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CCAA Submission: Strategic Extractive Resource Areas in Cardinia, Hume, Baw Baw

Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia is the voice of the heavy construction materials industry in Australia. CCAA members produce the majority of Australia's cement, concrete, and aggregates, which are crucial to Australia's building and construction sectors.

These materials support the development of our nation's transport, energy, water, housing, defence, and social infrastructure.

The industry generates approximately \$15 Billion in annual revenues and employs approximately 30,000 Australians directly and a further 80,000 indirectly.

Support for SERAs

CCAA expresses its **strong support** of the proposed **Strategic Extractive Resource Areas** (SERAs) in Lang Lang (Shire of Cardinia), Oaklands Junction (City of Hume) and Trafalgar (Shire of Baw Baw). These will safeguard the critical natural resources of sand and stone that are needed to supply affordable infrastructure, housing and the renewable energy transition and support Victoria's Big Build and Housing Statement.

CCAA supports:

- The definition of a Strategic Extractive Resource Area (SERA) and implementing them as a State Resource Overlay 'Strategic Extractive Resource Areas' Schedule 1 (SRO1) in the local planning scheme with the support of a Special Use Zone (SUZ) as needed over the Work Authority (WA) area.
- SERAs that provide for the protection of a future resource from sterilisation from competing land use.
- SERAs that provide for the protection of existing extractive industry from competing land uses
- SERAs that provide for streamlined development approvals for operations within SERAs
- Application of the Special Use Zone over existing and proposed Work Authorities that provides for work plan variations NOT requiring additional planning permit approvals.

The construction sector, supported by an efficient heavy construction materials supply chain, provides the engine for Victoria's economic growth in the face of significant population growth and competing land uses. Cement, concrete, stone and sand are the critical materials that enable Victoria's construction industry, employing 340,000 workers and contributing 45% of Victoria's taxation revenue base.

To ensure materials are affordable and accessible now and into the future, it is essential that high quality sand and stone resources in close proximity to markets remain available for extraction. This also provides greater certainty for local communities and traditional owners well in advance of any extractive operation being assessed or approved.

Strategic Extractive Resource Areas will help to enable these resources that are proximal to market, supporting an efficient heavy construction materials supply chain, helping to sustainably build Victoria and create jobs well into the future.

CCAA welcomes this next tranche of SERAs and looks forward to working with the government on the future SERAs as outlined in the government's ***Strategic Extractive Resources Roadmap (2021)***¹

To discuss this further, please contact Brian Hauser, State Director, Victoria and Tasmania brian.hauser@ccaa.com.au

Yours sincerely,

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¹ https://resources.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/821300/RRV-Strategic-Extractive-Resources-Roadmap.pdf