Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee - EES

	Request to be heard?: No - but please email me a copy of the Timetable and any Directions
Full Name:	Jessica Taberner
Organisation:	
Affected property:	
Attachment 1:	
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Comments:	I stand in opposition to the proposal of the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project. The environmental risks associated with the mine are potentially devastating not only to the nearby communities, but the large local centre of Bairnsdale and the towns that access water supplies from the Mitchell River. It has been proven that wind directions tend to blow dust from the mines proposed location into these communities - once contaminated with poisonous contents from the mine, this dust poses countless health risks to locals. These poisonous elements also run the risk of infecting our local water supplies, infecting the land and livestock where people irrigate, where people fish, where our local fauna drink from. Further to this, the mine plans to use an enormous amount of water to run the mine - water taken from our drought stricken farmers and from our thirsty wildlife. Water is a lifeline to regional communities, and with the growing impacts from climate change, is a vital necessity to ensure long term sustainability in our regions. I also have a personal connection to the area, having grown up in Bairnsdale & spending most of my time at my close friends family farm in Glenaladale. This mine would destroy the farm, along with generations of memories & local history. To see this beautiful area and beyond, decimated by this ill considered mine breaks my heart. There has to be an alternative. There is so much more this land could offer if the select few in it to make money could just pause and reflect.

