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**Request to be heard?:** No

**Full Name:** Janet Blanche Crane

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission regarding the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project and wish to convey my strong opposition to this mine proposal. I am an 83 year old community member who has lived in East Gippsland all my life. I believe my wishes should be heard and far outweigh any interloping foreign owned mining company. This is a prime farming and vegetable growing area. We all know how little good vegetable growing land there is in our dry continent and with our growing population, this land is definitely needed to feed us. I am very concerned about water use. Australian underground water is becoming less each year. Any water taken from the Mitchell River would be a disaster for this area. Our droughts are becoming more severe and lasting longer. No water should possibly be used for this mine. What happens to this land after a few short years when Kalbar leaves the area. This land will be useless for farming of any sort. This has already happened in other areas. It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition to land for mine infrastructure outside the mine boundary. Why wasn't this part of the mine project area and why wasn't this a matter for the East Gippsland Shire to determine? I urge the Government to listen to the local people and not the greedy Kalbar so-called 'experts'. Please stop this mine from being built and send Kalbar out of Australia. Thank you to the panel members for allowing my voice to be heard. Janet (Jenny) Crane