

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

# 715

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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** D Wetherby

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:** submission.pdf

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** see attached submission

# EES SUBMISSION

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to my express my opposition to the proposed Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine.

I oppose the mine because I have concerns that

1. The mine is not financially viable – the EES did not include any documents to outline viability,
2. The mine will only be viable with taxpayer support in the form of tax-free breaks, and government grants – and I oppose this form of support for the mining sector,
3. there is inadequate information in the EES that addresses the poor health outcomes for those who live in the area,
4. the EES inadequately addresses the impacts on the community, environment and wildlife of noise, vibration, lights, constant traffic, and diesel particulate,
5. vehicular harm to wildlife will not be adequately addressed and is not covered in the EES,
6. as Glenaladale soil is the main contributor to the Silt Jetties at Eagle Point, mining the land will only hasten the erosion that has caused their formation,
7. local landholders will have land compulsorily acquired for the installation of infrastructure for a business that ultimately harms their business model,
8. much of the infrastructure will be installed on land that is not within the defined mining project area and so will cause inconvenience to those who are affected by its presence,
9. the proposed infrastructure will not accommodate wildlife movement such as access to grass, water, nests, burrows,
10. there is no outline of how the mining company will support the local community in the event of significant events such as flood and fire,
11. there will be ongoing harassment, intimidation, bullying of local community members,
12. the mining company's misrepresentation and disingenuousness will cause harm to me and my family,
13. once they are granted a mining license they will do as they wish regardless of EES content, and there will be no admonishment or penalty from ERR,
14. there is such significant bias toward the mining company in this entire process that reasonable objections will be disregarded and discounted,
15. the EES process is essentially a strategy to block community objection once the license has been approved,
16. the land and water will be so badly contaminated that decontamination processes will be inadequate for the task,
17. there will be dam wall failures that will seriously harm the ecologies of the Mitchell River and Gippsland Lakes system in perpetuity,
18. the license will be sold, the buyer will be Chinese, and because the FTA permits the Chinese to use their own labour our people will not be employed and our land will be destroyed for another country
19. once most of the money is made, the mine will be put into caretaker mode to bypass rehabilitation commitments, and the community will be left with a large contaminated land and water mass
20. there will be very limited commitment to making the mining area as safe as possible,
21. there will be limited commitment to utilising technologies to make the mining area as green as possible

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the EES for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine

D Wetherby  
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