

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Comments: Dear Enquiry and Advisory Committee Members. I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project. I am opposed to this project because of the effect it could have on the local streams, rivers and the Gippsland lakes. Over the years a lot of water has been removed from the lakes systems which has resulted in many problems and declining fish stocks. The gippsland lakes need fresh water flows to keep them viable, over the years the major rivers Avon and Thomson have been dammed and the water has been used for irrigation and supplying Melbourne. When the Thomson dam was first envisaged it was only going to take 45% of the water available, it now takes 100%. The Thomson was a major water supply for the gippsland lakes, with this now gone the only other major source of fresh water for the lakes is the mitchell river. It is vitality important that no more water is taken out of this river and that the water quality is kept at a very high level. With this mine proposal they will require 4 gig of water for processing and dust suppression, which is water that the lakes cannot afford to loose, and if this water is returned to the river system it will be contaminated. This mine proposal has the potential to effect the gippsland lakes in a major ecological way, this cannot be allowed to happen. I thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. Max Goding