

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

# 784

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**Request to be heard?:** Yes

**Full Name:** Donata Rita Alida Maria Reefman

**Organisation:** Reefman Arts Estate Retreat

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** We run a home bed and breakfast service, already severely affected by COVID-19. Past guests have indicated that, should there be a mine as the one proposed, they would NOT wish to come and visit the region, due to concerns for the air and water toxins the mining operation would produce. We in East Gippsland depend on the tourism industry, which provides a great many local jobs. To open a mineral sands mine which puts money in the pockets of a few (many of whom are overseas investors) would take away the livelihoods of many locals such as ourselves. We moved here from Syney in 2014 and would be severely impacted by the mine, were it to go ahead. What guarantee do we have that our rights, health and incomes would be assured, given the huge risk of toxic dust in the air and particles in the water? The noise pollution, visual impact on our property views, and general disintegration of the "clean green" nature of the area, as well as the huge agricultural industries which would be at danger of significant negative impacts are also of a great concern to us. Similarly, the local indigenous population's rights are also at risk. The mine has no social license and we respectfully request that it not be permitted to go ahead at all.