

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

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Comments: See attached submission

To the Inquiry and Advisory Committee Members.

I am asking the our Minister for Planning, reject the Mining licence for Kalbar's Heavy Mineral Sands Mine at Glenaladale
Having read Kalbar's EES, I believe that the negative impacts to the communities existing sustainable industries such as Agriculture, Tourism and the environment are unacceptable.

I have worked at the Loy Yang Mine in Latrobe Valley for 30 years, now a retiree in Paynesville and I have first hand experience with Mining industry, particularly self regulation and lack of adherence to the Mines, Environmental Code of Practice. I would not like to see this type of operation proceed in such an environmentally sensitive area, such as the headwaters of the Mitchell and Perry Rivers, feeding into the Gippsland Lakes. The risk are too great.

We have just lived through the worst drought in living memory, along with devastating bushfires, topped off with the Timber Industry salvage logging burnt and unburnt remnant native forest.
The impact on our dwindling Wildlife is unacceptable.

The proposed Mine which is 13 square kms, will see the destruction of over 700 large, mature, habitat trees along with countless understory species that provide much needed food and protection for Wildlife.

We have lost much of our natural environment and it is doubtful that the Mine site will be rehabilitated, as that rarely occurs with Mining companies frequently abandoning projects with grossly inadequate bonds.

Royalties paid to the State Government will be far less that the negative impacts on the existing and flourishing sustainable Agricultural Industry, that provides over 2000 direct and indirect jobs.

Why replace the existing employment for new fly in, fly out employment and a Mine that will require few full time employees due to mechanisation of the Mines operations.

My conclusion is that Kalbar's Heavy Mineral Sands Mine will be detrimental to the rural community and our precious environment.
The risks are too great in all aspects of this proposal.

Thank you.



Brian Wilson