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The Hon Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning
Via website <http://refresh.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au>

Dear Minister

SUBMISSION TO PLAN MELBOURNE REFRESH DISCUSSION PAPER 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Plan Melbourne Refresh Discussion Paper. The Construction Materials Processors Association (CMPA) is dedicated to the representation, advocacy 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, soil, and gypsum. CMPA members also operate recycling businesses. CMPA members are typically small to medium sized family businesses, local government and utilities. Many are regionally based employers (90%) and support the Victorian economy through providing for local construction, major infrastructure and road maintenance needs.

The Extractive industry underpins growth and development in Victoria through supply of the construction materials described above. 47 million tonnes in 2012/13 was produced (~10 tonnes/person/annum in Victoria) to a value of approximately \$737 million. CMPA members account for approximately half of this production, and more than half of this industry sector's employment. Also of import is the need to have supply of construction materials located in close proximity to their utilization to save on transport costs and reduce the carbon footprint.

The CMPA supports responsible, balanced legislation and stakeholder engagement that is in the best interests of the State and acknowledges Victoria's Aboriginal communities and cultural heritage.

The following comments are supplied by CMPA on 3.5 Extractive Industries p.36

It should be remembered that construction materials are a critical resource with ~10 tonnes/person/annum used. This has vast implications with Victoria expected to grow by 100,000 people/annum and indications that current construction materials reserves may only last 10 years around Melbourne with the work authority application process taking up to 8 years.

The CMPA supports in principle option 32 "Implement the outcomes of the Extractive Industries Taskforce through the planning scheme, including Regional Growth Plans, to affirm that extractive industries resources are protected to provide an economic supply of materials for construction and road industries". However, it is difficult to fully support because the outcomes are not yet known and so the actions from Plan Melbourne 2014 should also be incorporated for certainty:

- "Identify and map significant natural resource assets, including existing quarries and their buffer areas and natural resources suitable for future quarrying.

- Review planning provisions to protect quarries and future natural resource assets from incompatible land use and development.”

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- Whilst there may be some 880 work authorities (not “approvals”) not all will be active due to a variety of reasons from initiation of sites to non-active sites.
- Clay should also be included in the list of construction materials.
- There needs to be an understanding that the construction materials are not interchangeable i.e. that clay cannot be used for the same purposes as stone.
- Not all construction material deposits produce the same range of products.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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