
Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Horrie Fredrick Waymouth

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Dear Inquiry & Advisory Panel Members I am making this submission about the EES for the fingerboards mineral sands project, due to my extreme concern over the possible development of the mine. I strongly oppose the mine, I believe it is not in the best interest of East Gippsland, residents or indeed the future East Gippsland, as a recognised Clean Green area for tourism and more importantly a sustainable source of vegetables, not only for the area but the whole of Australia. Having lived in the area since 1989, I have witnessed the growth and current influx of new residents from outlying areas and the Greater Melbourne area. This increase in population and housing, will require an expansion of all infrastructure, including but not exclusive to an increased demand for water, sewage and clean open spaces. It impossible to find any justification for the commencement of a mining project that requires the use of over three billion litres of this precious resource annually over the next 15 years. Even a small percentage of that water, directed to vegetable growing and farming would create many more jobs and better returns the community. Domestic water storage will be impacted and having experienced water shortages over the past 30 years, cannot see any logic in allowing the use of Mitchell River water for the suppression of dust and contaminates from a mine that will expose current and future residents to radio active substances (the full analysis of the ore body is yet to be released) I ask that the panel ensure that full disclosure of this information is released and taken into consideration. None of the above points take into consideration the impact of the mine and associated infrastructure (outside of the mining boundary) on the local wildlife, fauna & flora. The fact that our local Shire Council appears to disregard this is also of concern. What faith can we have in the rehabilitation process, if the mine is allowed to go ahead. It is noted that several mining projects across Victoria and interstate have failed to be rehabilitated after the company has ceased trading prior to the designated end life. Further more what guarantee do we have that continuous, rolling rehabilitation will occur over the life of this project. Particularly as rehabilitation bonds are rarely enough to cover the cost. General infrastructure such as roads are barely adequate for existing traffic, large trucks will further impact on the currently poorly maintained network. Surely the compulsory acquisition of private land, water pipelines, bore pumps etc. should be a matter for the East Gippsland Shire to determine and part of the mine project area. The place that I and many past and future residents choose to live in, will lose its clean, green credentials. East Gippsland is not up for sale to the mining industry. Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. Horrie Waymouth (resident of East Gippsland)