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Request to be heard?: Yes

**Full Name:** Eva Joy Banks

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:** [REDACTED]

**Attachment 1:** Eva\_Submission.p

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission about the EES for the fingerboards mineral sands mine project and I am strongly opposed to such an undertaking. I have many concerns about the proposed mine. I chose to move to East Gippsland in 2007 after traveling from South Gippsland regularly and falling in love with the area. The natural beauty is what I fell for, the lakes with there RAMSAR listed silt jetties, stunning beaches, diverse national parks and rich/ productive agricultural land. Our two major industries in East Gippsland are tourism and agriculture and I fear that is a massive oversight and lack of duty of care to the local community to even consider such a project that unlike our current industries is not sustainable. If for example our fish stocks were negatively effected by toxic run off the impact would be: less tourists to visit the area, The fishing industry wouldn't cope and local residents that recreation fish will become saddened. How dose "trying" a mine with a short life span and with so many unknowns financially and environmentally a sensible idea to even consider if it posses any risks to industry that already exists and runs well. My family and I live 2.5 km from the proposed site, we 100% rely on rainwater from our roof run off and we have farm country. If our water or land gets contaminated in any way by toxic dust, we along with all our neighbors will become income-less and displaced in the long term. From my statements its clear that there are many concerns/ unknowns about the proposed mine. While this is lingering all of us are psychologically affected in a negative way. Our life, family history, future and community revolve on this land. Just image how that feels if everything you know, take care of and see for the future may be taken away for outside investment. A sand mine just simply does not belong in the area, we have everything we need here, and we don't need jobs (we work) or disruption. Regards Eva Bank Iguana Creek

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