

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: Yes

Full Name: Laura McCarthy

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I grew up in East Gippsland and I am deeply concerned about the proposed mineral sands project. The unique beauty and diversity of East Gippsland should be protected to the highest degree. The project poses risks that are not worth the projected resource outcomes or profit. By allowing this mine, we risk contamination through runoff of important river and lake systems, including drinking water and agriculture. Water is already a limited resource and a demand of 3 billion litres of water is both unreasonable and untenable. The bushfires of summer 2019/2020 significantly impacted the biodiversity, economy and human life of the region. Elements of the project, such as the proposed removal of 700 mature trees, show a disregard for the ongoing health of the area. We can not allow any projects that could further harm the life of East Gippsland. I respectfully request that the committee deny Kalbar Operations proposal.