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

**Full Name:** Catherine East

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** No mineral sands mine for East Gippsland. I strongly, vehemently protest against a proposal for this Kalbar mine to proceed. I love our pristine environment here, our drinking water comes from the Mitchell River and throughout our past years of drought we were on stage 3 water restrictions. No watering of gardens other than during certain hours, only hand held hose watering, no watering of lawns. How logically can an open cut mine with enormous tailings ponds and dust suppression not put yet another huge drain on our water supplies? We are a foodbowl for our Country. Fresh vegetables and grazing for sheep and cattle our area is famous for it. How does an open cut mine fit into this picture!!?? Dust pollution, chemical pollution. For what? 20 short years of grasping, pillaging and destroying beautiful, pristine country. It is wrong. Our roads throughout this area are country roads, narrow verges. Not designed for heavy traffic of trucks and the mining industry. Much of this land HAD a large Blue Gum plantation upon it prior to Kalbar purchasing it. Immediately it was cleared. Anything on that land that was saleable was flogged off so certain was Kalbar that this mine would proceed unopposed. I am just one person but I strongly oppose this mine proceeding and it has moved me to lodging my submission. For a layperson just this act itself is daunting wording a submission opposing the mine. I CANNOT understand how it has even got to this point. It is wrong. It must not happen. Citing more job opportunities trying to lure the local population to be as short sighted, greedy and grasping as they are themselves. I want my daughters children to be able to swim in the Mitchell Rivers waters, to enjoy fresh vegetables grown without dust pollution contaminating the local area. Once this land has been mined it will never again be as it was originally. The contaminated, leaking settling ponds at the copper mine in Benambra should be enough evidence to stop mining companies pillaging and destroying waterways and heavy minerals leaking. Im certain that those who built that mine promised that any environmental damage would not occur. They lied. They went bankrupt and the mine lies in its ugly waste forgotten up in our formerly pristine high country. Please stop this Kalbar company from repeating history. Stop this mineral sands mine.