
Request to be heard?: Yes

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Organisation:

Affected property: [REDACTED]

Attachment 1:

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Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee Members Thank you for the opportunity to present a submission about the EES concerning the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project. I have lived and farmed (sheep and cattle grazing) at the above address for all of my 64 years, and have always loved the beautiful, quiet ambience that Fernbank and its surrounding countryside provide for my family and I. If the Mineral Sands Project goes ahead, where we live now may no longer be such a perfect place to live. However, I feel there are far greater downsides to this mine going ahead, than simply the ruining of a "good view". I am not against mining as such, but i am certainly against a mine being in a location where it puts at risk existing extensive agricultural enterprises, and being in such an environmentally sensitive area. My main concerns are, in point form: A- Closeness to Mitchell River/ Gippsland Lakes, & Lindenow Food Bowl. Risk of contamination from Tailings Dams overflow in times of flooding. ie radio-active substances in rare-earths. B- Extraction of water for mine operations. Both from Mitchell river and ground water. Already stretched for use by downstream irrigators. Will nearby stock and domestic bores be affected? C- Dust contamination and associated health risks. Duty of care(?) D- Division of locals/Mental Health. Divided opinions of landowner close to proposed mine site. previous close friends / neighbors now not talking or verbally abusive E- How can Kalbar self-appoint a company of its choosing to oversee the EES? Surely an independently appointed company would be fair for all? F- There are too many legitimate risks why this proposed mine should not proceed, the least being that a "good view" will be spoiled. I appreciate the opportunity to put forward this submission . Yours sincerely Donald Rash