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Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee - EES

Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Ann Guy

Organisation: South Pines Golf Club Committee of Management

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments:

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members This submission is about the EES for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine. We need to draw your attention on behalf of the South Pines Golf Club, Lindenow Glenaladale Road, Lindenow South to transport and water considerations which will severely affect the golf club. Transport: Having studied the EES transport proposals, we wish to comment on the Post Avon River Bridge Option 2 that goes through Lindenow South on the Lindenow Glenaladale road to Bairnsdale. It seems likely that at least in the construction phase this route would be used. In your presentation it is not highlighted that the B-doubles would travel past a golf club that has well over 200 members with many casual green fee players using this road to access the club. It is stated that an onsite inspection was made, but it beggars belief that the importance of many cars entering/leaving the course was not addressed. The entrance to the golf club is below a rise. Recently several B-doubles used this road for a short period of time and we noted that there was a high degree of danger if a car was stopped to turn right into the golf club, waiting for a vehicle approaching from Lindenow South and a B-double came over the hill. It also became clear that a vehicle exiting the golf club could well be in danger if a B-double came over the hill. Many of the members are pensioners and their reactions are not as quick as they once were. We anticipate that it may well affect our membership if this danger is not addressed as players will not want to travel to the club under these circumstances. Water: The golf course is totally reliant on a water pumping licence from the Mitchell River for watering its greens. It is stated that the mine would draw 3 billion litres of water annually up to 15 years from the river and aquifers. The golf course has been in existence for 30 years and in some years our holding dam has got dangerously low. We depend totally on being able to refill the dam on an annual basis for the continued existence of the golf course. We acknowledge the impact the construction of the mine may have on our golf club as stated above and request assurances that our concerns are addressed. If assurances are not forthcoming, then as a club, we object to the construction of the mine. We thank the Panel members for the opportunity to make this submission. South Pines Golf Club Committee of Management