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**CCA SUBMISSION – NATURE CONSERVATION (PROTECTED PLANTS) AND OTHER
 LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2013**

Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCA) is the peak industry body for the \$7 billion-a-year heavy construction materials industry in Australia. Our members are involved in the extraction and processing of quarry products, as well as the production and supply of cement, pre-mixed concrete and supplementary materials. We welcome the opportunity to make a submission to the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee in relation to the *Nature Conservation (Protected Plants) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013* (the Bill), particularly in relation to the extractive industry.

CCA is supportive of the Queensland Government's effort to provide a more streamlined regulatory framework for the management and conservation of protected plants in Queensland, especially a process that does not impose a significant regulatory or administrative burden on business. In particular, CCA is very supportive of the increased currency periods for clearing permits from 6 months to 2 years.

CCA understands that the Bill is the first stage of a series of amendments that will be required to facilitate the implementation of a new legislative framework for protected plants. CCA believes that it is important that strong consideration be given to the unique nature of the heavy construction materials industry, that is, the use of land for extractive industry is a gradual process which involves quarrying only part of the land at any given point and progressively expands to the balance of the relevant land.

Once again, CCA thanks you for the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the *Nature Conservation (Protected Plants) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*. To further discuss any of the issues raised in the submission, please contact me on 3227 5210, or email aaron.johnstone@cca.com.au

Yours sincerely

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Aaron Johnstone
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