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Dear Mr Birch,

**RE: Draft Gippsland Regional Growth Plan**

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

A new section should be inserted at 11.4 Earth Resources. This should mention the importance of sand and stone for the construction industry, without which there would be the costly transport of sand and stone from outside the region. It should also be stated that the sand and stone resources should be protected from encroachment into buffer zones of existing and future quarries.

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Table 5

Should include "the 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

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