
Request to be heard?: Yes

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: As an EG resident & business owner I am 100% supporter. We need new industries in our region. We suffered from drought, bushfires and COVID. Gippsland has lost many jobs and our unemployment is high. To go forward we urgently need industry to move into our area to grow. Many anti Kalbar people, and I have spoken to many of them, are completely misinformed and are not willing to listen to the facts. Our region needs growth, it needs job opportunities where the effects of employment will flow on into the community. We have such a 'brain drain' where kids after finalising year 12 and young trades people move away and never move back because of the lack of great job opportunities. This project will be a blessing for our region with hundreds of jobs and a minimum of 20 years work. The flow on effects will be felt by the house building industry, real estate agents, car dealers, hospitality, retail and a wide range of suppliers. If we get Kalbar to support local businesses first and aim to hire staff first from our region it will be greatly impacted our prosperity. I truly believe that our Australian Standards, OH&S and environmental systems are the best in the world and that Kalbar strives to comply with every legal requirement. Kalbar will do everything in their power to protect our rivers and lakes. The misconception of many anti miners is that the mineral sand will blow over the vegetable farmers properties and into the river. Mineral sands are a heavy metal and can not blow away. Even if there is a small percentage of dust, this is nothing in comparison to the dust movement the vegetable farmers cause and do not get me started about the amount of pesticides sprayed. Veggies gets sprayed an average of 13 times before it gets transported. We don't have to be scientists to realise where the pesticides go but we do not hear ANY of the anti Kalbar people talking about this issue. I am aware of the water usage but Kalbar will only use winter flow and I think that the majority of people have no idea how much water actually flows through the Mitchell River. The amount that will be used is a small price to pay compared to the benefits. I would like to end with the fact that mineral sands are used in many items, EVERYBODY uses. It is used in mobile phones, in paint, in artificial knees and hips, even in the coating of m&m's. It is used in batteries for electrical cars. We all want the newest mobile, a new hip when needed even the anti miners. Australia has been prosperous mainly because of the mining industry. We are all happy to see our superannuation grow but that is mainly because of the investment into the mining. Do we all seriously think that the minority anti group (0.4% of our population) do not use mobile phones or have shares in super funds. This vocal and abusive group of people DO NOT represent our region. Hundreds of business people are welcoming this project with open arms. Thank you for reading my submission.