

#### **Build to Rent – What does this mean?**

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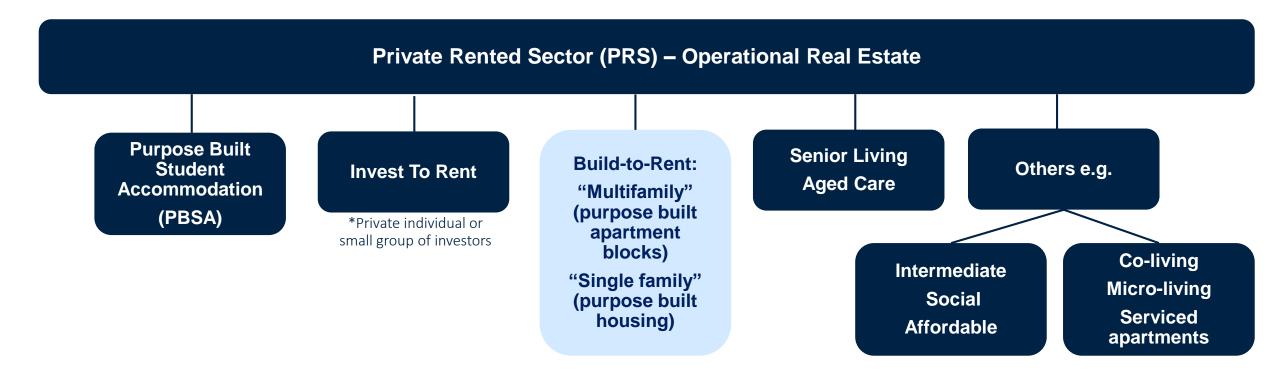
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#### Build-to-Rent????

Hot topic, buzzword, reality?









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newly developed, or converted from other uses, and designed specifically for renting



in blocks of at least 50 units (or adjacent blocks providing at least 50 units in aggregate), providing sufficient scale for high quality services to be provided



specifically dedicated to private rental for a specific period (typically 15 years)



owned by a single (institutional) owner; or investment group



managed in an integrated way, delivering high standards of management and service including comprehensive maintenance

#### **A New Trend**

Emerging in the UK

The UK's Build to Rent pipeline has grown 478% in just five years

#### Experience | not an overnight sensation

- Residential Investment 2010 From buy-to-let to build-to-let
  - 11:30 Demand for the Private Rented Product, the investment returns, and will collective Investment schemes happen?
- Residential Investment 2011
  - 11:45 The institutional demand for Residential as an Asset Class, will collective investment schemes happen?
  - 14:50 Political support for a Professional Rented Sector is needed.
- Residential Investment 2012
  - 12:30 Making the Private Rented Sector and Build to Let in the UK a success. What is required to make it happen? Looking at the US and the lessons that can be learned.
  - 14:30 The Tax issues in Residential Property understanding and coping with them. How changes to tax legislation could improve investor returns.
- Residential Investment 2013
  - 14:50 Comparing the UK and US Residential Investment Markets and learning why the US Market is more mature. How can the UK investment market become more established and when will it happen?
- Residential Investment 2014
  - 15:30 Making Large Scale Residential Investment Work The Investment and Asset Management Perspective.



#### Government Support | increasing & strong



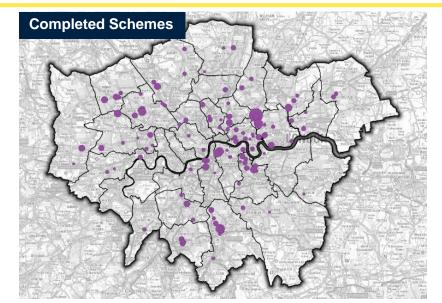
# Emergence of Build-to-Rent at Scale

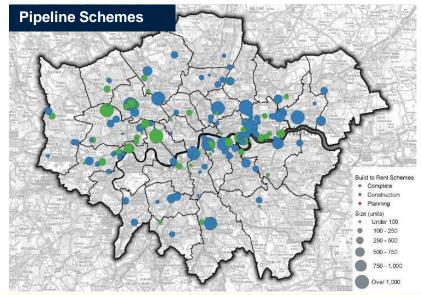
London Example

### London Development Landscape | Sydney/Auckland 5 years time?

- 133 Build-to-Rent (BTR) schemes completed, comprising 16,145 units
- Completed schemes average 121 units in size
- 75 schemes under construction, totalling c16,500 units
- On average these schemes comprise 220 units
- 41,300 units in the planning stage, across 120 schemes
- Schemes at planning stage average 344 units each

