

## Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee Technical note

**TN No:** TN 038

**Date:** 25 June 2021

**Subject:** Response to questions 1, 2, 5 and 10 in the IAC third RFI dated 26 May 2021

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### Questions and responses

1. Tabled Document 294 (10 May 2021) provides the IAC's latest formal request for information. There appear to be a number of outstanding items and an update on a response would be appreciated as soon as possible. Once the remaining information has been provided, a table that summarizes which documents address this request would be of assistance to the IAC.

The following table sets out where Kalbar's responses to each of the IAC's Information Requests dated 10 May 2021 (Tabled Document 294) are addressed.

Question No.	Documents that address the response
1	Addressed in Technical Note TN 021 (Tabled Document 334)
2-5	Addressed in Technical Note TN 031 (Tabled Document 500)
6-8	Addressed in Technical Note TN 029 (Tabled Document 463) and TN 037 Further Climate Change modelling (filed 25 June 2021)
9-12	Addressed in Technical Note TN 035 Response to the IAC's questions about the Incorporated Document (filed 25 June 2021)

2. On Day 4 of the Hearing (Thursday 6 May 2021) Mr Muller undertook to provide a spreadsheet of data inputs provided by the Proponent in relation to seepage to Ms Porter for Mine Free Glenaladale (MFG). Can it be confirmed this data has now been provided and if so under what document number.

This data was provided in Technical Note TN 022 (Tabled Document 346, together with the appendices in Tabled Document 347).

5. In relation to Table 1 in Tabled Document 327 (Technical Note 20 – Fingerboards Project feasibility with centrifuges) the IAC Chair questioned whether environmental management costs were included across the various Operating Cost Categories or were all included in "Other costs".

Table 1 of Technical Note TN020 (Tabled Document 327) breaks down the operating costs for the Project into four categories, namely, 'Logistics', 'Mining', 'Processing' and 'Other' costs. The costs of environmental management of the Project are all included in the category of 'Other' costs and include the costs of ongoing sampling, monitoring and reporting in accordance with mitigation measures.

10. Can the Proponent advise whether the mining Project is subject to rates under the *Local Government Act 2020* and if so what rating calculation would be used.

The Fingerboards project will not be subject to Council rates. Land used exclusively for mining is not rateable under s 154(2)(e) of the *Local Government Act 1989*. This section continues to operate under the new *Local Government Act 2020*.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See section 1B of the *Local Government Act 1989* (inserted by section 358 *Local Government Act 2020*). Also see section 328 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and *Saved Provisions of 1989 Act* at [https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0026/464525/Transitional-Arrangements-Saved-Provisions-from-1989-Act.pdf](https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0026/464525/Transitional-Arrangements-Saved-Provisions-from-1989-Act.pdf)