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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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**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** 27/10/2020 Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am utterly perplexed as to why, with everything going on in the world, the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project is being considered. All the blinding evidence of the ongoing damage we do to the environment, and the carryon impacts it has, how can this mine possibly be a rational or reasonable option? It simply is not. I have spent a lot of time on the Mitchell River, just a few hundred meters from the proposed mine site. It is a stunning waterway, surrounded predominantly by beautiful and diverse bushland and absolutely teeming with native wildlife. The river and it's surrounding parks and campgrounds are enjoyed by thousands of people annually. The river flows down through farmland, providing irrigation for tonnes of fruit and vegetables as well as livestock. The river is enjoyed, appreciated and utilised by so many as is. Why risk losing that. I say this because thanks to history, we all know contamination of the river by the mine, is inevitable. How can a price possibly be put on that? It's simply not worth it. How can councils continue to make these same mistakes, over and over. The projected water usage by the mine is absolutely enormous, safe to say it's probably a low estimate if we're being honest with ourselves. The impact on water levels and ultimately wildlife is unfathomable. The potential impact on farmers with reduced or contaminated water supply will be absolutely catastrophic. However many (temporary) jobs this mine is projected to create, it won't come close to the thousands of people employed by the valleys vegetable industry. Likelihood for contamination of drinking water in close proximity is incredibly high. Clearing of almost a thousand large trees is required for the mine, again we can assume that's a modest estimate. An enormous blow to native wildlife, especially after the bushfires not even one year ago. The potential (extremely likely) negative impacts are absolutely endless. I won't ramble on any further. It's all very simple, it's very obvious and very clear. This proposal is irrational and completely unjustifiable. I can only assume you're chasing a few quick bucks but at the incredible, exponentially higher and ongoing cost to the families living in the area, the industries in the surrounding areas, the flora and fauna, the environment and ultimately, the state. Worst part of all is, this letter is a completely futile exercise. Like a thousand times before, the mine will go ahead. All opposition will be ignored, most of it probably not even viewed. This is just a necessary part of the process. I only hope that some times, every now and then, you can look yourself in the face and know what you're doing is so very, very wrong. Wrong in every sense of the word. And if there's a shred of decency left in you, you'll feel shame. Even if only for a second. Then you'll know you're at least still human.