
Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Attachment 3:

Comments: I am writing this submission in response to the EES statement to express my utter disappointment and extreme concern for the proposed development of Kalbar's mineral sands mine at the Fingerboards in the rural area of Glenaladale and Lindenow. To go ahead with the construction of such a mine would have disastrous and long term negative economic and environmental impacts for the whole region. The Bairnsdale area's economy and employment is built on farming, vegetable growing and tourism and associated business that support these industries. All stand to lose out considerably if Kalbars Minerals Sands mine goes ahead. Sadly the fabric of the community will be destroyed. Dust contamination and megalitres of water required by Kalbar for the processing of mineral sands would have disastrous consequences for the productive farms that surround the mine as well as, the thriving vegetable growing industry just downwind of the mine. Dust contamination of the Mitchell River has long term consequences for aquatic life, recreational fishing and of course subsequent impacts on tourism. The area has experienced severe drought in recent years with water restrictions imposed for the Bairnsdale region during the 2019 & 2020 summer. With the increasing effects of climate change on our dwindling water resources and restrictive usage of water at certain times of the year it is unbelievable and incredible to even suggest that our community resources can support the water requirements of a mineral sands mine! And at whose expense? Mining companies worldwide have a disastrous reputation for rehabilitating the mine post production no matter how much reassurance is initially given....Will Kalbar just be another mining company that leaves a a blight on the landscape? Who regulates this to ensure all guarantees are honoured? I am not against mineral sands mining. Surely there must be remote places in Australia that offer the same resources minus the impact on a community. However I am TOTALLY opposed to the proposed Kalbar mine being developed at the Fingerboards.