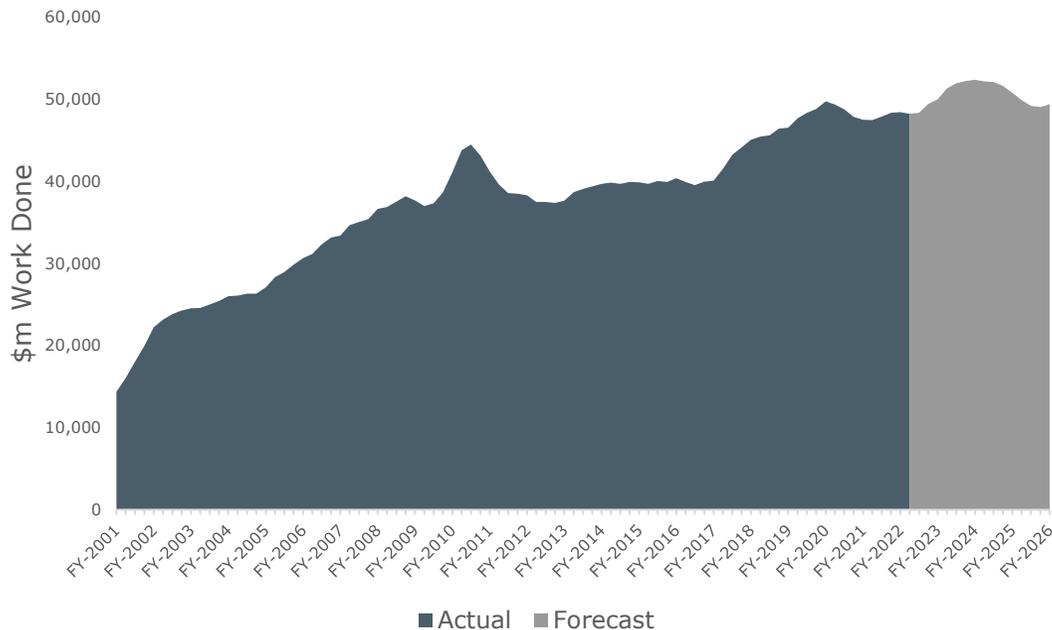
## Multi - Residential<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Approximately 4% of GWA’s Australian revenue

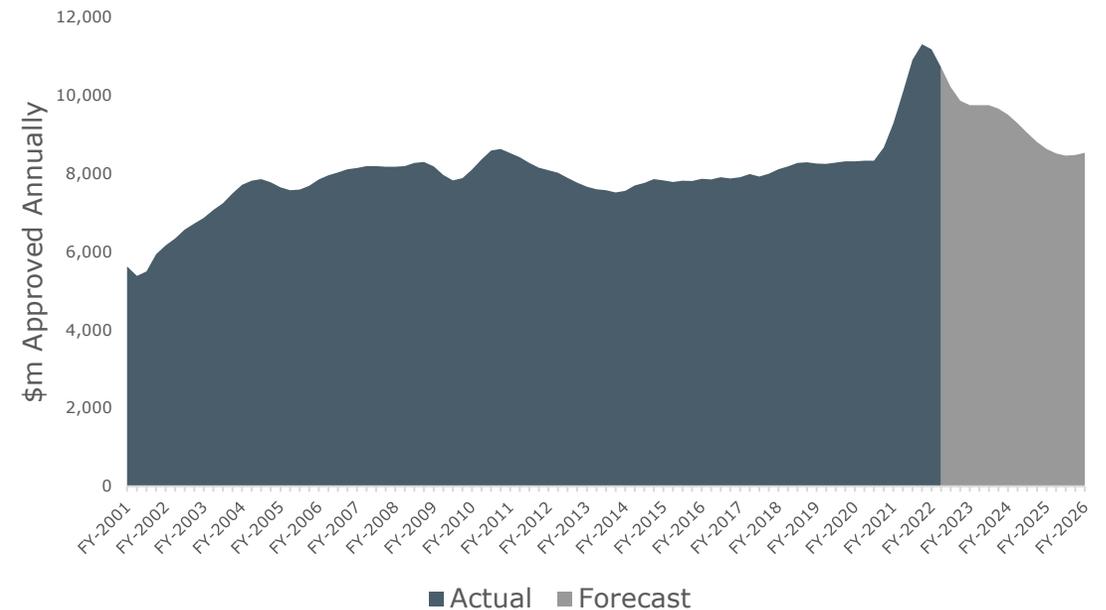
# Australian Market Context – Commercial work done expected to remain steady, R&R declining from historically elevated levels

