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Dear Mr Westcott,

RE: Draft Central Highlands Regional Growth Plan

The Construction Material Processors Association (CMPA) welcomes the opportunity to provide input into the document Central Highlands Regional Growth Plan.

The CMPA is an industry association representing a broad spectrum of those involved in construction material processors businesses engaged on the extraction, processing or otherwise working in hard rock, gravel, sand masonry, clay, lime, soil and gypsum or recycling. The Association was formed more than 10 years ago in response to increasing Government demands on the industry and a need to provide a single coherent voice. The CMPA's membership is primarily small to medium sized family businesses.

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Earth Resources

The CMPA notes that the draft recognises the significant stone and sand resources that are critical for the construction industry. However, the sand and stone resources should be protected from encroachment into buffer zones of existing and future quarries.

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Bacchus Marsh

Future Direction

There should be reference made to the protection of current and future sand and stone resources from urban growth.

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5. under "How" 5th dot point

Include "current and future sand and stone assets"

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Current quarries should be identified on the map together with significant sand and stone resources.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss these points further.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Gibson
General Manager