

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** Karen Hinchcliffe

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Inquiry & Advisory Committee Members, I am writing this submission as I am strongly opposed to the Fingerboards mineral sand mine project. I have lived in this area of East Gippsland for 25 years and LOVE this place. East Gippsland is a special place, with unique attractions, flora and fauna. I want my grandchildren to enjoy this place as much as I have. Potential impacts from the mine are totally unacceptable risks to me. WHY would you want to destroy this place by disturbing radioactive substances????? Then it will be in the air for all of our community to breathe, and to land on our vegetables, that we EAT. This could result in job losses. The history of mining in Australia has shown them to be detrimental to the environment for the sake of profit, this is NOT acceptable. Rehabilitation rarely occurs. But underhand practices often do. Dust particles travel in the air, blown in whatever direction the wind chooses to blow. This is not something that can be controlled. WHY would it even be considered to place this mine ANYWHERE near the biggest food bowl in Gippsland. Feeding those who not only live in this community, but others throughout Australia. East Gippsland should be preserved, we have already taken a HUGE blow from the devastating fires, and now are polluting mine is being considered. Tourists should be our future. It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for : water pipelines, bore pumps, bore field, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal. Why isn't this part of the mine project area? Why isn't this a matter for the EG Shire Council to determine. Thank you for considering my submission, which I have submitted on behalf of my grandchildren, who won't get a chance to speak Karen Hinchcliffe