

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** David Ellingsen

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** As a resident of Bruthen I am writing to voice my opposition to the Kalbar Mine Project, I believe that this mine will have serious adverse impacts on the environment and the health of local residents. The area to be mined, without doubt will cause problems for the large vegetable growing industry, an industry employing many people on an ongoing basis, and tourism dollars, not short term as mining will do. Climate change is going to result in more severe droughts, more severe rain events, the mine will restrict the amount of water available to the growers during drought and with a rain event, the land stripped of its vegetation will erode and contaminate our pristine river. Other problems will include wind blown dust (possibly radio active). Chemicals used during processing, noise ongoing 24/7, contamination of underground water, destruction of many mature trees. I could go on, but I truly believe that the long term damage that this mine will inflict on our area is not a risk we should take for a short term benefit. It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for : water pipelines, bore pumps, bore field, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal. Why isn't this part of the mine project area? Why isn't this a matter for the EG Shire Council to determine. Thank you for considering my submission David Ellingsen