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Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission in regard to the EES for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project. I very strongly oppose the mine. I am a local general practitioner and have been working in Bairnsdale for 19 years. It has been a beautiful area in which to work, live and raise a family. I particularly enjoy cycling and this area is much frequented by many cyclists. I have very deep concerns about this mine on so many levels. Of paramount concern is the potential health impact of a mine located so close to where many people live and grow crops and which will produce considerable dust. I am worried about respiratory disease as a result and also the contamination of the crops of local vegetable farms and also of the Mitchell River. I have patients who live very near to the Fingerboards and farm cattle, as they have for generations. I would be very concerned about their health, being in such close proximity to a mine. I know of farmers who face losing their land from compulsory acquisition which is unjust. They have 300 year old river red gums on their land. I strongly believe that this is a region which should be set aside for living, for agriculture and for recreational pursuits. We are on the doorstep of a large lake system which is unique. We would do well to further develop our tourism and agricultural interests in order to secure jobs for the future. It is not an area for building mines. Future generations will certainly not thank us if we allow this mine to go ahead to the extreme detriment of our beautiful countryside and the people who live here. Thankyou for the opportunity to make a submission. Yours Sincerely, Dr. Joanne Sharpley