

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:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached Submission

Dear inquiry and advisory committee members,

I am writing this submission about the EES for the proposed fingerboards mineral sands mine.

I strongly oppose this mine for the reasons outlined below.

I have lived and worked in this area for over forty years.

This proposed mine is very close to important, productive and intensively farmed agricultural areas producing clean edible crops. In my opinion the risk of wind drifted contaminated mine dust over these agricultural areas is unacceptable.

The proposed tailings dam is at risk of overflow when east Gippsland has one of it's notorious wet years, with contaminated mine waste overflowing into the Mitchell river (an important source of irrigation water for the farms) and then on into our beautiful Gippsland lakes (a hugely popular recreational fishing area) and then out into Bass strait into the commercial fishing areas.

Water use by the proposed mine would be better directed to agricultural use to support productive, sustainable farming. Our Lindenow flats is well regarded for it's clean fresh produce.

I find it unacceptable for there to be compulsory land acquisition for associated infrastructure which is outside of the proposed mine boundary.

I would like to thank the panel members for the opportunity to make a submission and look forward to a clean, sustainable future for east Gippsland.

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