
Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Louise Avery

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I do not support the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project going ahead. I believe that the negative environmental and health impacts to the local community are too immense to justify a short term mine that will be limited in the local jobs it creates. The dust created by the mine will blow via prevailing westerly winds into Bairnsdale and therefore onto a large proportion of the local population. Both the mine and any efforts to suppress the dust will use up precious water resources that are needed for food production and the health of the Gippsland Lakes. Local remnant populations of grassy plains will be decimated by the mine. The mine will not bring significant wealth into the local community through permanent jobs or investment in industry. Profits from the mine will not be retained locally. The Gippsland Lakes area is known internationally for its Ramsar listed wetlands. These must be protected for a healthy ecology, for the aesthetic amenity they provide and for current and future tourism opportunities. The Fingerboards Project puts all of these things at risk.