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Dear Sir/Madam

CMPA SUBMISSION TO THE SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP EAST INQUIRY

Introduction

The Construction Material Processors Association (CMPA) is dedicated to the representation and service of its Members in the Victorian Extractive 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. In addition, recycled construction and demolition waste produces approximately 6 million tonnes per annum.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Suburban Rail Loop East Inquiry.

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference fail to consider the cumulative impact Major Projects are having on the availability of construction materials. Currently:

- Regional areas (for example, Ballarat) are experiencing restricted cement supply due to Melbourne's Big Build.

- Greenfield/Brownfield quarries and variations to the extraction area of a quarry are finding it impossible to obtain the relevant approvals for replenishment of supply which is leading to pressure on the availability of construction materials.

Environment Effects Statement Summary Report

- Greenhouse Gas (p.37); Traffic and Transport (p.46): Construction material transport is mentioned; however no consideration is given to construction materials being sourced close to where they are used to minimise the carbon footprint, wear and tear of roads etc.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely



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