

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property: [REDACTED]

Attachment 1:

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Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands project. I have lived in Bairnsdale for over 50 years and appreciate the clean and green East Gippsland that we have now and wish to retain for our future generations. A mineral sands mine to the west of the town will be no asset to the area. The prevailing winds are from the west and are very strong at times and the dust will be spread across the farms and homes close to the mine and further to the east. Has Kalbar considered the possible damage radioactive dust from the mine will do to the vegetable farms so close? And possible health risk to the end consumers of the vegetables that are sold in many markets within Australia. Our clean, green reputation will be lost along with markets both in Australia and overseas. They are not considering the impact on the area with loss of income for vegetable farmers if the crops are devalued by contamination. The mine proponents are only interested in the mine as a money making venture for their company without regard for the impact it will have on the local economy. Once they have their profit will they care about the tailings and other dumps that will be left behind? Have the mine proponents considered times when the water situation will be restricted for the town but the mine will still be taking it's supply? The dust will contaminate the Mitchell River and the Woodglan Reservoir which is the source of water supply for the East Gippsland Shire. It is unacceptable that Kalbar may also compulsorily acquire private land for infrastructure adjoining the land they already own. I thank the Committee Members for this opportunity to make a submission. Leona Anderson Bairnsdale