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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **HOUSE VALUE DOWNTURN PROPELLED BY LABOR'S BIG HOUSING SLEDGEHAMMER**

Less than two weeks after Labor confirmed that their economy wrecking Housing Taxes will start on 1 January, rating's agency Moody's has dramatically downgraded their forecasts for capital city house prices, and cautioned a further falls should the policy be implemented.

Moody's predict house values could plummet by 7.7 percent across the capital cities in 2019, a further 4.7 percent more than they predicted in January. This significant downgrade is too close to Labor's 1 January announcement to be called a coincidence.

Moody's are the latest to join an ever growing list of experts who warn of the negative impacts of Labor's Housing Tax on house values and the economy.

Today's report follows data from SQM Research concluding Labor's housing taxes could increase rents by more than \$90 a week and house values could fall up to 16 per cent in some capital cities.

Both the Master Builders Association and the Property Council of Australia have found that not only will Labor's housing taxes not work as they claim, but they will in fact do the opposite - new housing supply and construction will slow.

MBA found this would result in 32,000 jobs lost and around \$12 billion ripped from the economy.

Under Labor, if you own your home it will be worth less, and if you rent your home you will pay more.

There is no worse time for Labor's reckless Housing Tax, with the housing market already cooling.

Even former Labor Treasurer Wayne Swan understood how devastating a Housing Tax of this kind would be to the economy, warning it would be 'economically disastrous to do anything on negative gearing'.

In contrast, the Coalition has a plan to keep the economy strong, and deliver the services Australians rely on whilst delivering tax relief to Australians and small and medium businesses across the country.

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