

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: Elly Clague

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project . I strongly oppose the mine for many reasons . I have lived in Bairnsdale for most of my life and have looked forward to raising my kids in such a beautiful, clean part of Australia . The vegetable industry in the Lindenow Valley is only 500m downwind from the mine with most of the vegetables grown above ground, so dust from the mine is a high risk. I personally don't want to eat contaminated vegetables or risk that industry being shut down which could result in big job and financial losses for our already struggling region. We have gone through enough with bushfires and COVID . Water to irrigate the crops comes from the Mitchell River. The mine is on the other side of the river on top of a plateau. There are risks of the river being contaminated, impacting on the crops, fishing, agriculture, the health of the rivers and the Gippsland Lakes. Unknown Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are stated as being highly likely to be present and will be impacted. Given the massive excavation down to 45m, it will be impossible to avoid destruction of artefacts and heritage. This is unacceptable. Your mitigation measures will not avoid the obliteration of cultural heritage. That is just a few of many reasons why the mine shouldn't be here . Please reconsider . Me and my family will be relocating if the mine goes ahead, I'm sure we won't be the only ones . We don't want to be anywhere near it . Thank you, Elly Clague .