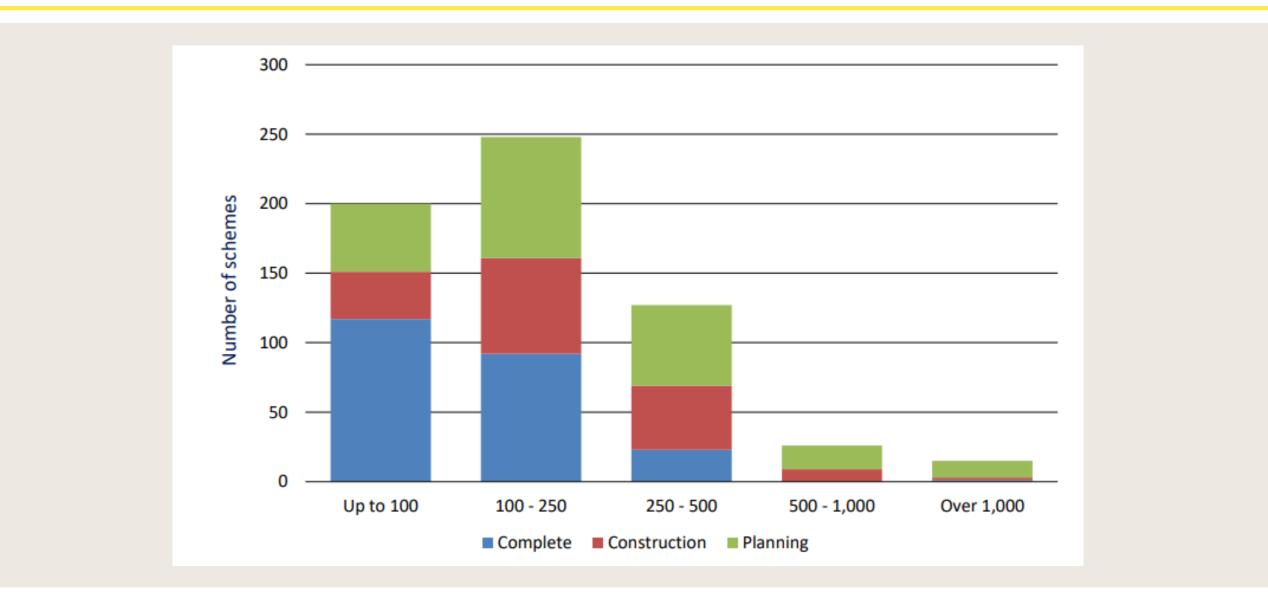
Q1 2019	Number of Units	Estimated GDV
Complete	16,145	£5.9 billion
Construction	16,507	£7.4 billion
Planning	41,322	£18.5 billion







#### Economies of Scale | the sweet spot



#### East Village and Get Living London



- Date: August 2011
- Units: 1,439 units
- Sale Price: £557,000,000
- Seller: Olympic Development Agency
- Purchaser: JV: Delancey & Qatari Diar





