

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Dear Advisory and Inquiry Committee Members' I am writing this submission to express my concern about the EES for the Finger- boards Mineral Sands Mine Project. I oppose the mine and am in agreement with the Mine-free Glenaladale Inc. group's objections, which I believe to be re- presentative of the concerns of the local residents. I would like to comment further on environmental impact and the Mine's need for water. I moved to this area 30 years ago because of its natural beauty. By living through extensive droughts, floods and bushfires I have learnt how precariously balanced this ecosystem is. Locals are proud of this area and there are many groups involved in caretaking and preserving native flora and fauna, working cooperatively with agriculture, horticulture and fishing. These challenges are difficult enough without the added pressure of potential risks from toxic fall-out and further water restrictions. I am especially concerned, due to the proximity of the Mitchell River to the mine, about contaminating dust and run-off getting into the Lake system, which is already severely stressed. I am NOT reassured by precautions being taken. The other concern is the huge amount of water consumed by this mine (3 billion litres annually). I find this quite alarming, given in the past 2 years local vegetable growers were on water restrictions as were the residents of Bairnsdale and surrounding towns I would ask the Panel to consider the many and justifiable concerns by those of us who live in this area. I thank you for that. Eve Andre