

9 February 2005

Mr B Seiffert
Meeting Chair
Via email to bseiffert@civilcontractors.com

RE: FORMATION OF AN ALLIANCE

Dear Mr Seiffert

On behalf of Mr. Mark Wagner, the CMPA would like to submit their apologies for today's meeting due to pressing company requirements.

As the CMPA is unable to attend the meeting, the association's comments on the agenda are as follows:

1. Memorandum of Understanding

The Objectives of the MoU need to be reordered to provide a greater importance on the ability of the alliance to achieve positive outcomes on issues rather than focussing on the interaction between alliance members. For example the MoU could be re-arranged to read as follows:

"Objectives

- 1. To increase the capacity of the civil construction sector to influence Government policy.*
- 2. To take a lead role in particular areas (e.g. roads funding) where other mechanisms or opportunities have not been successful.*
- 3. To provide a vehicle to co-operate with other alliances, employer groups and advocacy bodies.*
- 4. To positively demonstrate a collegiate approach to influencing issues impacting upon Alliance Members.*
- 5. To exchange information on best practice initiatives pursued by Alliance Members.*
- 6. To resolve matters causing concern amongst Members of the Alliance.*
- 7. To provide access to the range of specialist skills and networking opportunities available within the Member organisations.*
- 8. To provide the ability to be increasingly pro-active in regard to the development of strategies aimed at benefiting Member organisations.*
- 9. To provide the potential for increased publicity for Alliance Members.*
- 10. To provide an opportunity for alliance Members to increase membership.*
- 11. To develop a model of operation that has the potential to being escalated to the National level."*

2. **Member Profile**

The CMPA represents a broad spectrum of those involved in construction material processing businesses engaged in the extracting processing or otherwise working in hard rock, gravel, sand, masonry, clay, lime, soil, gypsum or recycling; industry consultants, industry suppliers and any industry worker.

The CMPA will:

1. Conduct its affairs with honesty and integrity;
2. Demonstrate its commitment to the:
 - Viability of the industry
 - Protection of the environment
 - Community in which it exists;
3. Vigorously pursue with the government and others issues of widespread concern to members;
4. Demonstrate leadership and a sense of direction for the industry;
5. Act as a resource and provide support to members through the delivery of cost savings and assistance in complying with legal obligations;
6. Foster unity and cooperation between members and others;
7. Promote continuous improvement through education, training, and other activities

3. **Name for Alliance**

The CMPA feels that any name selected should provide clear and concise linkage to the member organisations. With this in mind, we see the options containing reference to construction materials as being preferable.

4. **Identification of Common Issues**

The top issues that the CMPA would like to see the Alliance pursuer are as follows:

1. Generic Conditions of Contract – To enhance the development of Conditions of Contract between suppliers and contractors to promote the best practices in commercial relationships
2. Government spending upon the Maintenance and Upkeep of Infrastructure – All levels of government are required to invest more planning and money into supporting regional area's infrastructure. Such an action will prevent the eventual and apparent deterioration of existing infrastructure.
Secondly, Governments need to release longer term planning directions to enable their suppliers to similarly plan for such projects.
3. Flora and Fauna Studies – While recognising that such studies are important to the environment and wider community, the CMPA would like increased streamlining and simplification thereby lessening the impact on individual enterprises whilst such studies occur.
4. Concerns regarding OHS legislation – Held by member organisations should be on a meeting-by-meeting basis rather than as a major issue for the CMPA's perusal as results would therefore be more quickly available. It is essential on OHS issues that results and changes occur without delay due to the potential impact upon all organisations' members.

If you would like to discuss any of these matters further, please do not hesitate in contacting either Mr Mark Wagner directly on 9408 7566 or the Secretariat.

Yours sincerely

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