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**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:**

- Environmental degradation during a climate crisis
- Contamination of local drinking water source
- Adverse effects on health of the locals (including the large population of Bairnsdale) with carcinogenic materials effecting air quality on top of water contamination
- Poor air quality and carcinogens will not only make local people sick and potentially die from the effects on air/water quality but will make wildlife sick (see below the threatened species list)
- East Gipps and Victoria is already experiencing drought conditions and had water restrictions in place as recently as the last year. Not to mention the entire world is facing extreme water shortages, we cannot afford to continue to allow not only the degradation of our water sources but a monumental waste of resources; the mine will be taxing our water resources to the tune of 3 billion litres annually.
- My whole life I've known and lived through drought and many people who work in the agriculture industry in Australia have lost their homes and jobs and livestock due to drought conditions. Water is sacred and we cannot live without it.
- When people speak of the Mitchell river they use the word 'pristine' - we have so few areas of country, let alone water sources, we can describe as such. Speaking of sacred...
- This is unceded, sovereign land of the Gunaikurnai people and traditional owners that are past, present and emerging. There are sacred sites which provide access to culture, history and heritage, some dating back to the Ice Ages.
- The Kalbar mine is threatening the very area that holds the sacred site dating back to before the height of the last ice age. Shame.
- Consultation of local traditional owners is a MUST and so is the consultation of the people living in and who frequently visit the area as a sacred, magnificent place that ought to be protected.
- We cannot continue to colonise land with further efforts towards capitalistic ventures when we should be allowing Traditional Owners and Indigenous folk to oversee land management and resources to help fend off the climate crisis. We've had our turn and we've failed.
- Regarding tourism, it is obscene to me that the mine would allow environmental degradation of a river which parts of which are expressly designated National Park - for environmental protection and conservation purposes and to protect local wildlife from extinction.
- Regarding the threat to local wildlife, please see the article titled "Threatened Flora & Fauna East Gippsland Shire" on the SWIFFT homepage (The State Wide Integrated Flora and Fauna Teams). These are the animals and flora that will be most heavily effected by more reckless damage to the environment and depletion of resources. These are but a few of the reasons I seek to submit a proposal today to protest and oppose the Kalbar Mine.