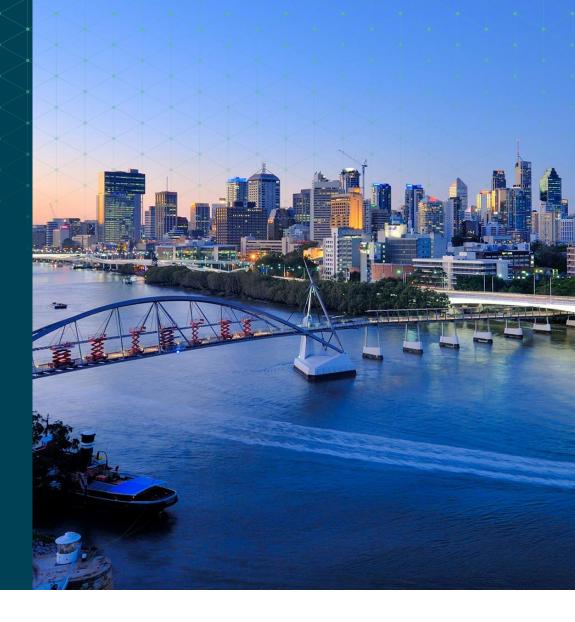
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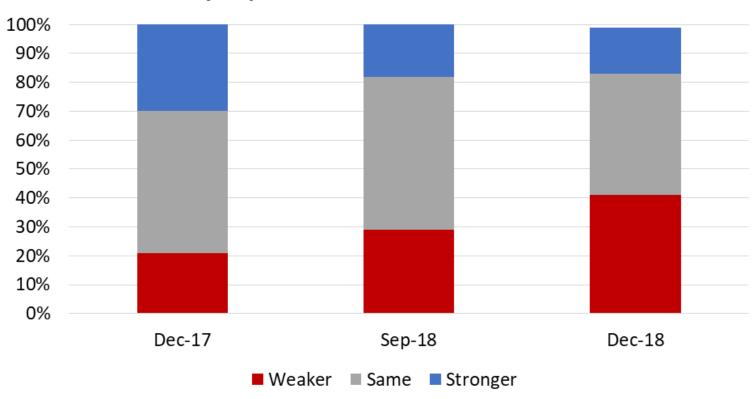
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#### Business confidence has declined

### Suncorp CCIQ Pulse survey: How do you expect the Qld economy to perform over the next 12 months?



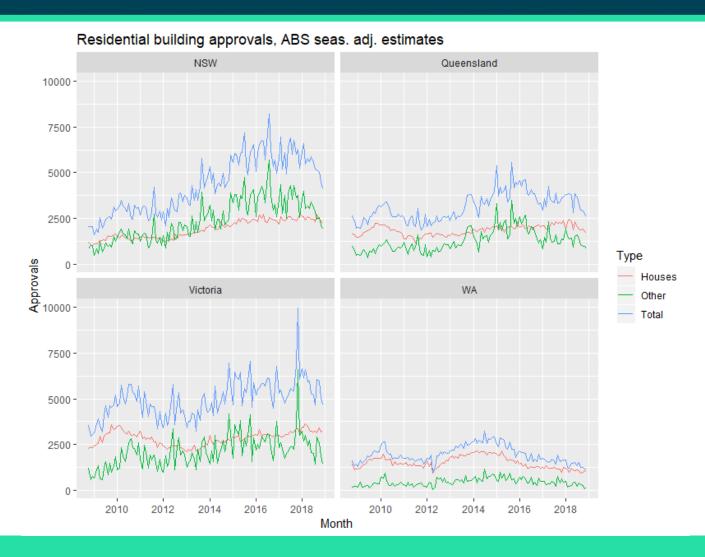


#### Retail trade was disappointing in December



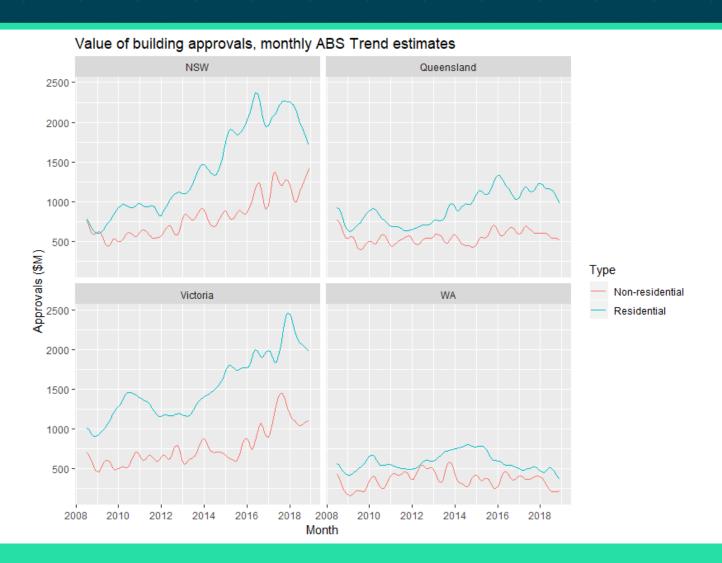


### Residential building approvals have been trending down





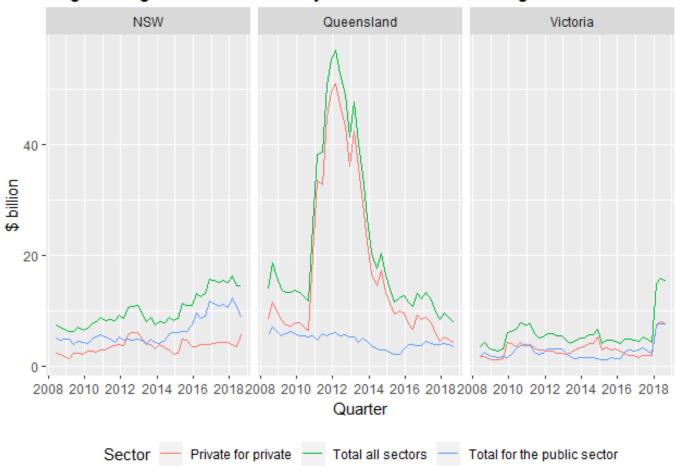
#### Non-residential approvals down too in Qld





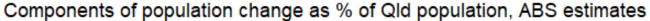
#### Infrastructure pipeline not gushing

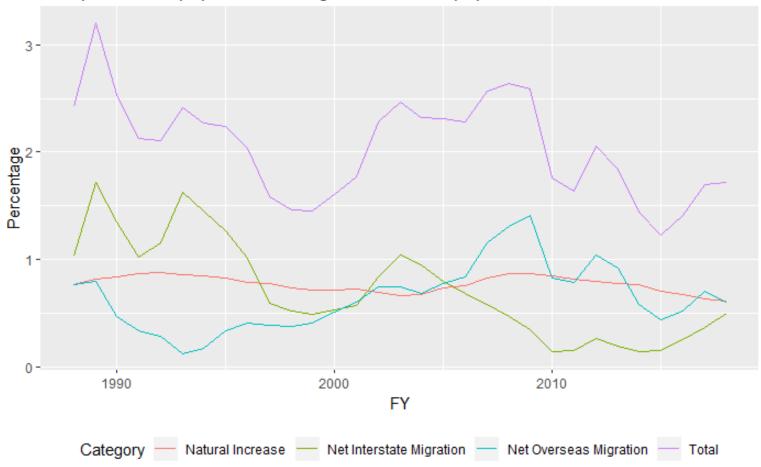
#### Engineering construction work yet to be done, ABS Original estimates





## Don't get too excited about net interstate migration yet





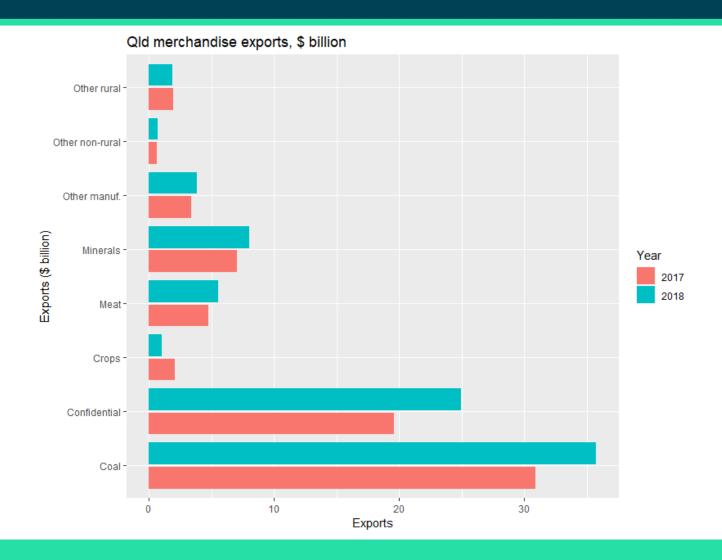


Any good news? Yes. Tourism and mining are hot.

