

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1: kalbarmine.docx

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

Date 28/10/20

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members,

I am writing in response to the EES conducted by Kalbar for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project. While I might not live close by, I am passionate about preserving our environment, and the health and safety of all humans and animals that will be affected by this mine.

Below I have listed some of the many reasons why I do not believe the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project should go ahead at Glenaladale, East Gippsland:

- Removal of over 700 large mature trees is unacceptable. This is a huge impact on flora and fauna species that are already threatened.
- There will be a tailings dam 90 hectares in size (nearly 1 square km). It will contain mine tailings waste and flocculants which have warnings on safety data sheets about being harmful to aquatic life.
- Kalbar's geochemistry report lists several radioactive and cancer-causing substances that will be present in the dust generated. Dust can travel far so this potentially could affect the entire district. The mine is too close to where many families live, farm, work and go to school, it is a highly inappropriate area.
- Unknown Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are stated as being highly likely to be present and will be impacted. Given the massive excavation down to 45m, it will be impossible to avoid destruction of artefacts and heritage. Mitigation measures will not avoid the obliteration of cultural heritage. We CANNOT keep destroying our indigenous people's history.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours sincerely,

Lara Appudurai