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Dear Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

SUBMISSION TO APPLICATION NUMBER: APP007913

The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) seeks to make a submission to an application from Cement Australia Pty Ltd for a development licence to construct and operate a new ground granulated blast furnace slag grinding facility at 353-467 Lorimer Street, Port Melbourne (application number APP007913).

DJPR is responsible for the planning and delivery of the Fishermans Bend Business Precinct, a project of declared state significance under Section 201F of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. The Victorian Government endorsed the 'Fishermans Bend Framework' in 2018 which sets in place plans for the area to be home to over 80,000 residents, 80,000 jobs by 2050. A copy of the Framework can be viewed at https://www.fishermansbend.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/35093/Fishermans-Bend-Framework.pdf.

Comprising five precincts overall, the Cement Australia proposal is immediately adjacent to the National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEIC). The Victorian Government endorsed 'Advancing Manufacturing - the Fishermans Bend Opportunity' for the NEIC in 2021 which contains the vision for an internationally renowned centre of innovation in advanced manufacturing, engineering, and design. This sets out plans for the NEIC to be home to over 20,000 tertiary students and half of the overall jobs target for Fishermans Bend (40,000). A copy of the document can be viewed at <https://www.fishermansbend.vic.gov.au/media/advancing-manufacturing-the-fishermans-bend-opportunity>.

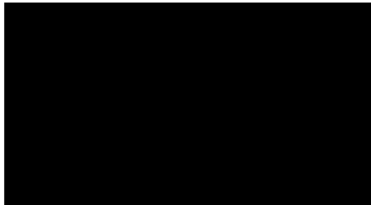
To catalyse the renewal of the NEIC, the Victorian Government committed \$179.4m in the 2021-22 State Budget to deliver Stage 1 of the Fishermans Bend Innovation Precinct (FBIP) at the now state-owned former General Motors Holden, which will also be the home of the University of Melbourne's new engineering and design campus, both of which are set to open in 2025.

The Cement Australia proposal is located immediately adjacent to the NEIC and less than 1km from the FBIP site which is a major strategic land asset for the State.

For the reasons set out above, DJPR objects to the Cement Australia proposal on the basis of concerns around noise, dust, air quality, vibration, access, and visual amenity. Notwithstanding our objection, we remain open to working collaboratively with the EPA, the proponent, and other relevant stakeholders to explore what could be done to ameliorate our concerns.

If you require further information, or would like to discuss the matter further, please contact [REDACTED], Senior Urban Designer and Planner on [REDACTED] or via e-mail at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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Acting Director -Fishermans Bend Taskforce

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