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Canning Town



Completed September 2012 75 x 1, 2 & 3 bed units

Finchley



Epsom

Completed March 2013 63 x 1 & 2 bed units

Lewisham



Poplar

Completed March 2013 63 x 1 & 2 bed units

Hayes





Completed March 2014 63 x 1, 2 & 3 bed units

**Silvertown Reach** 



Planning submitted March 2015 70 x 1 & 2 bed units

£1227

Completed 2016 136 x 1 & 2 bed units

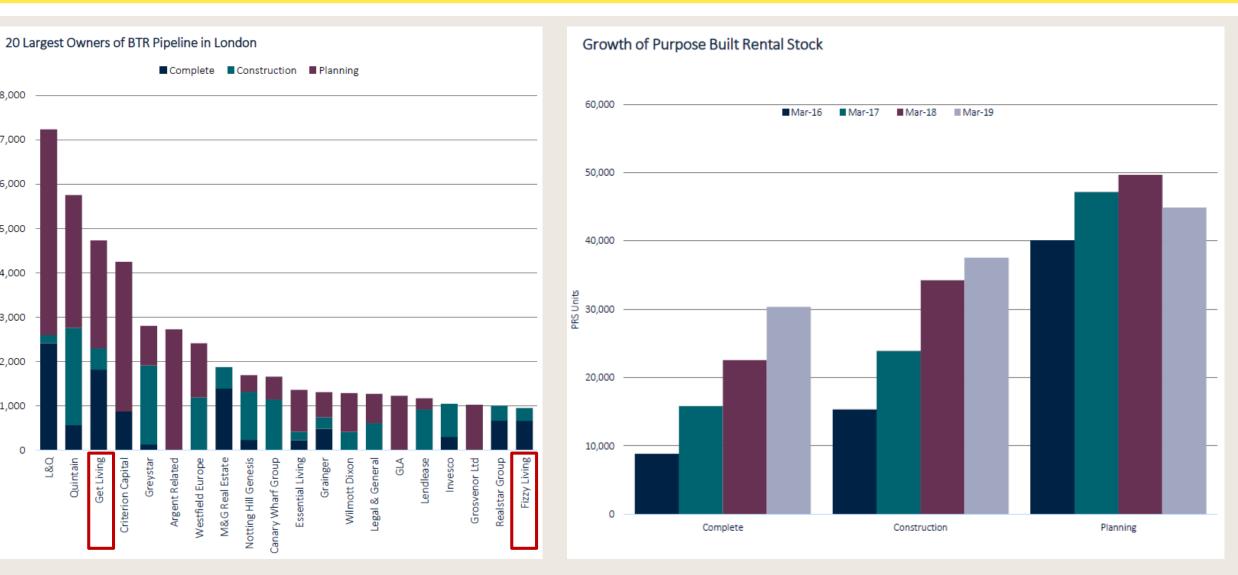


Completed 2018 189 x 1, 2 & 3 bed units



Completed 2018 348 x 1, 2 & 3 bed units

#### London Investment Landscape | Aus/NZ 5 years time?



#### Source: Savills, British Property Federation, Molior, Land Registry

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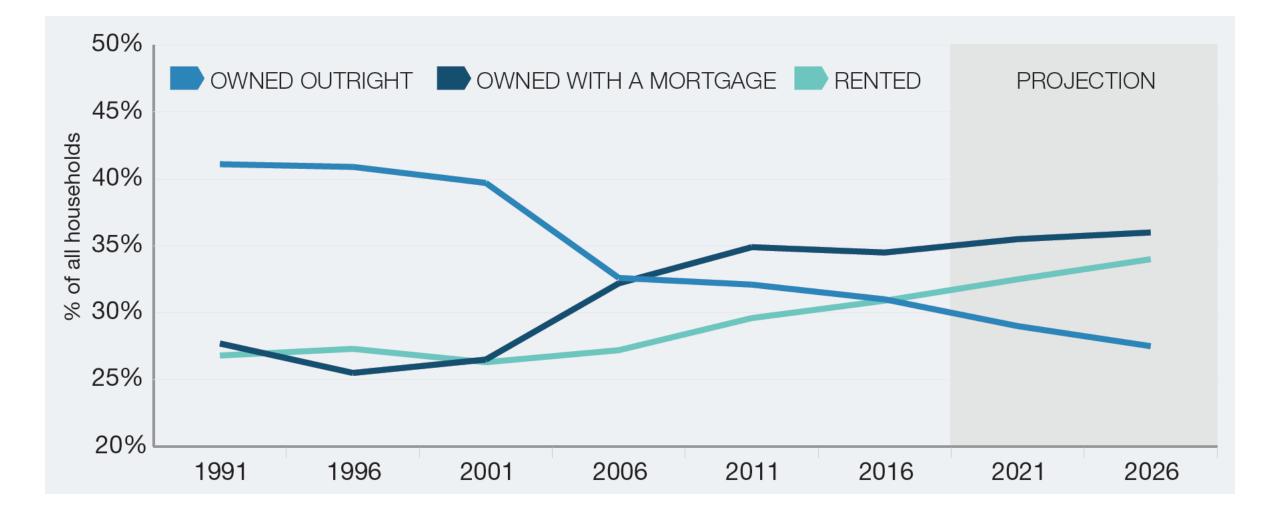
Australian (& NZ) BTR Macro Market Dynamics

