

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

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**Request to be heard?:** Yes

**Full Name:** John Leslie Sullivan

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** We live on beautiful Raymond Island and have watched with great concerns the application regarding the Fingerboards Mine at Glanaladale. The recent EES report paints a picture that all concerns have been addressed and any problems outlined are deemed unlikely to eventuate. Looking at the most recent mining history of mining in the area, we found that the Benambra mine dam is still leaching heavy metals into the East Gippsland lakes down the Tambo River. .We are very concerned that without the provision of a G-force 9 tailings dam the same will happen at Glanaladale polluting the Lakes down the Mitchel and Perry rivers. With a leaching dam and 80 ton trucks up and down the highway the impact on tourism and farms in the area would be enormous. As the Labour Party are signatories to the Belt and Road Initiative, China will be the recipient of the mineral sands and it is in the interest of the Labour Party that the mine go ahead. We contend that therefore the Labour Party through the Minister of Planning, Richard Wynn, is not independent and should not make this decision. It should be made by an independent body of experts in the field. Too much is at stake for East Gippsland's future by people with vested interest in the mine. So unlike Covid 19 there is no possible vaccine for East Gippsland and the lakes if we get this wrong.