



**CEMENT INDUSTRY
FEDERATION**

Removing the Carbon Tax – A Move Towards Cementing the Future of Australian Manufacturers

The Cement Industry Federation (CIF) commends the Coalition Government for the repeal of the carbon tax today.

The support provided by the Palmer United Party and Senators John Madigan, David Leyonhjelm, Bob Day and Ricky Muir is also appreciated. Although unable to vote today due to illness, the CIF would also like to thank Senator Nick Xenophon for the ongoing support he has provided in ensuring this poorly designed tax is repealed.

The CIF supports climate change policy that is trade neutral and global in nature to ensure Australian cement manufacturing is not replaced by production from countries that are not subject to a comparable price on their carbon emissions.

The CIF also supports climate policy that delivers greenhouse gas abatement at least cost – which is not the experience under the current policy. The price was set at \$25.40 per tonne of CO₂-e for 2014-15, which is understood to be the highest carbon price in the world.

In this context, the CIF supported legislation to repeal the carbon tax and remains committed to working with the Australian Government in the development of alternative policies that will achieve greenhouse gas abatement while at the same time maintaining the competitiveness of Australian industry.

“The repeal of the carbon tax is an important step towards addressing the cost impost on Australian cement manufacturers resulting from an inefficient and inequitable policy” said Ms Margie Thomson, Chief Executive of the Cement Industry Federation.

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Background

The CIF is the national body representing the Australian integrated cement manufacturing industry. Our members – Adelaide Brighton Ltd, Boral Cement Ltd and Cement Australia Pty Ltd – account for 100 per cent of integrated clinker and cement production in Australia.

CIF member operations are located in every Australian state and territory, incorporating seven integrated clinker and cement manufacturing sites, five stand-alone cement mills, eight limestone mines and a national distribution network to move raw materials, as well as intermediary and finished products.

Sales of cementitious materials were 8.9 million tonnes in 2012-13, with an annual industry turnover in excess of \$2.2 billion. The cement industry is also a key employer with over 5,000 directly and indirectly employed in Australia, with many thousands more involved in the downstream production and distribution of concrete.