
Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Attachment 3:

Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Board, I am writing this submission for the EES Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project and set out below my strong opposition to the mine. The Mitchell River Valley provides a vast amount of fresh vegetables to Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and other parts of Australia. Vegetables are also packed and processed here, providing employment to many people. During periods of drought, of which there are many, and with Climate change predictions, these could be even more common and severe, vegetable farmers would have their water entitlements restricted. How can the proposed mine be allowed to use enormous amounts of water? Will farmers lose their crops, will residents of East Gippsland no longer have a water supply? Will the Mitchell River have such a low flow that our beautiful Gippsland Lakes become a swamp land with increased salt water entering the lakes system. Governments place so much emphasis on protecting the environment, so how can this project even be considered? Toxic dust will be contaminating the vegetables and affecting people's and animals' health near and far as the winds blow it all over the place. There is the strong possibility of Aboriginal sacred and historical sites being disturbed or destroyed as Aboriginal people are known to have lived, hunted and travelled along the river. We have huge floods at times, what if the mine collapses and the contaminants wash into the river? This mine promises nothing but destruction of people's health and lives, animals, birds, a thriving vegetable industry, environment, surrounding land, farms, trees, Lakes, river, water supplies and Aboriginal sites and no doubt more I haven't thought of. I was born in Bairnsdale, and moved away to South Gippsland for forty two years and returned here to work and eventually retired in 2003. I enjoyed living at Eagle Point for eighteen years and now reside in Bairnsdale. I love this area and do not want to see our beautiful area destroyed by the Fingerboards mine. Thank you to the Advisory Panel and I trust you will decide to not recommend the project go ahead. Elizabeth Joan Knight