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CCA Welcomes South Australia's 20-Year Infrastructure Strategy

Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCA) welcomes the release of the South Australian [20-Year State Infrastructure Strategy](#), and acknowledges the Government's commitment to infrastructure investment and the ongoing collaboration with the heavy construction materials sector to ensure the successful delivery of the state's infrastructure pipeline.

CCA is the voice of the heavy construction materials industry in Australia. [CCA members](#) produce the majority of Australia's cement, concrete, and aggregates, which are crucial to the Australian and South Australian building and construction sectors.

"With \$25.6 billion in infrastructure investment over the next four years, including \$10.3 billion for transport, \$4.72 billion for social infrastructure, and \$6.91 billion for water and energy, the Strategy provides a strong framework for economic growth, liveability, and sustainability, said CCA CEO Michael Kilgariff.

"There has been ongoing engagement and collaboration between government and the heavy construction materials industry, however we do not as yet have a plan for the very building blocks needed to deliver the housing, infrastructure and state building projects that will drive the South Australian economy for generations.

"As demand for construction materials continues to escalate, further protection of quarries from urban encroachment is critical to ensure economic basic raw material supply that is necessary to meet the demand for housing, infrastructure, schools and hospitals.

"This collaboration is important as materials supply, transport logistics and sustainability measures will ensure that the infrastructure pipeline remains affordable, efficient, and environmentally responsible.

"CCA continues to advocate for the development of a [South Australian Heavy Construction Materials Plan](#) to provide for the sustainable and affordable supply of materials to meet the extraordinary growing demand in South Australia."

Key Priorities include:

1. Ensuring proximate and adequate materials supply: Planning overlays must be implemented to minimise urban encroachment, to ensure the basic raw materials supply remains economical for the immediate and longer term. CCA looks forward to these planning overlays being implemented by the end of 2025.
2. Streamlining Quarry Approvals: Engagement between government and industry has improved regulatory processes, but further streamlining is needed to ensure materials supply can quickly scale up in response to demand forecasted in the 20 Year Infrastructure Strategy.
3. Facilitating decarbonisation of the built environment and expanding Circular Economy Initiatives: The construction sector is leading efforts to incorporate more recycled materials into infrastructure projects, but Government can drive the change through updates in concrete specifications for infrastructure, Australian Standards and making it easier for industry to incorporate the use of recycled materials.

"CCA will continue to work collaboratively with the SA Government to secure the long-term availability, affordability, and sustainability of construction materials—ensuring that South Australia's infrastructure strategy delivers on its vision," Mr. Kilgariff said.

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