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Organisation: no

Affected property:

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Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards meral sands mine project, I cannot stress enough to you all about this monumental situation that we are facing with the proposed mine that will in fact be disastrous for the whole of East Gippsland & East Gippslanders. The amount of water that will be needed is preposterous, our Rivers (Mitchell & Perry), their talking about 3 billion litres of water annually for upto 15 years for processing & dust suppression, this alone tells me that dust full of silica & other carsongenics is also a major concern, I have lived near the River my whole life & to see the river struggle most years through drought & what happens downstream into the Lake system (algae blooms every year) This mine will kill our River through rape & pillage squarely at the feet of the mine. The Vegetable & Agriculture industry rely's heavily on the Mitchell River for irrigation to supply food for the Sydney & Melbourne fresh food markets, East Gippsland is known as a clean green region, a food bowl that employs thousands of people & feeds hundreds of thousands, I cannot see any part of this mine that we'll be able to eat, all i see is a polluting, poisoning mine that will only benefit a few and money going to overseas interests. we stand to lose everything here in East Gippsland that we love, our clean air, our beautiful country side that will be decimated by this mine, a hole in the ground, 13 square kms of land being mined, a tailings dam 90 hectares (1 square km) sitting on top of the Mitchell River. Our Tourism will be decimated, who wants to come to another Latrobe Valley. My family have farmed at Iguana creek since 1856 within 2km of the mine site, the risk of airborne disease from respirable silica is high, you as the panel have a duty of care not to add to the cancer burden of the community, this mine is way too close to farming & community, also water collected from roofing for potable water will also be under threat. The health of our river is paramount for fishing, recreational boating, water skiing also we have the Ramsar Heritage listed wetlands connected to the lakes waterways.without clean water & contaminated food to consume, where do we go?? what do we do ?? We have endured the worst 6 year drought, the devastating bushfires, Covid lockdown, business's closing due to all these factors BUT now we have a stinking mine that will just finish East Gippsland off if it get the green light It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for : water pipelines, bore pumps, bore fields,roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding & vegetation removal. why wasn't this part of the mine project area? why isn't this a matter for the EG Shire Council to determine. Thankyou to the Panel members for the opportunity to make a submission. Kirbie Banks