

# Submission Cover Sheet

## Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee - EES

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**Request to be heard?:** No

**Full Name:** Helen Coates

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Members of the Inquiry and Advisory Committee, I write to express strong opposition to the development of the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project. The impacts of this mine will be innumerable and disastrous for the environment and the community of East Gippsland. Firstly, there will be destruction of the natural environment, the impacts of which are far reaching for the local native wildlife and the planet more broadly. Destruction, too, of the Country of the Indigenous First Peoples of this Nation. Secondly, the operation of the mine will produce water, soil and air contamination / pollution. This will affect the local rivers and the natural environment on which both the native species and local communities rely. Contamination of the water will affect food production and the health of all local inhabitants. Now is not the time for a new mine. The world needs to be decreasing Climate Change emissions not increasing them. Lastly, we need to ask:- what costs are the environment and community to bear for the sake of export and mining company dollars? All the above must be taken into serious consideration in the process of deciding the fate of this project. Thank you for your attention. Helen Coates