

The Economic Contribution of the Cement, Concrete and Aggregates Industry in Australia



Message from the CEO

Australia's housing, infrastructure and energy ambitions depend on secure access to heavy construction materials.

Cement, concrete and aggregates are the first link in the construction supply chain. Without them, homes cannot be built, transport networks cannot expand, and renewable energy infrastructure cannot be delivered.

This [report](#), prepared by Oxford Economics Australia, quantifies the national and state-level economic footprint of our industry. It confirms that the cement, concrete and aggregates sector is both foundational to construction and a significant contributor to Australia's economy.

As demand accelerates, the findings reinforce the need for long-term planning to protect quarry resources, safeguard industrial land and maintain resilient supply chains. Constraints in upstream material supply will directly affect housing delivery, infrastructure timelines and project costs.

This report provides the evidence base to inform that discussion.

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An Essential Enabling Industry

Cement, concrete and aggregates underpin Australia’s built environment — from housing and transport infrastructure to defence facilities, hospitals, schools and renewable energy projects.

These materials are high-volume, time-sensitive, location-specific and logistically intensive. Their availability and proximity to growth areas directly influence construction costs, delivery timelines and national productivity.

Heavy construction materials are essential enablers of infrastructure development, forming the backbone of Australia’s built environment.

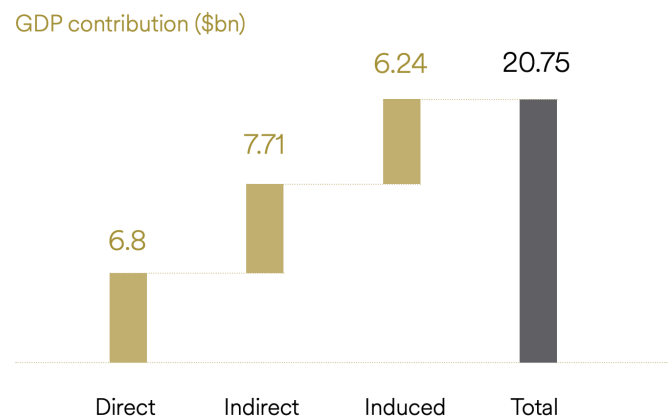
National Economic Contribution (FY24/25)

In FY24/25, the cement, concrete and aggregates industry:

- Contributed \$20.7 billion to GDP
- Supported 112,970 jobs nationally
- Generated \$6.8 billion in direct value added
- Activated significant upstream and downstream supply chains

The industry forms the foundation of Australia’s \$175 billion construction sector and directly enables delivery of the \$242 billion public infrastructure pipeline.

Fig. 1. CCA industry contribution to GDP in FY 24/25



Source: Oxford Economics





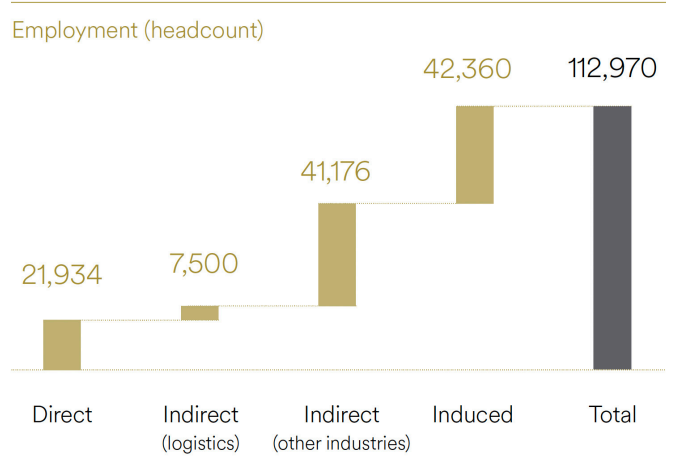
Employment and Regional Impact

The industry sustains employment across cement manufacturing, quarrying and extractive operations, concrete production, logistics and materials handling, as well as equipment and engineering services.

When supply chain and induced effects are included, nearly 113,000 jobs are supported across metropolitan and regional Australia.

This reflects the sector’s role not only in construction delivery, but in regional economic development and sovereign industrial capability.

