

# 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

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**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project because i'm deeply concerned of the potential negative impacts that the mine could have on the surrounding environment, our precious food bowl! I come from a multi generational farming family from Orbost and in my lifetime I have seen a once thriving agricultural community dwindle to almost nothing due to many factors but some of those have been because of decisions made upstream both metaphorically and figuratively. What lindenow has in comparison is an agricultural industry that is worth \$155 million and I cannot fathom why we must continually take away from our environment and feel that we a sleep walking into a detrimental environmental catastrophe. Over 3 billion litres of water (3GL) is required by the mine annually for up to 15 years for processing and to control dust. What will the impact of this be on bores, aquifers and the Mitchell River? According to irrigation data, if the 3GL of water was redirected to the horticulture industry, 3 times more jobs could be created than proposed by the mine 3 TIMES MORE JOBS! We know the outcome of supporting agriculture, the outcome is food and jobs, what is the outcome of this mine in comparison, irreversible environmental degradation, health risks and loss of cultural heritage, no thank you the price is much too high!