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## Steady Rates the Appropriate Decision says HIA

Leaving interest rates on hold in June was the appropriate and necessary decision says the Housing Industry Association (HIA), the voice of Australia's residential building industry.

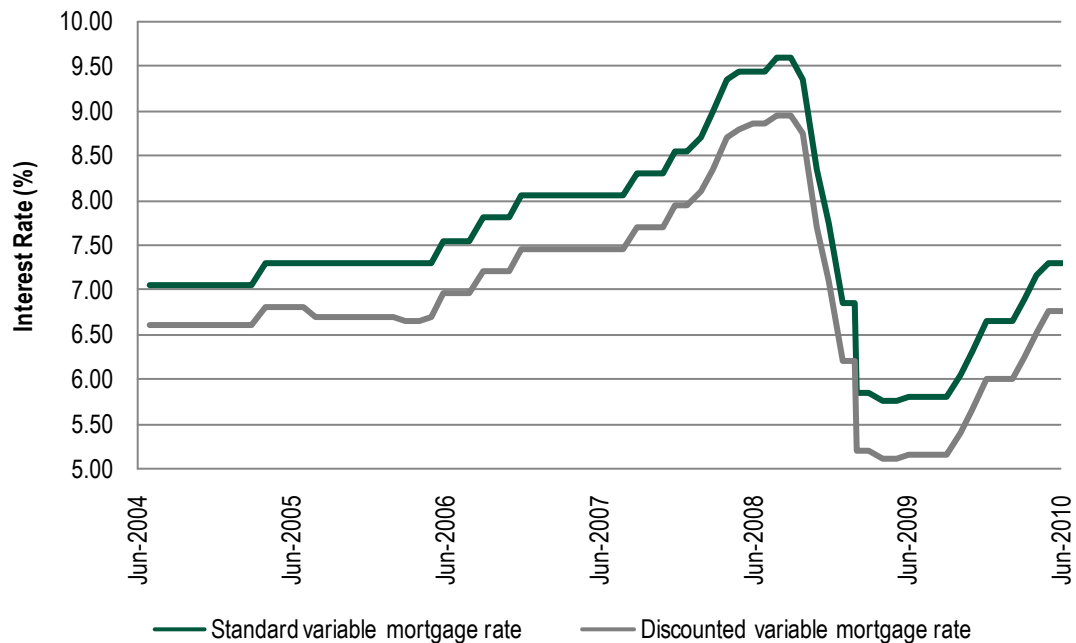
"Leading indicators are pointing to a slowing in new housing activity and higher interest rates have contributed to this situation. We do not believe this is an objective the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) would like to see achieved," said HIA Chief Executive - Association, Mr Graham Wolfe.

"It is appropriate for the RBA to hold interest rates steady while ever the current economic circumstances of a patchy domestic economic recovery and renewed nervousness abroad persist.

"At the same time there is no justification for major banks to lift interest rates independently of the RBA, especially when their actions in curtailing lending for residential development are already harming the new home building recovery," said Graham Wolfe.

### Mortgage Rates

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