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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** Casey Moore

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am making a submission to strongly oppose the development of the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project. This is an area with 6 generations of family history for me and my kids. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty and an area of renowned food production. It is an inappropriate site for this mine. Food security will be compromised if this mine goes ahead. There will be inevitable disruption to the local ecology, to the top soil and the Mitchell River. The air quality will be affected negatively with high risk of radioactive substances dispersing into the local and regional environment. This is an area with vegetables growing in open fields and cattle and sheep grazing nearby, in some cases closer than 500m. I am also concerned about the direct risk to our extended family, grandparents, nieces, aunts and uncles and neighbouring properties from breathing contaminated air. Extended periods of dry, hot and windy conditions are common and this will exacerbate the dust / air quality situation making the contingency proposed by Kalbar ineffective at the best of times but surely unmanageable in extreme circumstances. Water requirements for the mine will cause stress on the Mitchell River and the food production that relies on it. It would degrade the surrounding environment for generations and for this reason the mine should not proceed. It is also 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 field, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding and 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? I thank the panel members for the opportunity to make these views heard via this submission. Casey Moore