### Rented Dwellings | expanding

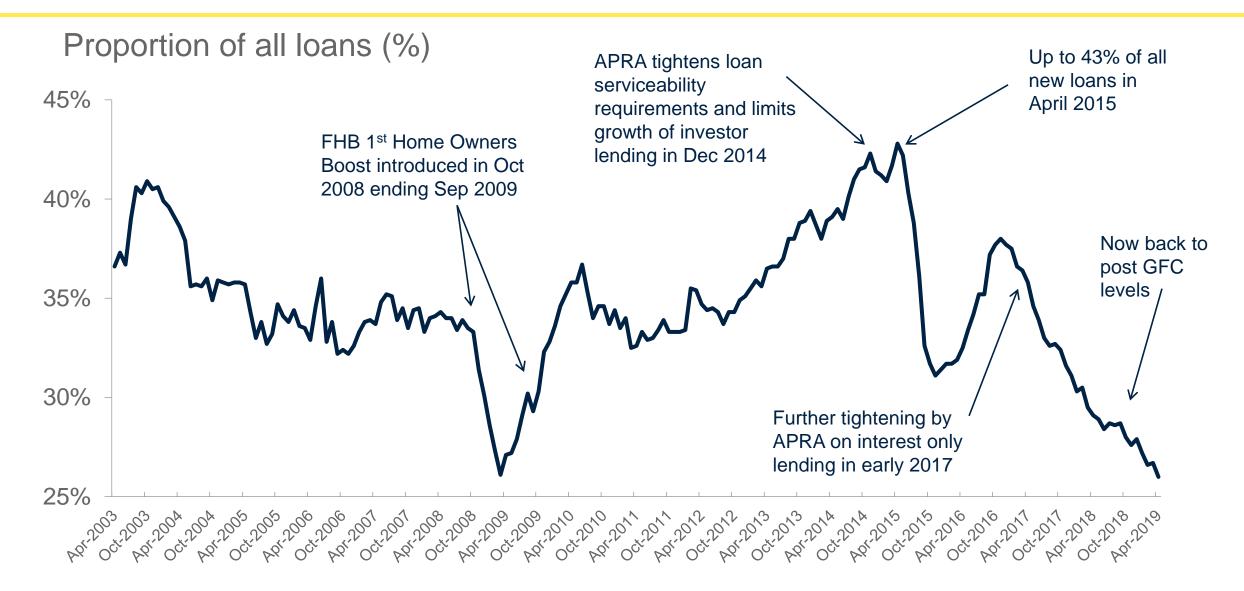




### Rented Dwellings | up to 35%?



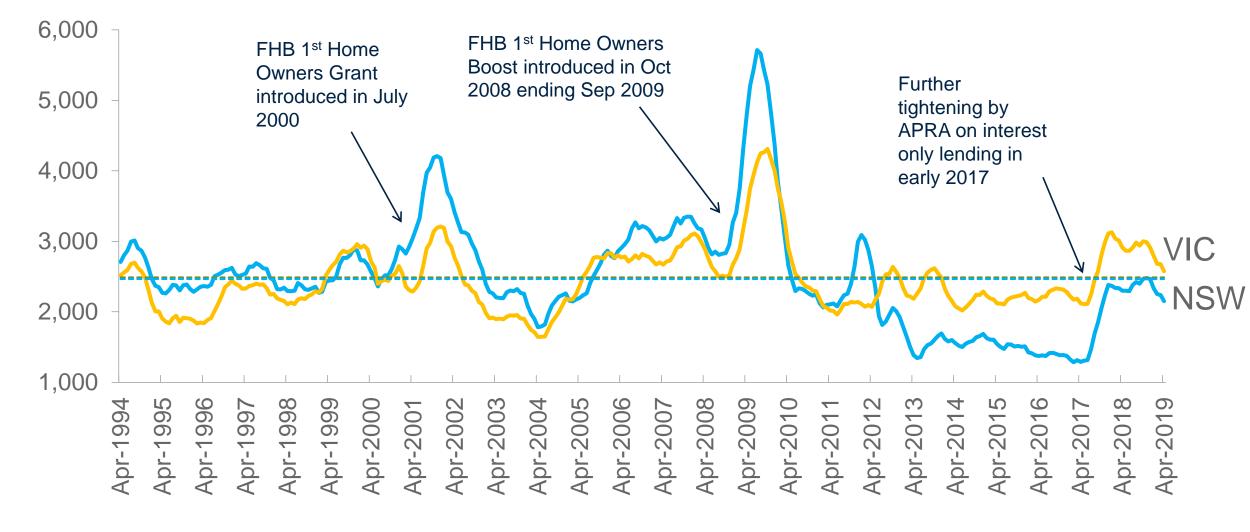
#### Investor Loans | squeezing out FTBs



# FTB Loans | challenging times



#### Dwellings financed hovering around long term averages



### Millennials | no option to rent or tenure flexibility?





#### Millennials favour shares and bitcoin over home ownership

Young people regard buying a house as high risk, survey reveals



Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies have recovered some of the losses that came after a Chinese ban on ICOs

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Three-quarters of British millennials would rather put their money in shares, bonds or bitcoin than property, according to research that shows young people turning away from a weakening property market.

