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## *Environmental Statement*

Emerald Quarries should make an appropriate contribution to meeting local, regional and national needs which reflects the nature and extent of minerals in its area and other relevant planning considerations. This may result in Emerald Quarries providing more than required to meet its area need for a mineral..... Emerald Quarries should not include development control policies in their plans, which require developers to provide evidence on the need for mineral in support of their planning applications. Applications do not usually have to prove the need for a proposed development or discuss the merit of alternative sites, except where an environmental assessment is required, although need may be a consideration where material planning objections are not outweighed by other planning.

“Minerals are important natural resources which make an essential contribution to the nation’s property and quality of life. Construction minerals are the pre-requisite for all the buildings and infrastructure that society needs. Many Australian industries are wholly dependent on minerals, as basic raw materials. The direct contribution of minerals to the Gross National Product is substantial and this is increased several fold by manufacturing based on minerals.

In addition, minerals and mineral based products contribute to the balance of payments through exports and import substitution. The minerals industry also provides a market for other goods and services thereby stimulating competitiveness elsewhere in the economy and providing opportunities for employment, sometimes in remote rural areas, where there are few alternatives. It is essential to contribute to the improvement in the long run performance of the economy, that there is an adequate and steady supply of minerals.”



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