

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** Lester Wharfe

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** I would like to express my objections and concerns regarding the mineral sand mining proposal. My main concern is around water usage requirements of the proposal and dust pollution. I feel more scrutiny is required to ensure water use figures are accurate and that the usage by the mining operation will not impact current water usage for town water and agriculture. I am concerned that excessive water usage will lower water tables. I am concerned that water usage is stated below what is actually required by processing and dust suppression. I believe the risk of dust pollution is unacceptably high even if water usage calculations are close to correct. There is a high risk that dust suppression systems will fail over such a large area of exposed soils and subsoils. Dust from the site may contain harmful substances with potential to pollute high value agricultural land, drinking water supplies and the wider environment. The environmental and health risks posed by the proposal are not worth the projected benefits to anyone except Kalbar.