

Industry Welcomes Government Strategy to Increase Supply

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CCAA welcomes the release of the Government's *Helping Victoria Grow: Extractive Resources Strategy* that outlines key actions that should help to increase the affordable supply of sand and stone to support the low cost delivery of Victoria's critical infrastructure.

As a thriving economy, every person in Victoria needs 8 tonnes per person per year of sand, stone and concrete to build the homes, roads, schools and hospitals we need. Victoria's unprecedented population growth combined with Victoria's Big Build is expected to increase concrete demand by 19 percent over the next 4 years. This is more than double the historic trend.

Unfortunately we have been depleting our quality hard rock quarries and concrete sand supplies and not approving more, contributing to the current materials supply shortage. CCAA has advocated broadly across Government to address this issue. The Strategy's key themes of resource & land use planning, transport planning, efficient regulation, confident communities, environmental sustainability and innovation are a positive response to industry's concerns.

"Victoria is the only state to have a specific extractive industry strategy. I expect the work to secure extractive resources close to where they will be used, that are transported along set routes to market and combined with a modern, outcomes focused regulator will increase investment in Victoria and provide more jobs for Victorians" said Brian Hauser, CCAA State Director Vic/Tas. *"I look forward to the Strategy being implemented so that a real difference can be made on the ground"* he added.

"A reliable and affordable supply of heavy construction materials to meet market demand is fundamental to ensure every precious infrastructure dollar counts in Victoria" he concluded.

CCAA looks forward to a responsible extractive industry that, with the support of Government, contributes to the economic growth of the State.

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