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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PRESCRIBED PLANT REGULATIONS**

Dear Danica

Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCAA) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to WorkSafe Victoria on the proposed amendments to the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017*, to prescribe plant.

CCAA is the peak industry body for the heavy construction materials industry in Australia including the cement, pre-mixed concrete and extractive industries. Our members operate cement distribution facilities, concrete batching plants, hard rock quarries and sand and gravel extraction operations throughout Victoria. For your information, a list of CCAA Victoria's members is provided in Appendix 1.

CCAA members nationally account for 90% of total industry output, with the industry generating \$15 billion per annum in revenue, employing 30,000 Australians directly and supporting the employment of a further 80,000 people. CCAA members produce and supply the heavy construction materials that are used to construct Victoria's infrastructure. Providing both the raw material and finished product, heavy construction materials contribute to the construction of our homes, roads, railways, bridges, ports, airports, hospitals, and schools.

CCAA's members service local, regional, and national building, construction and infrastructure markets. The reliable, safe and cost-effective supply to these markets is fundamental to sustainable growth and it is CCAA's aim to promote policies that recognise the importance of these materials to Victoria's sustainable, safe and healthy future.

Safety is the number one issue for our industry and CCAA supports measures that effectively improve the health and safety of our workers. CCAA supports the direction of these proposed regulations in requiring WorkSafe to be notified of incidents involving prescribed plant, but the Regulations must also be practical to achieve the required outcomes.

Given that the proposed definition of plant for the extractive industry is quite broad, CCAA **recommends** that greater clarity of the type of plant that is included or excluded in this definition is clarified in guidelines as a priority. These guidelines should be developed in consultation with

industry as a priority to provide clarity to the regulator and industry so that there is a common understanding of what compliance looks like.

The provision of affordable heavy construction materials through an efficient and safe supply chain helps to facilitate the delivery of affordable infrastructure, contributing to the completion of Victoria's Big Build within budget.

There is no more important time than now for the construction sector, supported by an efficient heavy construction materials supply chain, to provide the engine to rebuild Victoria's post COVID economy and create jobs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any of these issues in more detail.

Yours sincerely








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**APPENDIX 1**

**CEMENT CONCRETE & AGGREGATES AUSTRALIA**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

 <p><b>ADBRI</b> Adbri Limited</p>	 <p><b>BORAL</b> Boral Australia</p>	 <p><b>CEMENT AUSTRALIA</b> Cement Australia Pty Ltd</p>
 <p><b>Hanson</b> HEIDELBERGCEMENTGroup Hanson Australia Pty Ltd</p>		 <p><b>Holcim</b> Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd</p>

**VICTORIA**

**ORDINARY MEMBERS**

<p>Alsafe Pre-Mix Concrete Pty Ltd Barossa Quarries Pty Ltd Barro Group Pty Ltd Baxters Concrete Pty Ltd Broadway &amp; Frame Premix Concrete Pty Ltd</p>	<p>Delatite Pre-Mix Pty Ltd T/A Mansfield Pre Mix Fulton Hogan Industries Hillview Quarries Pty Ltd Hymix Australia Pty Ltd Independent Cement &amp; Lime Pty Ltd</p>	<p>Kennedy Haulage Pty Ltd Mentone Pre Mix Metro Quarry Group Pty Ltd Premier Resources T/A Hy-Tec Industries Pty Ltd</p>
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**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

<p>Command Alkon Incorporated Concrete Colour Systems Concrete Waterproofing Manufacturing Pty Ltd T/a Xypex Australia</p>	<p>GCP Applied Technologies Mapei Australia Pty Ltd</p>	<p>Sika Australia Pty Ltd WAM Australia</p>
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