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**Request to be heard?:** No - but please email me a copy of the  
Timetable and any Directions

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**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** 24/10/2020 Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing in response to the EES conducted by Kalbar for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project. I grew up in Bairnsdale and currently raise a family in this beautiful area. These are the reasons below I do not believe the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project should go ahead at Glenaladale, East Gippsland:

- The mine will have a devastating affect on not only the site where it is planned, but the whole ecosystem surrounding the area. How can we think it is ok to combine mining with agriculture? The negative effect on the Lindenow Agriculture industry will far out way the handful of jobs created by the mine.
- The Mitchell River is such a beautiful and key part of Bairnsdale and the Gippsland lakes that to have it contaminated with toxic dust and harmful run-off caused by the mining will lead people to question why they live around the area and why tourists would bother coming to a place like this. It would be naïve to believe that companies such as this will be looking out for the protection of the Mitchell river as opposed their bottom line.
- Last Christmas we had the most devastating bushfires. Now Kalbar wants to remove over 700 large mature trees as well as all the flora and fauna associated with it across a 13 square km area! All that sequestered CO2 releases back into our atmosphere with intention of bringing it all back down. It is the consistent deforestation happening all over Australia and the world that leads to horrific bushfires we have just experienced.
- The mine is completely culturally insensitive to the traditional owners of this land. To destroy the whole area without any concern of their heritage is just proof of the true interests of big business, money.
- It is said that Kalbar Requires 3 billion litres of water each year. The effects of this are endless! The Lindenow farms, the Mitchell River marine life, the nature along the river and the effects will sure trickle down to lake systems. If this was somehow justified and the Mitchel River could handle it, why wouldn't we be putting it back into food and livestock product?? A very secure and sound source of income that we aren't going to lose a need for anytime soon!

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. Yours sincerely, Hugh Grant