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Dear Minister

Submission in response to the draft *Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Act 2021 (the Act)*

Cement Australia welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the draft Act and writes in support of the detailed submissions of both the Cement Industry Federation (CIF) and Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia (CCAA) (**Industry Submissions**).

With over 100 years of local history, Cement Australia produces over 25 per cent of Australia's domestically produced cement at its integrated manufacturing facility in Railton, Tasmania. The Tasmanian business proudly employs over 200 locals and supports over 2,300 Tasmanian providers.

Cement Australia is encouraged by and supports the Act's proposed partnership approach with business, industry and the community to reduce emissions and build resilience to the impacts of climate change. Importantly, this approach must ensure that the international competitiveness of Australian manufacturing is maintained in the long term.

To support this position, a refinement to the objects of the Act is proposed to make it clear that sector specific targets should not be prescribed. This will reflect the importance of a partnership-based approach (as opposed to a prescriptive approach) to achieving significant emissions reductions, whilst maintaining the international competitiveness of critical manufacturing industries.

Collaboration between industry and Government is key to achieve a collective reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Outcomes reached in other jurisdictions have been enabled by industry co investment with government to identify and prove new technologies that work towards reducing industry specific carbon emissions.

Cement Australia looks forward to continuing to work with the Tasmanian government to innovate and implement projects that reduce carbon emissions. In particular, Cement Australia supports a stronger focus on policy development that drives the utilisation of Australia's waste to energy initiatives, for example by introducing stronger instruments to divert valuable energy streams from being sent to landfill.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss any of the comments included in this letter and the Industry Submissions.

Yours sincerely



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