
Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Helen Taylor

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee Members I am writing this submission in response to the Environmental Effect Statement (EES) for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project. My family and I live at the western end of Lindenow; less than 5km from the proposed mine site. Our house is on an escarpment, overlooking vegetable farms on the Mitchell River flood plains. When it is windy, topsoil and dust blows in from the west, along the river corridor, across the floodplains, the crops and our house. Any dust generated from the mine will essentially end up in my backyard. I have serious concerns about the amount of dust the mining operation will generate and the contents of that dust. I understand it will contain heavy metals and other contaminants. I don't want this mine spreading toxic dust through my neighbourhood and I don't believe Kalbar will be able to contain the dust. Mines are well known for failing to meet their agreed operating standards. For example, a BHP Newman iron ore mine in Western Australia has so far breached the environmental conditions of its licence 45 times in relation to dust levels (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-10-12/dust-levels-bhp-newman-iron-ore-mine-exceed-licence-limit/12732272>). I doubt I can continue to live here if the mine goes ahead, but at least I have a choice; I believe some people will lose their properties under compulsory acquisition. This is a proud and historical farming community and to force people to give up their land to allow for mining infrastructure is disgraceful and unacceptable. I strongly believe this mining project will be a disaster for the physical and social health of our community. Thank you for the opportunity to write this submission. Helen Taylor