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Dear Mr Williams,

RE: LODDON MALLEE SOUTH DRAFT REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN

The Construction Material Processors Association (CMPA) welcomes the opportunity to provide input into the document Loddon Mallee South draft 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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The CMPA notes that the draft recognises the importance of preventing encroachment on buffer zones around existing and future quarries. However, it should be added, under Earth resources and mining, the importance to the future economic growth and development in the region of having sources of construction materials locally to limit transport costs of these materials.

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A concern with the draft is that the map in the document does not include existing extractive industry or Work Authority sites; and future sources of construction materials. Also, the Wimmera highway into Bendigo (which is the main link to and from Adelaide via Horsham most direct route) appears to be missing.

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

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Gibson
General Manager