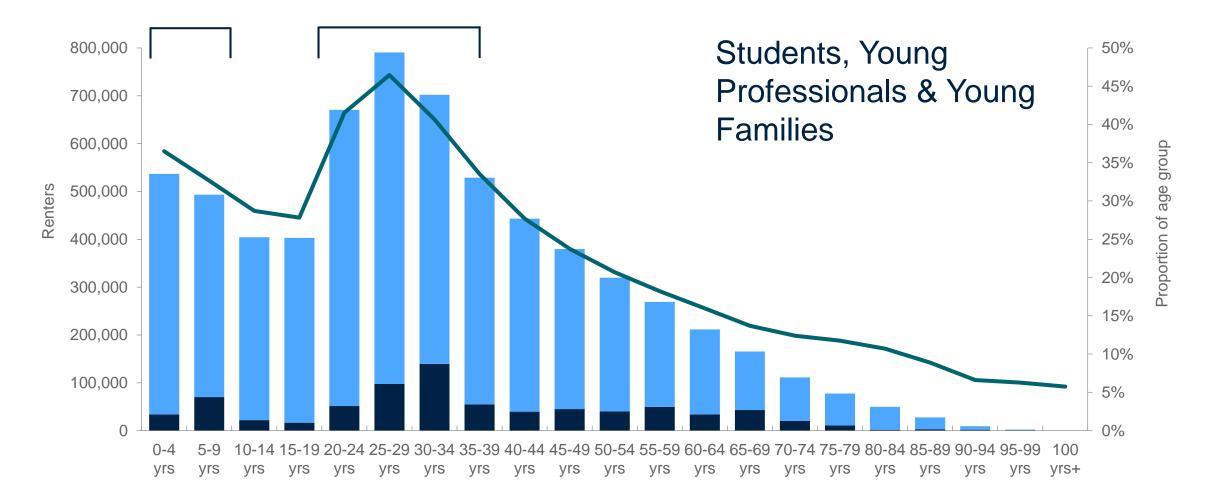




#### **Rental Residents | concentrated**



#### Australia, initial target market for BTR | 20-39



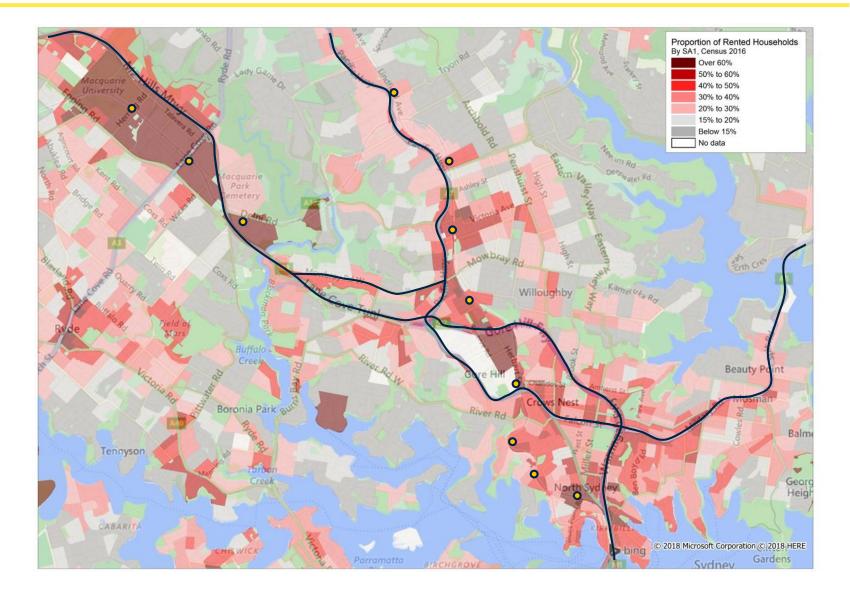
### Location | connectivity



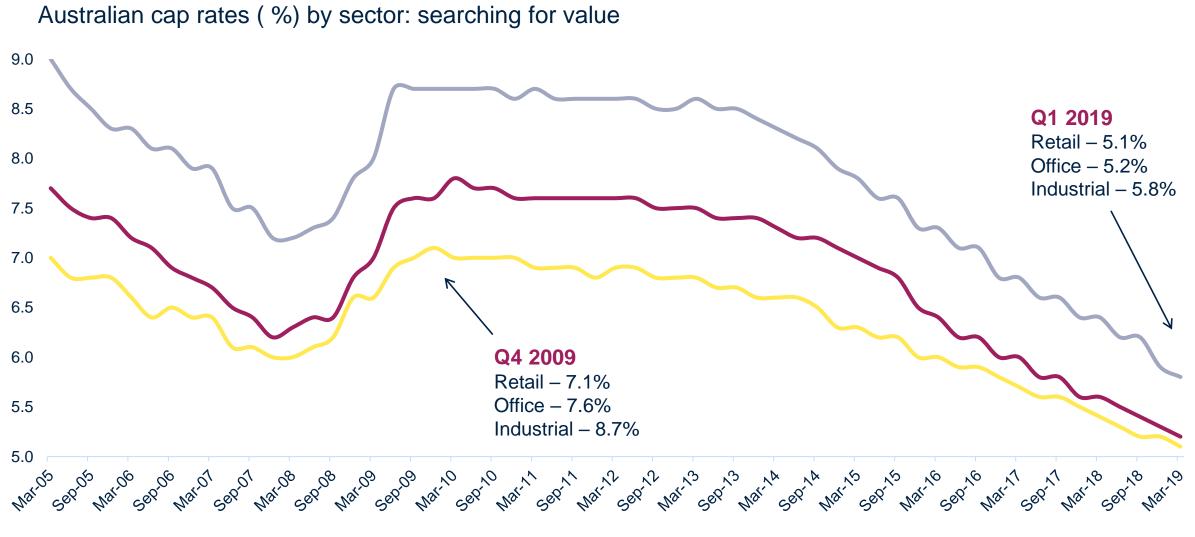
Along transport routes – road, bus & rail

Adjoining areas of rental significance – university, employment, etc.

