Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee - EES

Request to be heard?: Yes

Full Name: John Paul Wheeler

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments:

Minister on Planning Victorian Government. Dear Minister, The Kalbar mineral sands project should be obviously dumped if they are considering transporting any part product by road to port, at any time, during the project. The EES is written to allow the product to be transported by rail to port and this is the only viable option for your approval. No approval for road transport of product should ever be given. I live in Sale and the thought of a B Double truck through the Main Street of town every 20 minutes, particularly from midnight to 6 am is totally unacceptable. The details are lost in the hundreds of pages of text but without doubt the townships of Stratford, Sale, Rosedale and Yarram, and the 100s of kms of people along the way, will notice this operation from the first day it starts. It will be hated. There is no noise or vibration effects study of this road option anywhere in the EES. It only considers mine site considerations for noise and vibration. There is only one or two B double trucks that go through Sale in the sleeping hours on the approved b double road presently. There noise can be heard for a couple of kilometres on either side of the road in the night. If you want to wake the fast portion of Gippsland residents, and keep them awake, then ignore my submission. The project will be hated by the Gippsland community from day 1. The installation of signs to advise truck drivers not to use engine brakes is no solution to the noise and vibration problem that the Gippsland towns and people of Gippsland will face if you allow road transport options with this project. In conclusion, please only consider this proposal and any further application from this industry, if they can deliver their product through rail operations fully. The industry can have a happy viable future in the Gippsland community if you take this important step now, at the industry's inception. Yours Sincerely John Wheeler. BEconomics, Gd Dip Ed.