

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** Geoff Oke

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:** [REDACTED]

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members It is hard to believe that a company, Kalbar Operations Pty Ltd, who have no mining experience, are applying for permission to create an open cut mine at the Fingerboards, in East Gippsland. I am retired and have lived in the East Gippsland area for over 30 years. I have witnessed a large amount of environmental damage over this period and would like to prevent any further. The removal of overburden from the mine site is excessive and too close to the Mitchell river and surrounding farms to be in harmony with the current land layout. Radioactive particles and sand can't effectively prevented from becoming airborne and potentially causing health problems. The enormous amount of water required for the mining operation will further degrade the Mitchell River and the Gippsland Lakes system. Please prevent this mine happening! Regards Geoff Oke.