
Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Comments: I'm a young woman currently living in Melbourne, but spent a lot of my childhood in East Gippsland and the surrounds, where my step-father's extended family live. My uncle, his brother, is a cattle farmer in the area. I have fond memories of weekends on the Gippsland lakes and on the farm, and remember how crisp and clean the air felt as a kid coming up from Melbourne. How beautiful the lakes were, and still are, and how pristine the valley was. East Gippsland is such a treasure, and its popularity as a tourism industry only goes to show how many Victorians and Australians appreciate the clean and pure landscapes of the region. Too often in modern Australian history have we chosen extractive, destructive and short-term investments, over industries that support our economy, our people and the very land that sustains us. It has to stop - for the sake of our economy, our health, our water. There is no economic argument for the mine when you consider the impact that it will have on the surrounding economies (agriculture & tourism just to name two that will be the worst affected). There is no argument that this will support our people when you consider the mine's impact on air quality & respiratory health, that the mine will destroy more jobs than it creates and that the rehabilitation process for mining projects is rarely completed, leaving the region and the people that live there, far worse off than before the project was started. This project will have devastating consequences for the surrounding farmers, whose high quality crops and livestock will suffer immensely from the dust contamination that will travel from the mine, which is to be located only 500m from the Mitchell Valley. Enough is enough - we need to start prioritising those industries such as agriculture that support and sustain our country already and will continue to do so in the future, rather than digging up our country looking for wealth that we already have around us.