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: John Reid

Organisation:

Affected property: Ellaswood 3875

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments:

Dear Advisory Committee Members, I am now 82 years old and have lived in reasonably close proximity to the proposed mine freely for most of my life and would like to think my family will also be able to do so. I am concerned this may not be the case . I think that you must put the environment for this whole area before the Royalties generated for the Government and the profits going to China. I am concerned that the proposed use of 3GL annually of valuable water by the mine operation will impact the Rivers ,the vast vegetable Industry and also US FARMERS WHO USE BORE WATER TO MAKE OUR OPERATION VIABLE. As most of this water may be used for dust control it is just criminally insane for valuable wter to be used for this purpose. I have not had time to read the EES but it appears the proponents are hugely concerned about the problem of contaminated chemicals etc. from the operation. We have all seen the occasional dust storms compacting the city from agricultural dust from as far away as Mildura. Mining and manufacturing of material would provide a smaller particle of dust to blow anywhere on prevailing winds .If the mine is approved a caveat that all properties within at least 50 k,s relying on domestic tank water be provided with appropriate filtration systems. Another huge concern for me is that the operation has not addressed the issue of the occasional massive East Coast Lows that at times have dumpted over 6 inches of rain over the whole district .As recent as 2007 this occurred twice in short time .Would the tailing dams be able to handle this - not a hope, this is just not acceptable!! As you see my main concerns are the dust, bearing they no not what or how much ,over huge areas and my other main concern the impact on the whole area of the huge use of water that is much more valuable than sending Dollars to China. Also if this mine (and it should not) goes ahead please make sure that all rehabilitation is completely accounted for not as has happened in the mine at Benambra where taxpayers and US ratepayers had to cover most costs that still impact on the Tambo River . We do not need another river compacting on the iconic Gippsland Lakes area. Many thanks for reading and taking into account my submission. John Reid I wont see this mine, (that should not have even been allowed to get to this stage) but more importantly I hope my family and their families do not also.