- Last week coking coal price was up 3% to be back over US \$200 at nearly US \$203/tonne
- Total Qld merchandise exports at \$82bn p.a. compared with \$50bn two years ago!
- International visitors' spending nearly \$6bn p.a. in Qld, growing at 11-12% p.a.

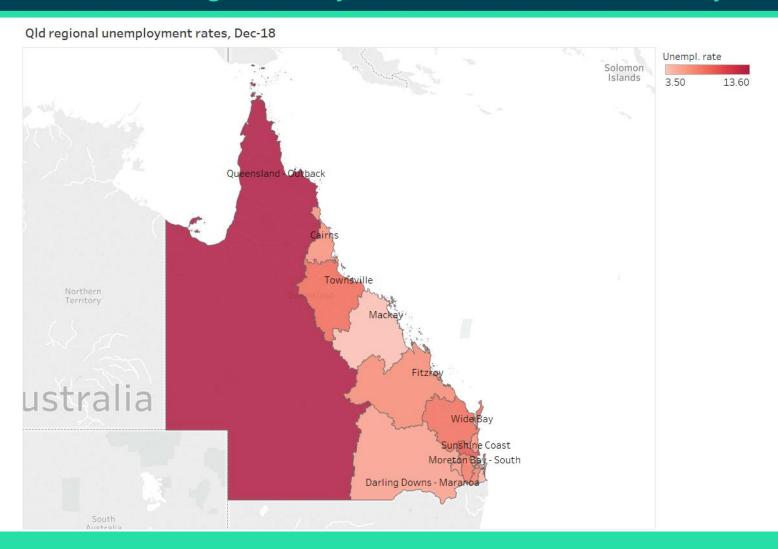


#### Coal & LNG making huge contributions to exports





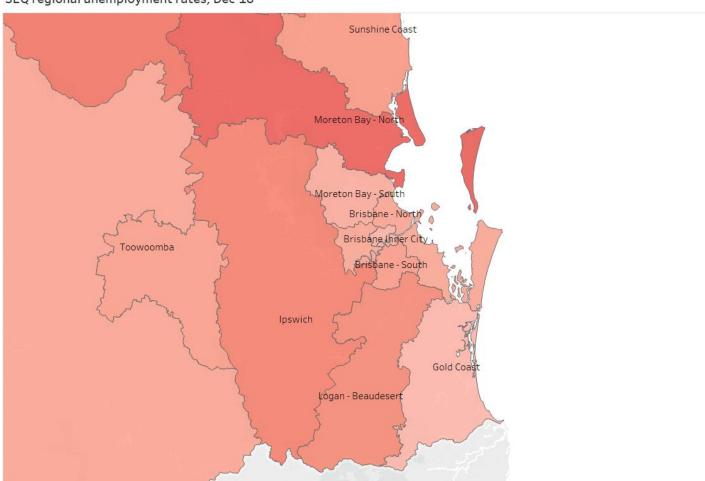
## Some regional areas have been struggling for several years...but some e.g. Mackay have bounced back nicely





