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Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee - EES

Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Terry Sullivan

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1: Kalbar_Mine.docx

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: see attached submission

To the members of the Inquiry and Advisory Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to write in relation to the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project. I am deeply worried that the plans for protection and rehabilitation of the environment are inadequate and that our beautiful area of East Gippsland will be forever spoiled by this Proposed mine.

I feel I must speak up for the future. We should not allow short term projects (15 years is the blink of an eye) to put at risk our Community and Environment. Future generations will not thank us. My grandchildren are growing up and going to school within 35 K Of the proposed site which has the potential to cause damage over a much greater area. The future health of our people, rivers and waterways, clean air and existing important industries could be at risk. There is no guarantee of significant local employment being created in the long term, especially if our environment is substantially damaged.

My grandchildren have no vote and no voice in this matter. If I do not use mine, I would dread them asking me the question in years to come. "Grumpy, did you speak up to stop this destruction? We believe this used to be a lovely place with clean air, forests, woodlands, beautiful rivers and lakes, birds and fish and native wildlife. People used to love to come to visit our natural places and enjoy fishing, boating, birdwatching, bushwalking and our many lovely holiday spots. Our river flats used to grow lots of fresh produce we've been told."

What could I say to them?

Please consider my concerns as I seriously fear for the environment, our community and the welfare of future generations if this mining project be approved in this location.

Sincerely

Terry Sullivan (Grumpy)