

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

# 755

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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** Karen Hammond

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** My family has farmed in the Mitchell Valley of East Gippsland for the past 40 years and include 3 generations of family members providing fresh milk and vegetables for the community at large. The thought that a mine can be built in this area, taking water that the farming community requires and also contaminating the heritage listed Mitchell River is abhorrent. Families have been threatened and their farms listed for compulsory acquisition , farmers that have cared for this land for hundreds of years are being ignored and their knowledge and experience of the land ridiculed. The associated noise from the 24 hour operation, the removal of mature trees and their associated habitat is unconsciable. The destruction of Aboriginal artifacts and culture heritage sites cannot be allowed to occur. History shows that promised rehabilitation has not occurred at other mine sites. THIS MINE MUST NOT GO AHEAD.