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Martijn Wilder
Chair Independent Expert Panel
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning

Via: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/climate-action-target-2035>

Dear Mr Wilder

A VICTORIAN EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGET FOR 2035

About CMPA

CMPA is the premier representative body for the Victorian earth resources industry. It represents a broad spectrum of those involved in construction material processing businesses and has a membership base consisting of over 200 quarries across the industry. Together, these members employ approximately 2000 ([ISBN-Health-and-safety-statistics-victorian-mining-2022-01.pdf \(worksafe.vic.gov.au\)](#)) Victorians which underpins the construction industry of almost 240,000 employees (<https://liveinmelbourne.vic.gov.au/connect/victorian-industries/transport-defence-and-construction>).

CMPA members are typically small to medium sized family and private businesses, local government and utility providers. Many are regionally based employers and service local construction, infrastructure and road maintenance needs. The extractives sector is a key pillar within the construction industry underpinning the growth and economic development of Victoria through supply of the construction materials.

In 2020/21, the sector supplied approximately 68.5 million tonnes (see Figure 1) of construction materials to the market, at a value of approximately \$1B directly supporting Victoria's \$80B Big Build (<https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/about>) and the estimated 1.6M new homes required by 2050 (<https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/geology-exploration/industry-investment/joint-ministerial-statement-on-extractive-resources>). Small to medium quarries account for approximately half of this production and is submitted to be a vital industry supporting the ongoing economic prosperity of Victorians.

The CMPA supports the principle of responsible, balanced legislation that is in the best interests of the State of Victoria and Australia including the protection of resources that enable extraction of resources that is cost efficient to market and to the Victorian taxpayer who is ultimately the end consumer and beneficiary of that resource.

The CMPA welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Issues Paper: A Victorian emissions reduction target for 2035.

Discussion

Setting of a Victorian emissions reduction target for 2035 is an admirable endeavour. However, Victoria setting and meeting or exceeding an emissions reduction target for 2035 will have minimal impact on global warming without buy in nationally and internationally and could be seen as a pyrrhic victory.

Submission

- CMPA supports the reduction or elimination of direct or indirect GHG emissions where reasonably practicable.
- CMPA suggests that any setting of a target for 2035 should be accompanied by:
 - Cost benefit analysis;
 - Risk assessment especially in light of the current energy crisis;
 - Implementation plan;
 - Advocation for a national and international 2035 target.

I would be pleased to discuss this submission with you further. Please contact me on 0434 692 618 or via email at elizabeth.gibson@cmpavic.asn.au in respect of any matter.

Yours sincerely



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