
Request to be heard?: No - but please email me a copy of the
Timetable and any Directions

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I have a Diploma of natural resource management and have studied some of the effects of disturbance of soils and sands on waterways. The Fingerboards Kalbar proposal to mine mineral sands does not support the health of the huge waterways involved in the drainage from this area. Disturbance of this area will lead to leaching of minerals down the drainage system to the Gippsland Lakes and pollution of surrounding drainage areas. This has been prime grazing and vegetable growing land and the removal of sands and disturbance of the subsoil will damage the integrity of the landscape and its ability to thrive in the coming changes of conditions, especially as we enter a La Nina period of higher rainfall. The drainage of the area affects the river and lakes system and will lead to habitat loss, changes in mineral build up and subsequent loss of fragile flora that supports the filtering of water entering the lakes. The net loss will be huge, to the health of the environment, the tourism, the farming and the flora and fauna diversity, so important to maintain a sustainable ecosystem. This mine will have long and far reaching effects that will shame the people who sanctioned its development. We have a duty to care for the land, not to keep taking for short term profit. In the long run there will be destruction of our environment, a net loss. Please consider that the EES raises many alarming issues, which we only receive an unconvincing promise to allay our fears.