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Dear Ms Bailey

**MINING AND QUARRYING – GUIDE TO PREVENTING HARM TO PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
STAGE 2**

The Construction Material Processors Association (CMPA) is dedicated to the representation and service of its Members in the Victorian Earth Resources industry. The CMPA represents a broad spectrum of businesses that extract and process hard rock, gravel, sand, clay, lime, and soil. CMPA members also operate recycling businesses.

CMPA members are typically small to medium sized family and private businesses, local government and utilities. 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 2019/20, the sector supplied 63 million tonnes of construction materials to the market, at a value of approximately \$1.1 billion. Small to medium quarries account for approximately half of this production.

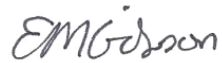
The CMPA supports the principle of responsible, balanced legislation that is in the best interests of the State of Victoria.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mining and Quarrying – Guide to Preventing Harm to People and the Environment Stage 2 (the Guide).

**Comments**

The Guide provides comprehensive information on the new Environment Protection Act 2017. To the uninitiated the requirements may appear daunting, however, all Work Authority holders follow the requirements of the Earth Resources Regulator and so should not require a separate risk assessment as confirmed on p.7 of the Guide.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "EM Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr Elizabeth Gibson

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