

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: Yes

Full Name: Julia Karas

Organisation:

Affected property: [REDACTED]

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: To whom it may concern, I cannot speak strongly enough about my concerns for this mine. There are great health risks to the local community, Lindenow and Bairnsdale with the toxic dust that will be airborne and because of strong westerly winds, will often, impact dramatically upon the town! The school Precinct is on the western side of town and all of the children will be first impacted by these winds carrying toxic dust. The risk to the food growing economy is also enormous. Food grown in the area will be impacted negatively by the mine. The quality of food will no longer be held in the high esteem that it currently holds around Australia, particularly the organic sector but also all growers. This will potentially lead to a big reduction in demand and sales. The tourist and food industry in general sites East Gippsland for its natural beauty and purity. Air and water pollution from the mine will change this for the worse. Tourism is the market of the future with thousands of jobs supported when it is healthy. A toxic mine in the pristine food growing valley on the edge of a famous national park is simply unthinkable for any healthy minded person. Lastly the mine gets the rights to water if there is a drought. A legal policy that will allow suicide for the local growers and population. These are great concerns all in the negative. Mental health, physical health and the health of our natural environment are at stake. All for filling the pockets of a very few. I implore you, Do not sacrifice East Gippsland's beautiful country or its people. regards, Julia Karas