

## **Additional information requested at hearing on June 16, 2021**

Yesterday at the Hearings, one of the board members asked me to provide additional information on our submission. I think it was Natasha Reifschneider.

Natasha asked for more detail on this sentence from our submission:

*The Fingerboards Loop, one of the iconic bicycle rides in Gippsland, will no longer be viable due to the dangers of so many B Double trucks using the local roads.*

I don't have a lot of additional information, but am aware that there are various bicycle and motorcycle clubs that ride out and through the Fingerboards area. This is just based on observation rather than being able to refer you to statistics on the number of clubs and individual users.

There is also a bicycle tour that rides through the area with a stop at the Fingerboards as shown at this link with a photo at the Fingerboards in one of the pictures:

<https://inwhichi.weebly.com/-write/gippsland-cycle-tour-part-2>

On the Visit East Gippsland website, road cycling is mentioned as a tourist option. I have been advised that the website is currently being updated, so the link doesn't work however this is what is said about it and the link showing that is here;

<https://www.visiteastgippsland.com.au/whats-on/location/20-surf-life-saving-lakes-entrance>

### *Road Cycling*

*The pleasure of taking your cycle to the road here in East Gippsland is all about great routes along country roads with superb rural views.*

*Make picturesque Bairnsdale your base and ride out to explore Lindenow and the fertile Mitchell River Flats returning through Flaggy Creek and Wy Yung.*