### Brisbane has been doing fine, GC very well

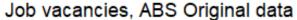


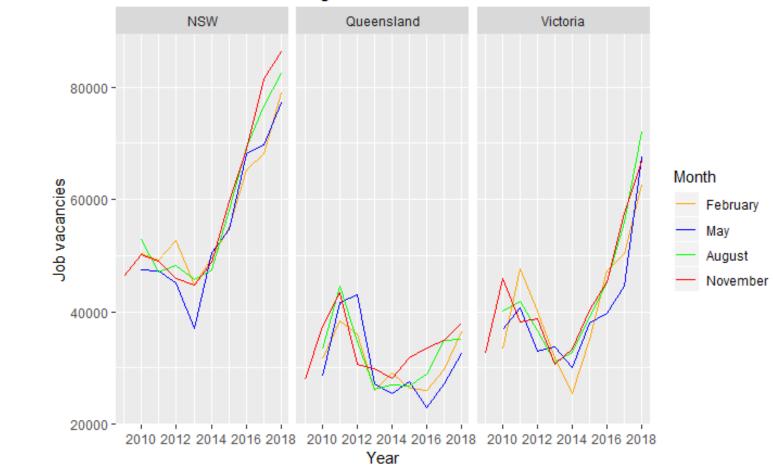






#### Job vacancy data suggest we shouldn't be too pessimistic

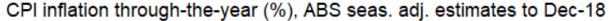


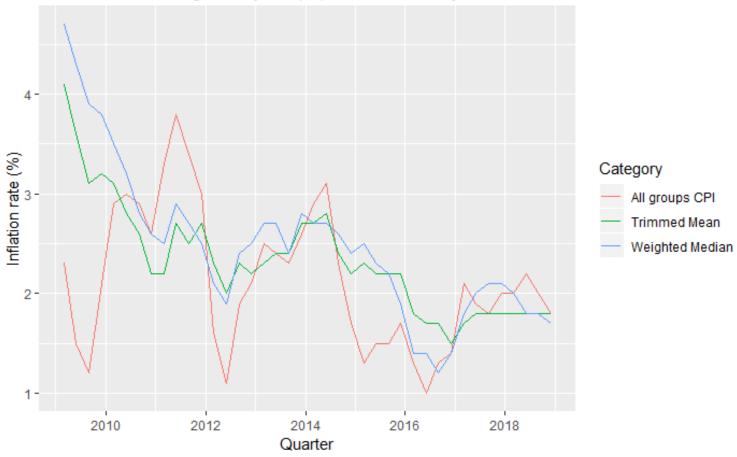




#### Inflation remains below RBA's 2-3% target band

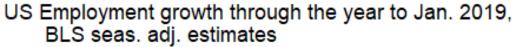
Interest rates unlikely to be going up anytime soon...and could come down

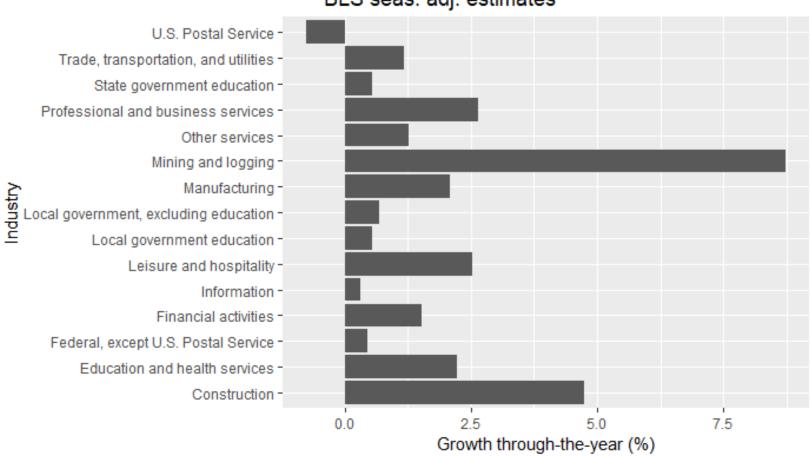






#### US economy remains resilient





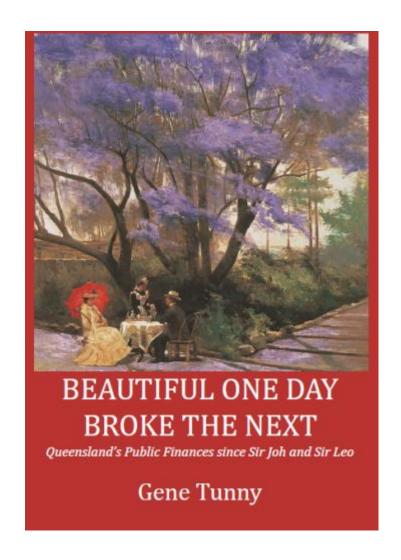


#### Conclusions

- Qld definitely not hot
- At best lukewarm
- Infrastructure pipeline not gushing
- Tourism, mining & health/social assistance (i.e. NDIS) are hot though
- Significant risk of global downturn in next two years (although US keeps defying expectations)



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