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Request to be heard?: No

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**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I have concerns about the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project. The EES statement published in the local paper says nothing about bore water but looking at the project and the amount of water it would require on an ongoing basis and the location where using bore water is quite common it seems pretty clear that this resource would be utilized. Our rivers are spring fed and rely on aquifers that are not well understood and are already over used. Streams which used to run permanently except in severe drought are now intermittent. Rivers depend on springs even more than rainfall. Having lived on the upper reaches of one of these rivers for 40 years I have observed how aquifer fed springs have depleted. The amount of water drawn for such a large concern would effect a much wider area than the immediate locality through interconnected aquifers. We would see rivers other than the Mitchell affected. Another potential environmental disaster are the dammed gullies and huge tailings dam. Our authorities do not have the power to make companies repair the terrible damage done when these systems fail and they do so very often! History should make everyone very very cautious about anything like what is being proposed. In conclusion the mantra 'Jobs and the Economy' just doesn't stand up in the face of all that is wrong with this project. There are so many other ways to bring clean rewarding jobs to our beautiful region which would be there long after this mine has taken the wealth and run leaving a mess. Take warning! It happens everywhere and mining history is littered with broken promises and environmental messes. It is simply too risky and could potentially ruin the important food industry we already have which employs far more people than this mine could ever do. Thank you for reading this submission and I wish you wisdom for your decision making.