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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** Christine Johnston

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**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 of which I strongly object to. This mine would be located on prime agricultural land. Many families live, work and farm here. There is an unacceptable risk of future health issues such as lung diseases from Respirable Siclica and the dust being dispersed into the environment to settle in water tanks, which most farms in the area rely on for their drinking water. I live 30 kms away and are worried about my drinking water which I source from tanks. The dust settling on the vegetable growing areas situated 500m down wind would put at risk this valuable industry. I myself have spoken with Green grocers in the Bairnsdale and Sale area stating that I would not be purchasing the vegetables if sourced from the Lindenow Flats if this mine were to go ahead. I am extremely concerned at the amount of water that will be used, 3GL. There will be a impact on the bores, aquifers and the Mitchell River. The vegetable growing flats have in the past been put on water restrictions as have the townships close by. The possible contamination of the Mitchell and Perry Rivers through leaching from the near 1 square km tailings dam is a credible risk. The fact that the EES does not contain details for the construction of this dam is extremely concerning. The flora and fauna that will be lost is still unknown. I am saddened by the loss right across Gippsland of the stately old Redgums, of which there are a great many on the planned mine site. The area has a scenic outlook that enhances the feeling of tranquillity when driving through it and the outlook could never be replaced once disturbed by having a mine situated on it. It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for water pipelines, bore pumps, bore field, roadworks, new power lines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal.