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Timetable and any Directions

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Organisation:

Affected property:

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Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission to strongly oppose the Fingerboards Mineral Sand project. I live in Walpa approximately 8 Kilometres from the Proposed mine. I have lived here for 38 years and during that time have observed the weather patterns . One of my concerns is that the radioactive dust being mined will blow onto the Vegetable, Beef and Dairy farms and also into the Mitchell River which then flows into Gippsland Lakes. Most of our strong winds come from the Westerly direction and dust is often seen blowing up the valley during these strong gale force wind days. Even if the farmers are watering the dust can still be seen rising. How disturbing would this be if the mineral dust could be carried onto the flats. The proposed mine is on hill country which often has stronger winds than the flats. The water storage dam for Bairnsdale and surrounding communities is also at risk from contamination as it is near by. Also many people rely on tank water which would also could become contaminated as could animals water troughs .

The tailings dam is also a concern especially if there is a flood . I recall the flood in April 1990 where gully's, creeks and tributaries that hadn't run for years ran straight into the Mitchell River . I'm concerned that tailings waste and flocculants would leach into the aquifers and river flats if such a flood happened. The dam that is to be built to process the mine to control the dust will also use precious water, that is needed by the horticulture industry to grow crops which are worth approximately \$150 million year and employs around 1,500 workers. There are farms and communities that live very close to the proposed Mine , their health and the health of the environment is a major concern. Noise from the mine will disrupt the natural serenity of the area. We are always promoting this area and The Gippsland Lakes as a tourist area. Tourists will not want to come here if such a mine is allowed to go ahead. People are very aware of the need for a green, clean environment. I fear the days of this our beautiful Lindenow area will disappear and so will our thriving horticulture industry. Finally it is a major concern that the compulsory acquisition of private land to be used for the mine for infrastructure that is located outside of the mining project boundary is able to take place. How come this was not part of the mine project.? Why isn't this a matter for the East Gippsland shire Council to determine? Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a submission and I implore you for the sake of the lively hood and health of this wonderful Lindenow and District community that the mine will not go ahead. Jennifer Woodward