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**Request to be heard?:** No

**Full Name:** Lynette Biggs

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Sir/Madam, Re: Kalbar Mine - Glenaladale I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed mineral sand mine in the Glenaladale district. My objection is based on environmental and health factors, relating in particular to the destruction of what are, at present, our clean water, air and food sources. The majority of strong wind in this area comes from the west, so I have an issue with dust, particularly radioactive sands containing carcinogenic heavy metals, being blown towards the Lindenow vegetable growing areas and Bairnsdale. Two concerns arise from this. First is the possibility of inhaling dangerous substances and the health implications of this. Second is the dust that settles on the vegetables, fruit trees, pasture and water systems of the area. This could compromise the safety of the majority of the food we eat - vegetables, fruit, beef, lamb, fish. Also the perception in the wider community of this being a safe area from which to source food could be jeopardised, leading to adversity for farmers in the area. East Gippsland Water source our drinking water from the Mitchell river at Glenaladale. Any pollution entering the river in this vicinity will affect all residents who drink, cook, and wash with this water. Whilst water from the mine may not enter the river under "normal" conditions, flooding can and frequently does happen. In addition to this, water from the Mitchell flows directly into the Gippsland Lakes, having a far reaching affect on this beautiful area and it's wildlife. If the product being mined had enormous benefit for the entire community maybe the risks would be more acceptable. However I will not trade the health of my family for pretty bathroom tiles! This mining is based purely on greed and potential profit for the mining company, and is not in the best interest of the health of the people and the wildlife of East Gippsland. Any employment benefits to the region from mining would be insignificant compared with the unacceptable risks. Job losses could occur due to destruction of farming industries in the area and loss of tourism because of either the perception or reality of pollution in the area. There would also be an exodus of people who can afford to move away from the area to live somewhere pristine and safe. Whilst no doubt there are many safety procedures that would be in place at the mine, this does not preclude something going wrong due to flood, gale force winds, fire, human error or a myriad of other possibilities. It would only take one accident to destroy our environment, our health and our livelihoods. A mine in this vicinity puts at risk a healthy environment for our children and for future generations. It would be irresponsible to allow profits to override common sense. Please do all you can to save our beautiful area from destruction. Yours sincerely, Lynette Biggs.