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

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Affected property: Flaggy Creek

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: The Kalbar mine must not be approved on the the following grounds: Kalbar's geochemistry report lists a number of radioactive and cancer-causing substances that will be present in the dust generated. Many families live, farm, work and go to school in close proximity of the proposed mine site. Unacceptable! The Woodglen Reservoir is just 5kms downwind from the mine. Contamination risks to town drinking water and tank water for nearby residents is unacceptable! The heritage listed Mitchell River and productive vegetable flats of the Mitchell River Valley risk run off contamination which will severely impact cropping, fishing, agriculture, the Gippsland Lakes and Ramsar-listed wetlands. Unacceptable! Within close proximity of Mitchell River, the risk of the proposed 90 hectare tailings dam failing is unacceptable! Economically, it makes no sense - the Mitchell River Valley vegetable industry generates \$155M/year and employs up to 2,000 people and has done for generations, within a sustainable model. Kalbar will waste 3 billion litres of water annually for processing and dust suppression for 15 years. If 3 billion litres of water annually was redirected to agriculture, 3 times more jobs could be created than Kalbar's proposal. Long-term sustainable jobs to grow food! National Farmers Federation statistics, indicate every job created in agriculture leads to 4.2 indirect jobs. By Kalbar's admission, 1 mining job leads to 1 indirect job. Furthermore, the area is immersed in Aboriginal history and culture with the iconic Den of Nargun just a few kms north. Given the massive excavation down to 45m over an extensive area, mitigation measures will not avoid the obliteration of cultural heritage and artefacts. Unacceptable! Noise from the mine operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with residents just km's from the site is unacceptable! The destruction of 700 large mature trees, flora and fauna is unacceptable! No to Kalbar!