

Aboriginal Heritage

Protecting Aboriginal heritage is a key priority for the quarry industry.



Investigations are conducted to identify any traditional artefacts and preserve cultural heritage on quarry sites.

Recycling of Construction Materials

Many construction materials are recyclable. Often quarries combine recycled materials with virgin stone to reduce carbon emissions by up to 65%. This also reduces landfill and can lower construction costs.



Rehabilitation

Once a quarry reserve is exhausted it is rehabilitated.

In Victoria old quarries have been turned into:

- Parks
- Farmland
- Natural bush
- Water reservoirs and billabongs
- Residential developments
- Shopping centres

Examples include: Highpoint Shopping Centre and the Fitzroy Gardens.



About the CMPA

The Construction Material Processors Association (CMPA) is dedicated to the representation and service of its Members in the Victorian Earth Resources Industry.



Since inception the CMPA has been successful in working with industry, government and communities to progress the Victorian Earth Resources Industry.

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Quarries Build Communities



Why do we need Quarries?

Quarries produce stone, clay, gravel and sand – essential raw materials for construction.

Without quarries there would be no construction materials to build our homes, schools, offices, factories, shops, dams, hospitals, roads and railways.



“Over 150 million tonnes of stone is used in construction in Australia every year.”

Helping the Economy

Quarries provide local jobs and help build a stronger economy.



“In Australia, the quarry industry creates over 12,000 jobs directly and supports another 40,000 positions across the nation.”

Having quarries nearby means less traffic, lower carbon emissions and reduced construction costs.



Quarries are Highly Regulated



Quarries are controlled by many detailed planning, safety and environmental regulations. Operating hours are limited and noise and dust restrictions enforced.

Safety regulations (i.e guarding below) are in place to ensure quarry employees stay safe while at work.



Protecting the Environment



Quarry operators must preserve native vegetation, habitat, water resources and wildlife. Each quarry must have a wide buffer zone area as well as vegetation plantings and offsets.



Water is managed using natural collection, settlement and filtration methods. Water quality monitoring and recycling is standard practice.