

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No - but please email me a copy of the
Timetable and any Directions

Full Name: Wellington Shire Council

Organisation: Wellington Shire Council

Affected property:

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Comments: See attached



21 October 2020

Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee
By email: fingerboards.IAC@delwp.vic.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

SUBMISSION TO MINERAL SANDS PROJECT INQUIRY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thank you for the opportunity for Council to lodge a submission to the current exhibition of the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) and associated material for the proposed Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project.

Council's main interest in the Project relates to transportation; local procurement and job opportunities; and ensuring that any adverse environmental impacts can be appropriately mitigated via relevant regulatory instruments.

Given the significant economic benefits which will result from the Project, Council supports progression of a carefully regulated mine project. Significant local procurement and employment benefits are expected to arise in the Wellington Shire, with further diversification of the economic base of the region also seen as a positive to support future social and economic wellbeing.

Council requests that rail transport (with a preference for daytime movements) be used exclusively for the Project (once the new Stratford rail bridge has been completed) to help reduce amenity and safety impacts associated with road transportation. Council requests that appropriate regulatory controls be established to ensure that the rail transport option is utilised for the life of the mine.

Council would also request that all environmental issues raised by relevant authorities and community members be carefully assessed and appropriately mitigated by the proponent should the State Government approve the Project, including impacts on the chain of ponds through Providence Ponds. It is noted that the current EES process provides the appropriate assessment framework for this to occur.

In conclusion, Council supports the progression of the Project subject to appropriate regulatory consideration/controls.

Yours sincerely



DAVID MORCOM
Chief Executive Officer

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