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

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Affected property:

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Comments:

This is the time for change, not to double down on environmentally degrading practices. This is the time to support our local farmers, not make life harder for them. Too many suicides. Not enough action from our government. The sands mine is going to deeply effect the environment and those who live and work by the land, the runoff into the Mitchell and the cancer causing dust alone should be enough to prevent the mine from opening. The Woodglen Reservoir where domestic and commercial water is stored for the whole Shire is 3.5kms downwind from the mine. This posses contamination risks on Bairnsdale's drinking water and those on tank water living near the mine. We shouldn't have to plea for the safety of those in the area, we shouldn't have to battle for the environment and the voiceless wildlife, we shouldn't have to plea for the lively hoods of our under supported farmers, and regional folk, we shouldn't have to beg for the waterways not to be contaminated, it just makes no sense. Kalbar needs over 3 billion litres of water annually for processing and dust suppression, how can we allow that? We've just barely scraped through a drought with water restrictions in our region. We cannot justify this, we cannot keep putting the profit of big corporations over those who feed us and our environment. We should be ashamed. The Mitchell river is a tourist destination and land that holds cultural heritage/history that needs to be acknowledged and preserved. This is not sustainable, this isn't growth for our region, this is regression, looking at irrigation data, if the 3 billion litres of water Kalbar requires annually was instead redirected to growing veg crops, 3 times more jobs could be created than Kalbar's proposal. This mine isn't about jobs and growth, never was, never will be, it'll cause irreparable harm to the region. STOP PUTTING CORPORATIONS OVER THE PEOPLE. Please say no to the Kalbar.