

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: A keynote address to a Ecological Society of Australia conference predicted that with a growing human population and reduced amount of viable farm land, famine is inevitable. Future generations rely on us to maintain areas of viable agricultural land, and sustainable water supplies. This proposed mine fails to achieve those goals. I also have concerns that the mine causes damage to the river and groundwater systems, loss of habitat trees, loss of threatened ecosystems, impacts on rare & threatened species, and damages local wetlands. While exporting raw materials offers temporary economic benefit, in the long term this is unsustainable and of lower benefit than sustainable agriculture. The industrialised mining process offers fewer jobs than the small scale farms it seeks to replace, and larger produces offshore profit for investors, rather than local profits in the community. My understanding is that the Gunaikurnai people object to the mine, and I support their objections.