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Dear Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project  
Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC)

I am writing a similar letter as my Samatha Short my daughter to voice my alarming concerns about the proposed Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine at Glenaladale.

My father Dick Aukema was a long-term resident at Paynesville. I proudly tell my children and grandchildren that he worked as the head of the agricultural department in Bairnsdale. In that role, he was commissioned by the Victorian Government in 1973 to write a report on soil erosion environmental effects upstream on the Gippsland Lakes. To this end, he was an authority on such matters and farmers were empowered to change their farming practises. Critical information regarding *the use of planting vegetation to conserve and stop erosion in gullies and riverbanks*. in Dick's report gave the farmers the impetus to protect the land by not removing trees. Farmers sought Dick's advice for environmental farming practises.

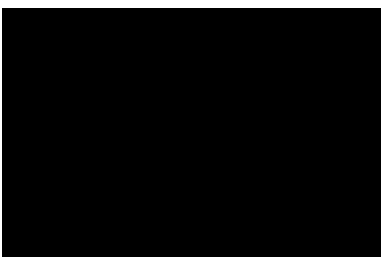
I have grave environmental fears for the rivers near the proposed mine sight especially the Mitchell River. It also goes without saying that the Gippsland Lakes would be environmentally impacted also if the mine was to proceed. I personally would consider moving away from this district to be in a safer environmental location.

Please know that Dick would be very alarmed at upstreaming mining. I can image what he would be saying about "**logic**". We strongly express the need to take notice of Dick's report and passion and hence, *protect the Mitchell River, River Flats and the Gippsland Lakes from the upstream effects of mining*.

I would like to acknowledge Karen Fleischer's efforts as she portrait some of my segments in the presentation video. I am aware that there are many people in the community **who are afraid of speaking publicly about to voice their concerns against mining**. They also would consider **moving away for environmental fears**. I am happy to discuss this aspect with you further.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my worries about Kalbar's Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine.

Yours sincerely



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