

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Madelaine Allen

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: 27/10/2020 Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing in response to the EES conducted by Kalbar for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project. I live in the district of Box Hill & am passionate about preserving the small amount of natural resources we have left on this blue planet. These are the reasons below I do not believe the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project should go ahead at Glenaladale, East Gippsland: Kalbar needs over 3 billion litres of water annually for processing and dust suppression for 15 years. 45+ billion litres of water is an excessive for a country that already suffers from drought, just to control the dust which will potentially pose major human & animal health risks. As mentioned we are already a drought stricken nation & Kalbar's high need for water could lead to earlier & tighter restrictions on users reliant on water from the Mitchell River (such as the horticulture industry) & is likely to impact the health of the Gippsland Lakes from reduced fresh water. The water use is not my only concern. The loss of flora & fauna this mine will take with removal of approximately 700 trees is devastating in time where climate change is already contributing to the decline of plant & animal species. I sincerely hope you reconsider the project & seek out alternatives that will benefit the regional communities such as more jobs & locally grown vegetation.
Yours sincerely, Madelaine Allen