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

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Comments: We are deeply concerned at the prospect of an open-cut mineral sand mine being approved at Fingerboards. The location seems totally inappropriate in being adjacent to the East Gippsland food bowl and the Mitchell River which has a special listing under the Heritage Rivers Act due to cultural, ecological and community values. The area of the proposed mine site is geographically fragile. Two deep gullies to the river flats have already been forged due to severe flood events in the past. With severe weather events, the mine would have the potential to contaminate the surrounding environment and its waterways including the Gippsland Lakes and the ocean. The situation of the tailings dam means that any leaching of heavy metals would affect the Perry River catchment and the Providence Ponds. Peoples health would be compromised, as would the agriculture and livelihoods of the food bowl. Carcinogenic airborne particles are of particular concern. The biodiversity of East Gippsland would be further threatened, after already suffering from the severity of bushfires and years of drought. Proposals put forward by Kalbar at their community information sessions were especially vague in relation to water requirements and transport details. Restoration plans for the mine site after its closure in twenty years were fanciful, including that of transplanting hundred year old eucalypts. It is extraordinary that our government would be prepared to approve this mine, and to therefore be responsible for its possibility to jeopardise the precious environments of East Gippsland and all that they contain. Please give this matter your careful consideration. Yours sincerely, Alasdair and Jennifer Fraser