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

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Attachment 3:

Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands project. I strongly oppose this mine for the reasons outlined below. I have lived in this beautiful region for 30 years and am raising my 4 children to appreciate the beauty and diversity of this areas rivers, lakes, streams, national parks, forests, wetlands and beaches. With the proposed mine covering around 1675 hectares and 45 metres deep, I am very concerned about the damage and potential health risks to our community. This mine will be located only 350 metres from the Mitchell river which flows into our already struggling lakes. Flocculants could be released into our water sources harming aquatic life. The regions domestic and commercial water supply is also at major risk of contamination being only 3.5 kms down wind from the mine. Residents with tank water are also at risk. Over 3 BILLION litres of water will be required every year for the life of the mine (up to 20 years) for processing and controlling the dust. Imagine the disastrous impact this will have on the rivers, aquifers and bores. Even using this amount of water, the dust cannot be controlled and the health risks from radioactive substances and silica being mined and crushed into far travelling dust will add the burdon of lung disease and cancer. The panel has a duty of care to residents as this mine could pose very serious health risks as its location is too close to where people live, work, attend school, play and farm. The vegetable industry only 500 metres downwind from the mine produces 30 to 40 per cent of the vegies in Melbourne and employs around 1,500 workers on the Lindenow flats. Our clean image will be destroyed along with these jobs and damage to the area. I am also concerned about the impact on our beautiful well known areas such as The Den of Nargun and parks in the area. These places of beauty and Aboriginal cultural heritage are in danger as they are all too close to the location of this mine. Fauna and Flora species will be threatened. Tourism will be impacted as who will want to come to the area when there is noise, dust, pollution and habitat destruction that will affect the beautiful lakes and rivers we now have? The landscape of the area will never be replaced or repaired. My teenage children are very concerned and are talking about leaving this area that has always been their home if the mine is allowed to go ahead. We cannot allow a company with no previous mining experience to come in and destroy our beautiful area and lifestyles. It is an environmental disaster in the making and absolutely an unacceptable location for a mine of this size. The world is at a tipping point and it is vital that we protect the rare and beautiful areas that we have left. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns. Jennifer Wagner.