

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No - but please email me a copy of the
Timetable and any Directions

Full Name: Andrea Ellis

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: My biggest concern with the mine is the possibility of the \$155M/year Mitchell River Valley vegetable industry being negatively affected. This industry that employs near 2,000 people is as close as 500m downwind from the mine. I am 19 years old and grew up in the industry and lived nearby for 18 years. I feel disheartened about whether farmers will be able to sell their crops, meat or live stock if their produce is contaminated. Additionally, I am worried for our farm labourers (local and foreign immigrants and travellers) and whether they will be able to continue working here as they are needed to fill labour shortages and add to the productivity of the regional and rural economy. The area is also home to Australia's largest family-run organic farm, and if the mine goes ahead, they will lose their organic certification and along with it, over a century of this land's history.