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**Request to be heard?:** No

**Full Name:** Paul Nichol

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear inquiry and committee members. I have a submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project. I am strongly opposed to the mine, for the reasons below. Concern for dust and contaminated runoff into the environment. I believe the mine is too close to a delicate ecosystem, housing and agricultural land. I don't feel the risk mitigation measures to control runoff and dust will be sufficient. I have great concern for the food growing industry and all the jobs it supports. Should there be contamination to the environment, what will be in place to compensate the companies, workers, environmental damage, and flow on effects to families and businesses that rely on this industry? I am opposed to the water usage and treatment. How will 3gl of water each year, be treated and removed of all contamination sufficiently to be returned to the environment? The environmental destruction of 700 old trees can not be replaced, the life that all the trees and vegetation support will be lost and not compensated for. I am opposed to compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for: water pipelines, bore pumps, bore field, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal. Why wasn't this part of the mine project area? Please don't allow this project to be approved. Thank you for reading.