
Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Josephine Jakobi

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Comments: I am very concerned about the future of Bairnsdale if this mine proceeds as planned. I have listened carefully to all sides of the questions concerning this development and I remain gravely concerned. In the broader view, Australians have no reason to believe that a mining company will honour agreements regarding environmental impacts, restoration, and harm mitigation. What we have seen all over Australia is damage, neglect and dishonour. There is no reason to believe that this one will be any different. The land in question is already engaged in primary industry. It is good, fertile land, producing food; a major industry for East Gippsland. Turning that land into an open cut mine, with all the attendant risks is a very bad idea. East Gippsland could be aiming to produce the cleanest, greenest, healthiest food in the State, if government would lend a hand to help farmers develop best practice food production. Imagine what that would do for the future of our region. The Mitchell River is the source of all the good things currently coming out of the Glenaladale area. It's water is vital to the health of the Gippsland Lakes and should be the subject of investigation and planning to enhance and improve its water quality. We cannot afford to do anything that may undermine the vitality of the Lakes. They are our best asset. Australia has a shameful record of animal extinctions. What a strange anomaly it is, that following directly in the wake of the devastating fires that destroyed habitat and killed millions of animals, we should be considering a mine that will unquestionably destroy more habitat, resulting in the deaths of more native wildlife. A step too far. Medical experts have warned that the dust resulting from the proposed mining activities will pose an unavoidable risk to human health. That seems like warning enough to put a stop to the proposal. Surely we want the best possible for our region. Surely we want clean air, clean water and good health for our people. Please do not allow this mine to proceed. Choose wisely and lead us into a better future. Most sincerely Josephine Jakobi.