

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Julie McKail

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project. I strongly oppose the mine as I believe it is not in the best interests of East Gippsland. I grew up in Bairnsdale and have returned to raise my children. I want them to be able to enjoy the Mitchell River and Gippsland Lakes. I am concerned about the impact that 3GL of water taken from the river will have on the eco system, the farm land that is located 500 metres from the mine site and tourism. The shire council's industry profile; https://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Business/Lets_Do_Business/Economic_and_Industry_Profile States that food production is a 'fundamental driver of the regional economy'. Much of this food production occurs in and around Lindenow and relies on the water from the river. I am concerned that if this mine goes ahead it will fundamentally change the East Gippsland in an irreversible way. It will have a negative impact on our economy and local jobs. It will have a negative impact on the wellbeing of local people who use the river for fitness and wellbeing. It will have a negative impact on the local ecosystem that is already stressed from drought and bushfires. Reading parts of the EES submission, I failed to see one benefit for the local community. Any funds seem to go to an international company. The jobs it creates seems fewer than those that are at risk of being lost in agriculture. If the mine impacts on agricultural production in East Gippsland I worry about food security in Australia. There will be few areas in the country that could replace the fingerboards area. Thank-you for the opportunity to make a submission. Kind regards Julie