

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 inquiry and advisory committee members, I am writing this submission regarding the EES for the fingerboards mineral sands mine project as I strongly oppose such a damaging threat to my home in East Gippsland. I have lived in this region for 20 years and have three children, who should be allowed to grow up and experience the same clean and beautiful environment that I grew up in. I am therefore very concerned to discover that a 1675 hectare open cut mineral sands mine is proposed just 350m away from the Mitchell river at Glenaladale. The mine boundary is as close as 500m from the Lindenow flats, a high value agriculture region known as "Victoria's food bowl", is at risk of being shut down if contaminated with toxic dust and poisoned water. Many current and future jobs in horticulture, farming, fishing, tourism etc. will be lost as a result of this proposed mine. The Mitchell river and Gippsland lakes, will be put at risk of contamination and suffer decreased flows as the Kalbar mine needs over three billion litres of water annually for processing and dust suppression over 15 years. I am seriously concerned for public health as radioactive substances will be mined including rare earths. Kalbar's geochemistry report lists a number of radioactive and cancer causing substances that will be present in the dust generated. How could this be allowed to happen? Its is a terrifying prospect, as the mine is located where people live and children go to school. We do not want this mine!