
Request to be heard?: Yes

Full Name: Peter Campbell Reed

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I am 100% supporter of this project. It has been a very long and drawn out process and it should have been sorted years ago but credit to Kalbar for persisting. I am excited for the future of my region. I have been a resident of Gippsland for 57 years, have had several businesses and employed hundred staff over the years and I am excited for a whole bunch of reasons for this amazing project to go ahead. The job opportunities and flow on effects into our community tick all my boxes. The project is by far the largest in our region and should be welcomed. When I was employing younger staff, I always noticed and realised that younger people have so much to gain by employment. The possibilities of buying a car, purchasing their first home and starting a family. Kalbar will provide so many job opportunities for locals with wages they can not earn anywhere else in our country area. Our region has suffered through drought, fires, covid and several larger businesses shutting down. The mental health problems amongst the younger generation is extensive and the possibility to gain employment through apprenticeships and jobs will benefit a whole group of (young) people. It seems to me that the younger people that can not get employment at the moment, school leavers, tend to end up with depression and mental health issues. To give them a change of life, to give them a job, will make them get out of bed every morning, have a focus, fit into a workplace with guidance and work mates, have a common goal and then realise that they can actually work towards some substantial life goals. These jobs that Kalbar is offering are real long term jobs. Minimum of 20 years, that is amazing for our region. A small very vocal minority that pretend they are the majority do NOT represent what residents think of this project. I am a very well known person in this region and I have spoken to hundreds of people over the last 6 years and most people are actually in favour of this project but are 'fence sitters', they don't want the unnecessary attention and abuse of the anti mining group. We all are awaiting the results of the EES, we all expect the best and safest possible processes and adherence to law and legislation. I have actually personally experienced how persuasive the anti mining group is at the field days where they stopped people and harassed them if they didn't sign the petition against the mine. I personally have been abused on several occasions. Once at the field days and once in front of the EG shire office. When this project gets approved I know for a fact that people will publicly come out and support the mineral sands mine. Again the critical anti mining group do not represent my community. Less than 0.5% of our EG residents should not and can not have the final say. We all use products that come from mineral sands, we all have superfund shares that relate to the mining industry even the anti miners. Let's make it happen!!!!