

# 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:** Submission\_re\_Ka

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** See attached submission

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**Submission to Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry  
And Advisory Committee**

I am extremely concerned to learn of proposed mining in the Bairnsdale area by Kalbar and other operations. I lived in this area when I first came to Australia. My husband had a boat building business on the Mitchell River. My daughters spent their formative years in this town, attending local schools. They inherited a riverside property when my husband died. My eldest granddaughter was born in Bairnsdale Hospital and grew up in the town.

Considering the current environmental crisis compounded by devastating bush fires, I find it incredible that any government would contemplate approving such mining operations as are being proposed for this unique area. There are concerns about water usage, impact on farmers, contamination of water sources, risk from tailings dam etc. The risks and potential impact on the area, both environmental and physical, are too great especially as it is planned to ship the proposed product overseas.

We need to nurture, rehabilitate and protect the unique area that is East Gippsland. Invasive mining is a retrograde step in these times. Natural habitats are vital to our survival.

Marlene Hodder

29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.