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PLEASE NOTE: Value of Westminster development information should be \$2.5 million – incorrect data supplied

\$195m of developments strengthen Marion economy

More than \$195 million worth of building approvals have been given the green light in the City of Marion over the past year, strengthening the local economy.

Building approvals in 2014/15 increased by more than \$27 million on the previous year, making it the highest value of approvals in eight years.

The 1751 building consents included 667 new homes 38 shops, 5 offices, 7 warehouses and 72 swimming pools.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the \$195.5 million investment shows Marion has a lot to offer families and businesses.

“Marion has a lot to offer, as is shown by the new facilities taking shape, businesses being established, and people making their homes in the community,” Mr Hanna said.

“These developments strengthen our local economy and create jobs.

“Our lowest rate rise in more than 10 years of 2.9 per cent combines with modern facilities, including the new Cove Civic Centre, to make Marion an affordable and attractive place to live.”

The two biggest approvals were for Westminster School’s \$25 million early learning and primary school building in Marion and the State Government’s \$14 million mining exploration library at Tonsley.

Other approvals at Tonsley included a \$3.5 million light manufacturing, showroom and warehouse facility, and a separate \$3 million office, warehouse and showroom. Approvals were given for a \$2.5 million supermarket in Hallett Cove, and a \$2.2 million extension to an aged care facility in Glengowrie.

Approvals over the past five years total 8828 and are worth \$842.6 million.

Building Consents and Values 2010/11 – 2014/15

2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
1881	1781	1689	1726	1751
167.4m	159.2m	152.2m	168.3m	195.5m

Mayor Hanna said that while council welcomed new developments, it was committed to addressing the issue of urban infill.

“To ensure Marion remains an attractive place for people to live, Council has a long term goal of reducing the impact of urban infill; in other words high density housing built next to traditional homes and increased traffic congestion,” he said.

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“Changing our planning rules is a complex process that requires new rules to be written and approved by the State Government.”

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