

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

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**Request to be heard?:** No

**Full Name:** Grant Hine

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** I write with concern about the increasing pressure on the Mitchell river – including the proposed Kalbar mine. When making assessments of activities in silos the ability of departments to see the impacts of the collective becomes difficult and problematic. I have spent my whole life on the Mitchell River. I owned a property adjacent to the river and continue to spend much of my recreational time in and around the river. When I was a child I could catch fish to eat – now the bass I catch are deformed. I've watched farming increase its production but not lighten its impacts. Numerous species have disappeared. The lakes system's fish have all but disappeared while algal blooms have appeared. My concern rests with the existing signs of a system under stress and the potential impacts additional stressors could make. Regarding Kalbar's proposal I urge you to consider appropriate outcomes based conditions – with sufficient monitoring in place and mandatory response processes in the event of breaches. Setting the boundaries of the acceptable impacts prior to the project makes for better governance than trying to remediate past impacts.