

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: Ronald Emerson

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: My wife and I, who have lived in East Gippsland for nearly forty years, wish to express in the strongest possible terms our objection to Kalbar Resources' proposed mineral sands mine at Fingerboards near Glenaladale. Kalbar is a foreign owned company with little or no experience in a project such as this but even if they did have relevant experience the damage to our local environment from a mine if it were to go ahead would be unavoidable. We would be subjected to contamination from airborne heavy metals including amongst others arsenic, uranium and titanium and there would be an enormous unsustainable strain on our local water resources. Bad enough as these are to the local population they would also have a catastrophic effect on the local food production and tourism industries due to pollution of soil and water, especially the water feeding the Gippsland Lakes. We are certain that should the mine proceed an ecological disaster is inevitable. Foreign owners and operators of the mine would make their profits and quietly slink away leaving a disaster in their wake.