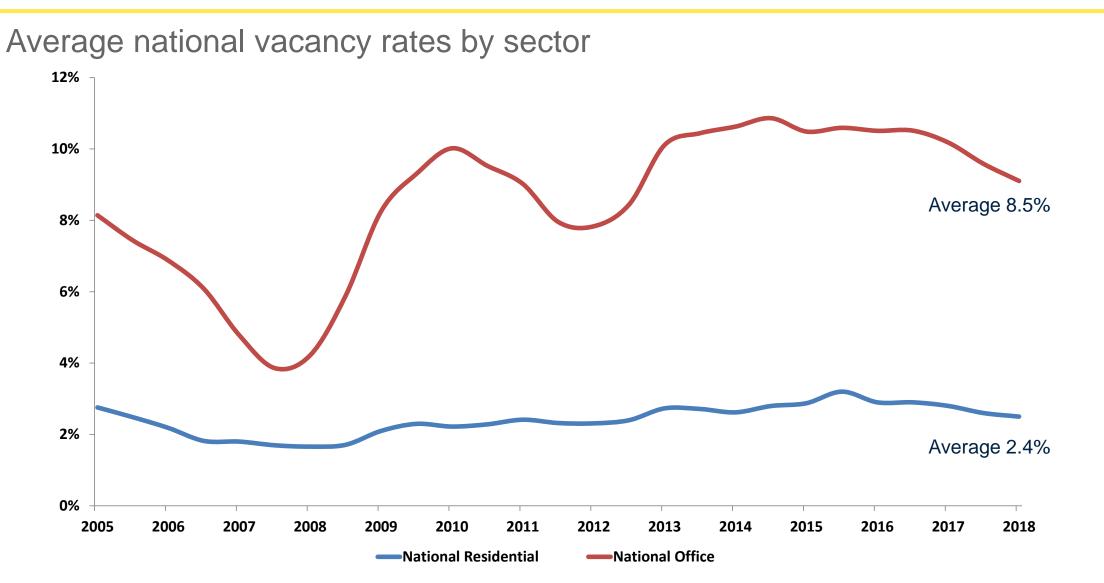
High density areas with existing amenity



