

# Peak extractives group proposal not dead

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The peak extractives organisation proposal remains on the cards, Straterra says, while the Aggregate and Quarry Association proposes to employ a full time chief executive.

Chief executive Chris Baker says Straterra is continuing “good open discussions” with the AQA about the possibility of a cross-industry advocacy group.

“The peak extractives organisation proposal has not gone away.”

In the meantime, Straterra and MinEx have shown their support to the AQA’s idea of a full-time CEO.

Baker says the initiative is an important step for the quarry sector. “MinEx is a great example of what can be done with sufficient resources and the right people.”

“Straterra and MinEx complement each other well, and that capability is a good opportunity for the AQA. We want to see them succeed.”

## Helping hand

A desk at the Straterra offices has been unofficially offered to the new CEO, should the AQA members decide to approve the role.

“There is a good case for that happening, in that it could save them a bit of money rather than going out on their own. It’s their call though,” Baker says.

“The logic of that is quite compelling.”

Baker says the situation could be reviewed in a years’ time to see how it may be improved, or if it needs to be altered at all.

“We’re continuing to discuss how that all would happen.”

## AQA proposes CEO

The AQA [announced](#) this week it wants to improve its industry identity with a full-time chief executive.

Chair Brian Roche told *Inside Resources* on Wednesday the quarry sector needs someone to tell lawmakers, council planners and the mainstream media what operators really need.

The need for a peak extractive industry representative group had been pushed along last year by quarry sector members who felt they needed more visibility.

The AQA needed to make sure it wasn’t going to get swallowed up, he said.

“That was a lot of the worry or fear, unfounded or otherwise, that the AQA would lose its identity and that the quarry guys were quite keen to keep themselves separate but not divorced, to keep their own identity in the discussion.”

Respondents to an Inside Resources opinion poll in May showed clear preference to the idea of a combined organisation representing quarrying and mining.

A remit detailing the proposal and position will be sent to AQA members ahead of its annual general meeting at the Quarry NZ conference in July where it will be put to a vote.

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