

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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

Full Name: Adele van Rosmalen

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I am concerned about the proposed mine for many reasons including but not limited to: • Air Pollution • Water contamination • Legacy issues/mine rehabilitation • Radioactive releases • Noise pollution and light pollution • Threats to agriculture and soil quality • The impact on indigenous wildlife and biodiversity as a result of fragmented habitat, wide-spread clearing and industrialised landscapes • The spread of weeds, pathogens and invasive species • The financial cost to ratepayers as a result of overburdened infrastructure • The potential negative changes to local subculture that a FIFO population could introduce However my biggest concern is in regard to water. The Latrobe Aquifer is already significantly over-allocated and has been for too long; the Mitchell is Victoria's last wild river; and the Gippsland Lakes need winter rainfall to remain healthy. The short construction phase of the mine may offer some local work however such benefits are negated by the impacts of the mine on the current, healthy, diverse industries that exist in East Gippsland. In short, the burdens and risks of this proposal far outweigh any short-lived benefits. As an East Gippsland resident I can emphatically declare that I do not want this mine to go ahead.