## Commercial<sup>1</sup>



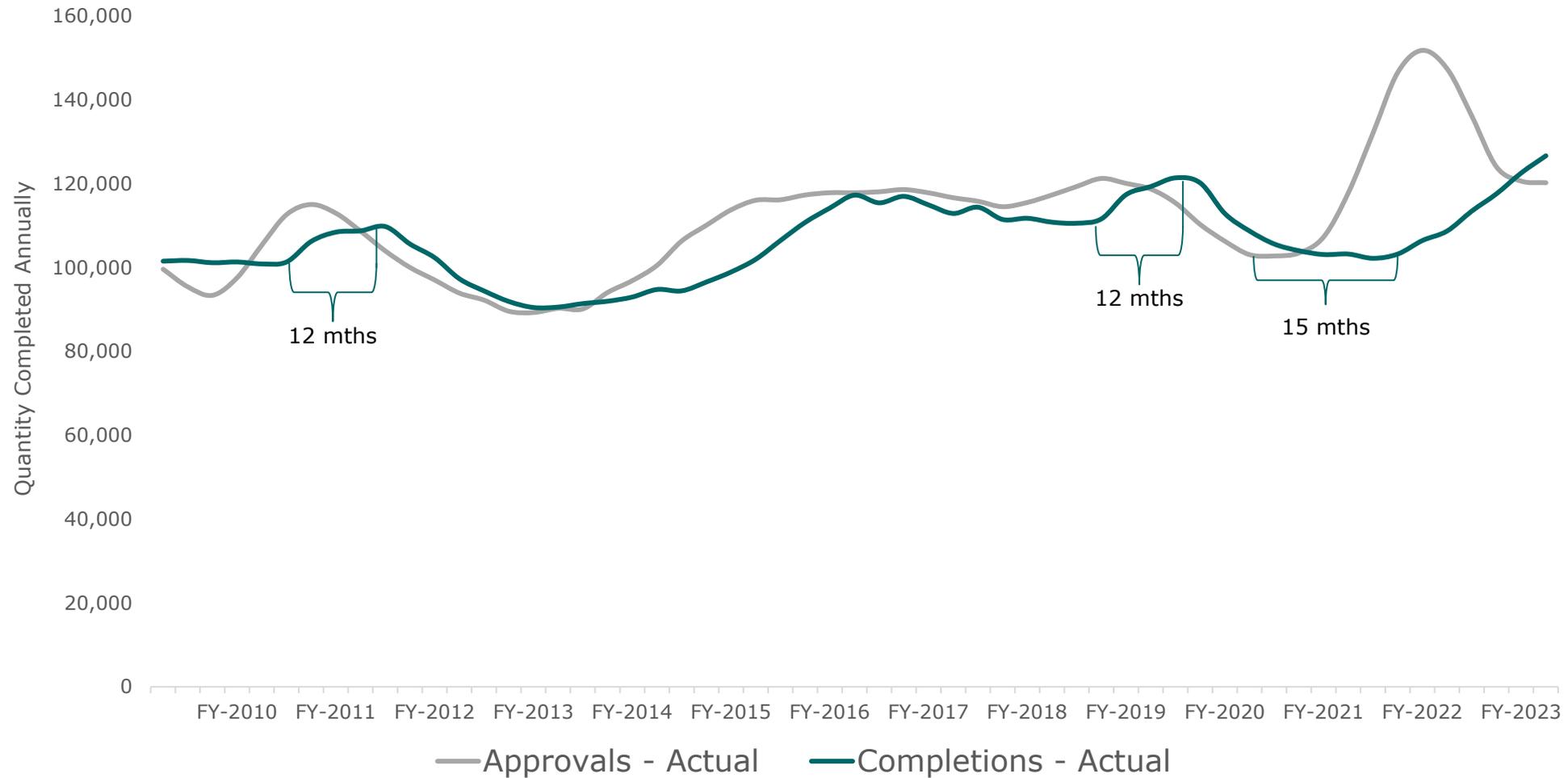
<sup>1</sup> Approximately 21% of GWA's Australian revenue

## Repair and Renovation<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Approximately 60% of GWA's Australian revenue

# Residential completions expected to remain strong during FY23, despite approvals declining from historical highs (Completions' lag vs. approvals ~15 months)





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# Results Presentation

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