
Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property: [REDACTED]

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I object to the mineral sands mine on the grounds that it is so close to Mitchell River and prime, productive agricultural land. Runoff would compromise the health of the river as well as impacts on the crops, fishing, agriculture, the health of the Ramsar listed Gippsland Lakes. The destruction of the long standing vegetable producing farms in the valley as a result of dust and run off pollution is a very real threat to the livelihood of in excess of 2,000 workers. The Mitchell River is the lifeblood of the valley and the need for the proposed mine to access vast amounts of water is also a threat to current horticulture reliant on irrigation. There will be a tailings dam nearly 1 square km in size. It will contain mine tailings waste and flocculants which have warnings on safety data sheets about being harmful to aquatic life. The failure of tailings dams in extreme weather conditions becoming more regular, due to climate change, is a very real threat to waterways, farmland and local residents. There is a very strong tourism industry reliant on a healthy environment already in the area and to put this at risk for a few mining jobs is a folly indeed. Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are likely to be present and will be impacted. With the current publicity surrounding the wanton destruction of cultural sites by the mining industry this should be of huge concern to the proponents of the mine. Further desecration would seem unavoidable . It would appear the rights of residents to a healthy livable environment have been completely overlooked. The dust and noise created will be a huge impact on their wellbeing as would have the unrelenting stress of the battle to save their home place from the invasion of this toxic industry. This industry has no place in what is know as a clean green food bowl and a popular tourist destination. .