Submission Cover Sheet

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Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee - EES

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

Timetable and any Directions

Full Name: Shorna Ross

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments:

As a third generation farmer I am writing deeply concerned over the devastating impact this mine will have in our industry and community. As a mother to a young family I am also deeply concerned over the health risks the mine presents to my children and their peers and the generations to come after them. While the list of reasons why this mine needs to be stopped is long, these are personally my top two reasons I want to see it stopped: Having a mine situated so close to rich farming area that provides food for millions of people is ludicrous. At a time where trade tensions are arising with other countries, Australia now, even more than ever, needs as much food security as possible. The mine by their own statements has the potential to affect nearby farming operations with contamination and leaving them with less then adequate and possibly unusable water for irrigation and for stock. It has the potential to force farmers and their families from the land for a relatively short term proposition. The health risks from the mine are not to be taken lightly. By their own statements the mine admits cancer causing and radioactive material will be exposed to the environment and surrounds. Cancer and other serious illnesses are already rift and increasing in our population. How is it considered morally and ethically acceptable to expose a thriving community including young families and schools to this risk? Our children are the future. 15 active years and a lifelong scar to the land with untold remaining hazards and flow on effects of a money making scheme cannot be the cost our community, that our children have to pay. Please consider the unethical, morally corrupt and downright dangerous impacts of this proposed mine and put a stop to it.