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Dear Mr Rorke,

**RE: Draft Loddon Mallee North Regional Growth Plan**

The Construction Material Processors Association (CMPA) welcomes the opportunity to provide input into the document draft Loddon Mallee North 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.

The CMPA notes that the draft does not recognise the significant stone and sand resources that are critical for the construction industry.

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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.

Explore , support and manage opportunities to take advantage of earth resources  
Sand and stone resources should be protected from encroachment into buffer zones of existing and future quarries.

**General**

Current quarries should be identified on a 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  
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