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National Urban Policy  
Infrastructure Australia

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **NATIONAL URBAN POLICY: CONSULTATION DRAFT MAY 2024**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Urban Policy Consultation Draft May 2024

CMPA is the premier representative body for the Victorian extractive resources industry. It represents a broad spectrum of those involved in construction material processing including construction and demolition waste recycling businesses and has a membership base consisting of over 200 quarries across the industry. Together, these members employ approximately 2000 Victorians which underpins the construction industry of almost 240,000 employees (<https://liveinmelbourne.vic.gov.au/connect/victorian-industries/transport-defence-and-construction>).

CMPA members are typically small to medium sized family, and private businesses, local government, utility providers and public companies. Many are regionally based employers and service local construction, infrastructure, and road maintenance needs. The extractives sector is a key pillar within the construction industry underpinning the growth and economic development of Victoria through supply of the construction materials.

In 2022/23, the sector supplied approximately 72 million tonnes of construction materials and 7 million tonnes of recycled construction and demolition waste (25% of total freight movement in Victoria) to the market, at a value of approximately \$1.4 billion directly supporting Victoria's \$80 billion Big Build (<https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/about>) and the estimated 1.6 million new homes required by 2050 (<https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/geology-exploration/industry-investment/joint-ministerial-statement-on-extractive-resources>). Small to medium quarries account for approximately half of this production and is submitted to be a vital industry supporting the ongoing economic prosperity of Victorians. An additional 6.5 million tonnes of recycled construction and demolition waste was also produced.

The CMPA supports the principle of responsible, balanced legislation that is in the best interests of the State of Victoria and Australia.

### **Discussion**

The Consultation draft is very comprehensive. However, it neglects to include future planning of quarries without which, urban development would not occur. The general rule is that quarries are located close to where the construction material is being used to enable lower carbon footprints; lower freight costs and reduce wear and tear on the roads. This has occurred throughout urban development in Australia with many quarries having a new land use once the construction material has been extracted, e.g. Highpoint Shopping Centre Maribyrnong VIC and Fitzroy Gardens Melbourne VIC. Quarries and residential or industrial development have historically coexisted.

### **Submission**

Strategic land use planning requires consideration of quarry approvals and rock source/quality location (to prevent the inadvertent sterilisation of the construction material asset) to enable the National Urban Policy.

I would be pleased to discuss these matters with you. Please contact me on 0434 692 618 or via email at [elizabeth.gibson@cmpavic.asn.au](mailto:elizabeth.gibson@cmpavic.asn.au) in respect of any matter.

Yours sincerely



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