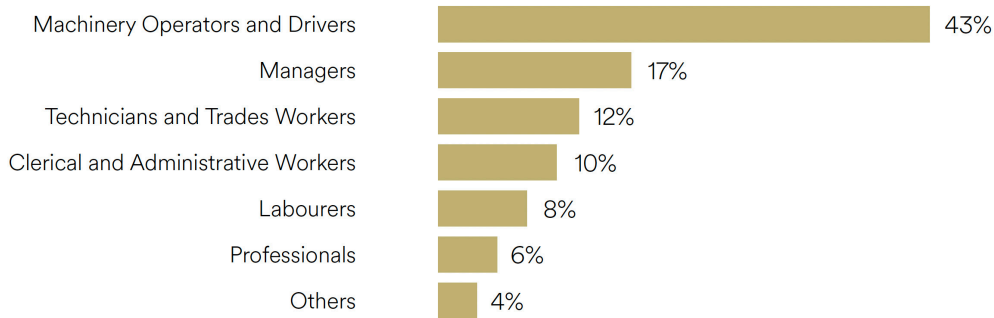
Fig. 2. CCA industry contribution to employment in FY 24/25



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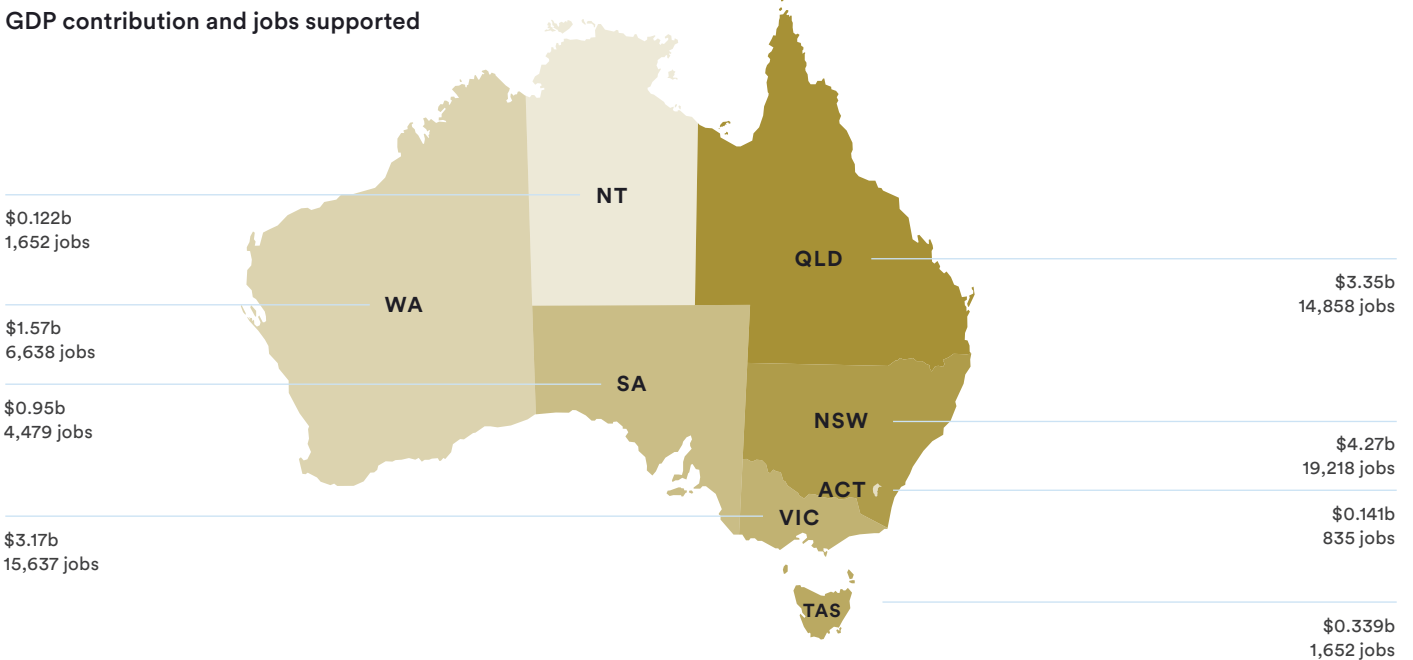
Fig. 6. CCA direct employment by occupation group in FY 24/25

Share of direct employment (%)



Source: Oxford Economics

GDP contribution and jobs supported





Meeting Australia's Growth Ambitions

Demand for cement, concrete and aggregates is being driven by:

- The target of 1.2 million new homes by 2029
- Major transport and social infrastructure projects
- Defence investment
- Renewable energy generation and transmission
- Urban densification

The report confirms that heavy construction materials are essential enabling infrastructure. Without secure and sustained supply, Australia's housing, infrastructure and energy objectives cannot be delivered on time or at least cost.

The findings underscore the strategic importance of the cement, concrete and aggregates industry to Australia's economic resilience, productivity and long-term growth.



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