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NO EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR PERTH IN TERMS OF RATE DECISION

Rates are unlikely to shift downward in the near future following the RBA's decision to leave the official cash rate on hold today according to QWest Paterson Valuers and Property Consultants Chairman Warwick Hemsley.

"Once again, the decision to leave rates on hold is no surprise," Mr Hemsley said.

"The Australian dollar is expected to fall further in value following a much awaited lift in US Federal Reserve interest rates," Mr Hemsley said.

"While Sydney and Melbourne property markets are coming off the boil, average dwelling prices remain high and demand is strong despite less investors in the market," Mr Hemsley said.

"These factors along with relatively steady national unemployment figures mean that an RBA rate cut in the coming few months is unlikely," Mr Hemsley said.

"The governor himself made the odds of a rate cut low in his comments last week asking traders to 'chill out until February' in order to assess the data coming in over the summer months," Mr Hemsley said.

"In terms of the Perth property market in particular, house values have experienced a significant correction during 2015 and a rate cut this time around would have been welcomed," Mr Hemsley said.

"Despite the trying times for the Perth property market during 2015, I do expect the market to remain slow but stable over the next 12 months," Mr Hemsley said.

"If rates remain where they are, which is historically low, this will assist with ensuring the Perth market continues to stabilise," Mr Hemsley said.

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