

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: Yes

Full Name: Jessica John

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing in regards to the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project and I strongly oppose the mine, for the reasons outlined below. I grew up in Calulu and now live and work between Bruthen & Bairnsdale, with my family still situated in Calulu. I have deep connection to this country and a love for the lifestyle I lead here. I am also raising my young son here, with desire to see him benefit from the rich environment of East Gippsland, just like I did. The mine is too close to where many families live, farm and work. The affect this mine will have on all our livelihoods is real. The contamination of farmland, and our world-class food bowl, is real. As our community and region decays from the effects of this mine, we will lose needed tourism dollars as visitors decide to not come to our area. Important First Nations cultural heritage will be destroyed. Wildlife will be killed. People are already being forcibly removed from their generational homes. I have an elderly neighbour in Bruthen who was forcibly relocated from the Fingerboards by Kalbar proponents. His family had farmed their for seven generations. It is unbelievably sad. It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for: water pipelines, bore pumps, bore field, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal. Why wasn't this part of the mine project area? Why isn't this a matter for the EG Shire Council to determine? I cannot see a single positive in letting this destructive mine go ahead. Thank you for your time. Please do the right thing.