#### Yields | continue to compress



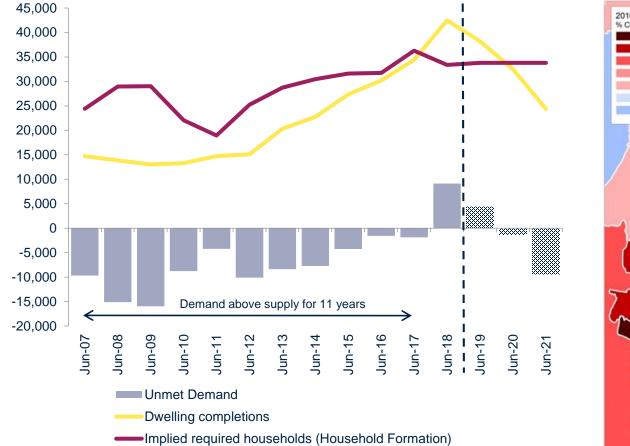
#### Secure Income | low vacancy

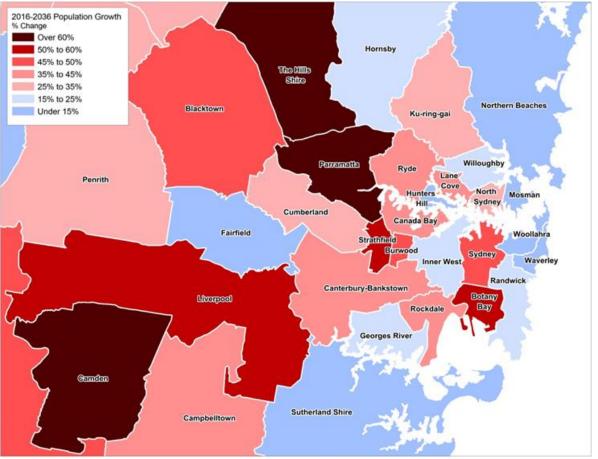


#### Supply Pressures | continue to mount

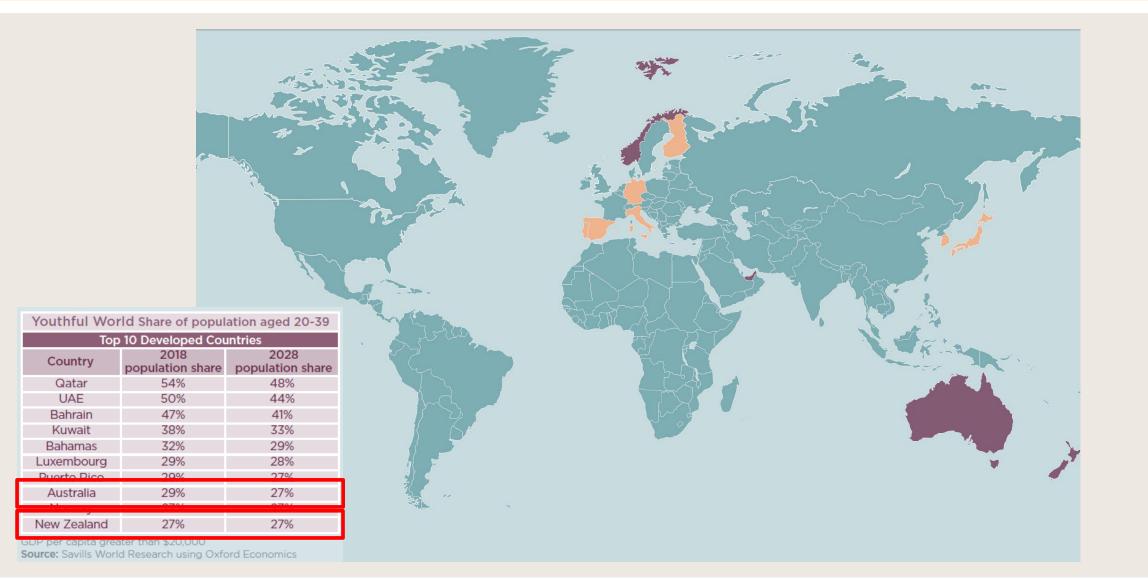


#### Sydney Example: Population growth and housing stock





#### Youthful World – top developed countries in 2028



#### Top 100 'aged' and youthful cities in 2028



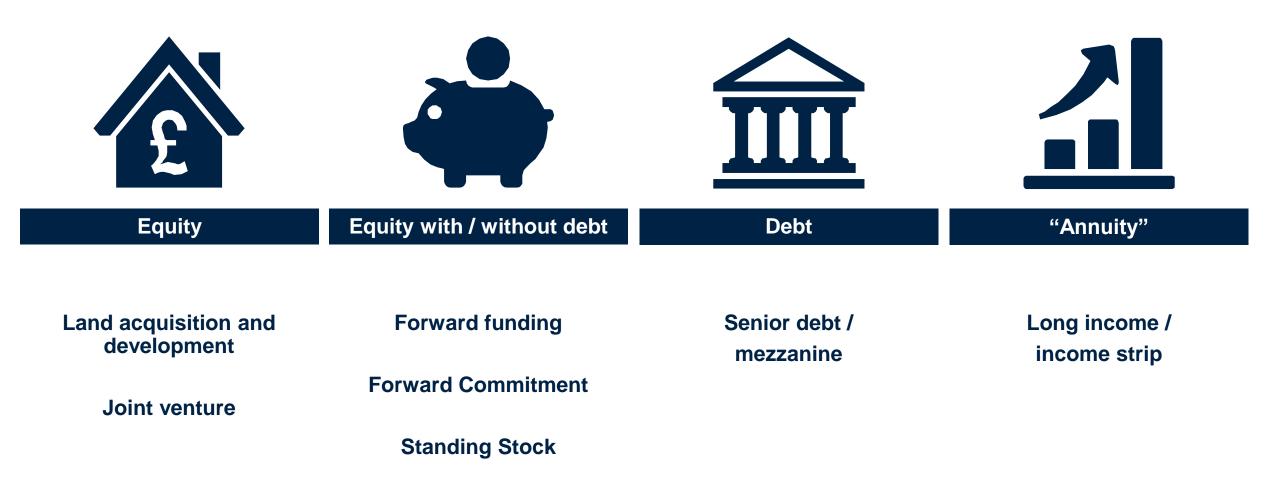
#### A New Real Estate Asset Class?

# The Viability Challenge



Land Value						
Gross Development Value	Land Value	+	Development Costs	+	Profit	
Cost Savings / Developer Benefits			Investment Value			
Finance saving						
Stamp duty saving			Key investment valuation drivers: assessing gross rent, operating costs "leakage" and so net operating income.			
Build cost saving						
Lower sales and marketing costs			Investors assess value based on an NIY, sense checking IRR			
Less capital required from developer			/ EM after inputting hold period, exit yield & rental growth forecasts.			
Developer willing to lower profit or risked sa	•					

#### ... and a range of routes to market









Coming to the end of the high density apartment development cycle Seeing the early forward funding deals turn into built stock

