
Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property: [REDACTED]

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Sirs, I wish to make a submission about the EES for the proposed Fingerboards mineral sands mine, a project which I strongly oppose. This mineral extraction project is ill conceived and not justifiable posing an unacceptable risk to the environment as the mine location is effectively directly up stream of an established, viable and sustainable primary production region. Siting an up-stream tailings dam also presents as an unacceptable risk. The minerals to be extracted can be mined in less sensitive places. The impact of dust, toxin release, water run off and massive water consumption will be detrimental to the health and wellbeing of the environment and to those who already live and work in the Bairnsdale region. The nearby and down (prevailing) wind Woodglen Reservoir is at risk of contamination with dust as are the vegetable growing areas around Lindenow. Dust suppression requires water and the volumes presented in the report are not sustainable nor justifiable given that the proposed mine will draw a similar daily volume to the entire Bairnsdale region. Annual water allocation for primary producers is already restricted and water restrictions for domestic/commercial users is an accepted norm. Water and food production sustains life. The issue of acquisition of land outside the proposed mine boundary for additional infrastructure has not been fully addressed. The probable negative environmental and economic impact on the East Gippsland region, including the iconic Gippsland Lakes, should this mine be approved is not to be dismissed nor diminished. Kalbar have no track record on which to assess their ability and integrity to mine responsibly, let alone in an area of environmental sensitivity. That the EES needs to be such a tome is little short of bullying tactics to validate that which is socially and morally unacceptable. It bears witness that greed is good. It is not, nor do I wish to sit by and witness the possible destruction of this pristine region. Yours faithfully, James Frecheville