Submission Cover Sheet

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Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee - EES

Request to be heard?: No - but please email me a copy of the

Timetable and any Directions

Full Name: Krista Recsei

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments:

I am writing to object to the development of this mine. There are many potentially devastating impacts on the local environment and agriculture. This mine is dangerously close to the Mitchell River, meaning any runoff could contaminate it. Furthermore, the mine will be incredibly water hungry, potentially threatening the health of the river and surrounding wetlands, and limiting local areas' water supply. The ongoing scandal around the management of the Murray Darling is a strong reminder of the importance of healthy river systems and the impact of mismanagement. There is also potential for pollution via the air, as Kalbar's geochemistry report states carcinogenic substances will be present in the dust generated by the mine. This could harm wildlife as well as members of the local community. Furthermore, it could contaminate farmers' produce, ruining the livelihoods of up to 2,000 people. Farmers and rural communities across Australia are already doing it tough. Adding a mine like this, run by an inexperienced operator, has a high chance of exacerbating the challenges they face. Funding agriculture or alternative, environmentally friendly projects would be a better investment for the future.