#### The Australian (& NZ) Government needs to:





Think carefully about how they legislate

Understand the opportunity to accelerate housing delivery

Become more flexible with planning consent

#### Developers and Investors need to:



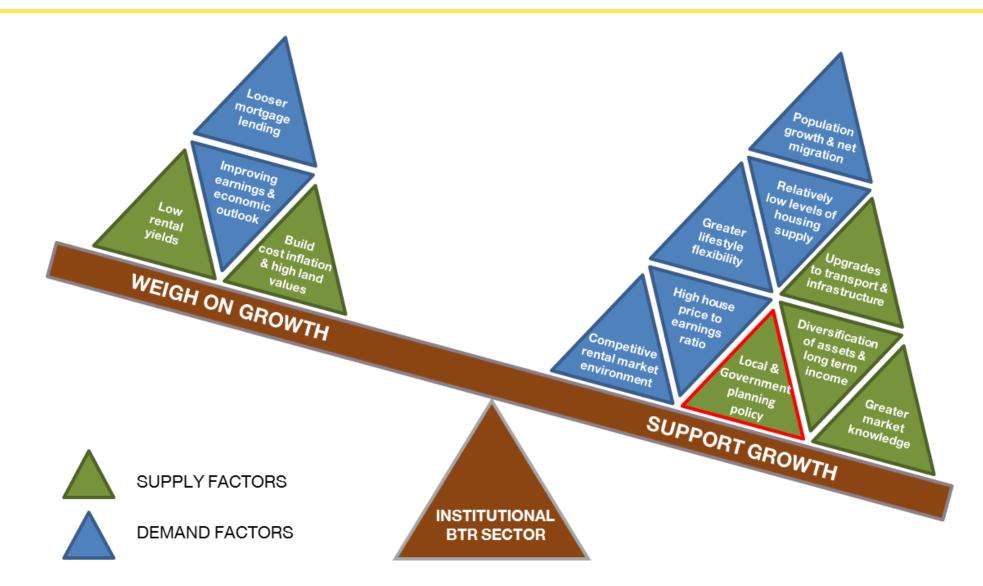






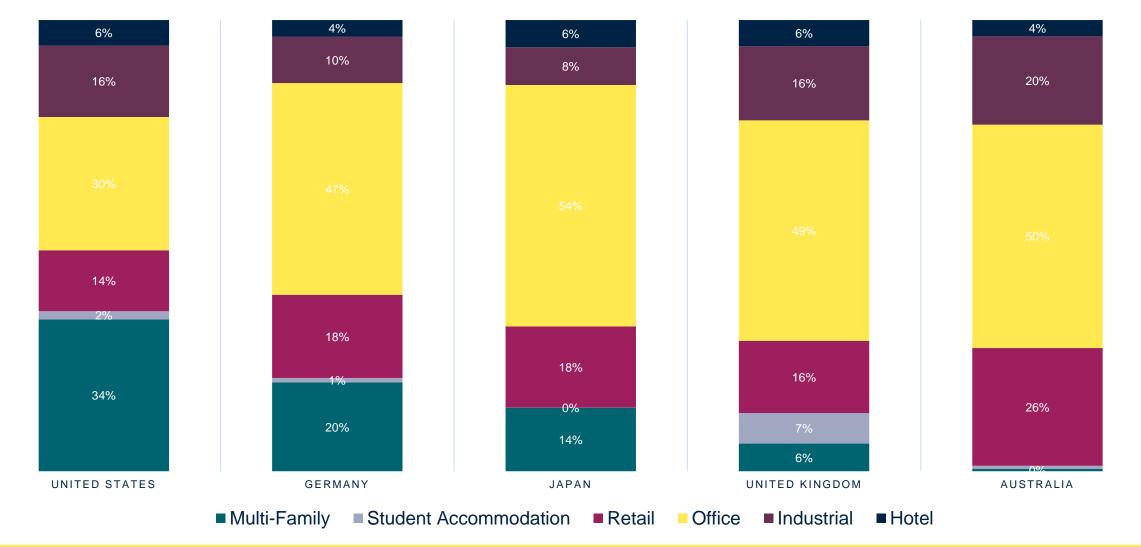
Create future designs and trust the supply and demand imbalance Properly value the long-dated nature of income Work with local authorities to make Build-to-Rent a solution

#### Almost There | growth drivers?



#### Investment Landscape | 20 years time?

#### 2017 and 2018 transaction volumes split by sector





Build-to-Rent can be delivered faster than housing for sale, as it does not have the same issue of market saturation risk



Build-to-Rent investors will often look to build larger schemes than house builders



Build-to-Rent offers an attractive option for those who are unable or unwilling to buy their homes, allowing people to live near the jobs and services they need



Build-to-Rent is a way of attracting alternative sources of capital into the Australian & New Zealand house building market



Build-to-Rent investors are looking for returns over a period of decades, it is hoped that Build-to-Rent investment will be less sensitive to economic cycles than house building for sale and quality of build will increase "The build-to-rent sector has not yet made a meaningful contribution to supply. This mainly reflects issues around development viability. Uncertainty over the ability of private landlords' capacity to meet growing demand adds to the supply pressure. It is in this context that increased interest in build-to-rent developments, increasing and diversifying the level of rental supply, is emerging."

"The Government has signalled renewed support for the sector by setting up an expert private rented sector taskforce to support investors and boost awareness."

"The Government, and the political opposition, acknowledges the important role that rental accommodation will have on meeting housing need in the future, whilst seeing the regeneration opportunity of build-to-rent."

"Creating large scale rental portfolios, enough to make a significant contribution to rental supply, demand large amounts of long-term capital; funding from institutional investors, including pension and insurance funds will be key."

#### Paul Savitz, March 2013



# Thank You

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