

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Elsa and Bill Hodge

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project. I am very strongly opposed to the mine being situated in this very inappropriate place so close to a very important river and vegetable food growing area. It is situated in the gullys directly feeding into the Mitchell river and although the company Kalbar have promised they will have very secure holding ponds for their toxic mine tailing residues, I do not believe they can fully protect the tailings from the extreme flooding weather conditions that can occur in this area. My husband and I have lived along the river for 40 years and have personally experienced many of these extreme flooding events. The other objection I have to this mine is their extremely high requirement for water which I understand they will be taken from many places including from the Mitchell River and the aquifers below ground. Because of the severity of our recent drought I feel quite alarmed to think anyone would risk any of our valuable water for anything other than sustaining human life and food security. We live a few kilometers down stream from the proposed mine site and take our drinking water from the river. We would always be in fear of accidental contamination of the river from the mine. Can they be trusted ?? I would like to thank the panel members for the opportunity to make a submission. signed Elsa and Bill Hodge.