

Request to be heard?: No - but please email me a copy of the
Timetable and any Directions

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Comments: Dear Advisory Committee members, I hold grave concerns about the veracity & adequacy of the EES for the proposed Fingerboards Mineral Sands project. There seem to be major omissions, as the Technical Reference Group lacks any consultation with: community representatives public health experts specialists in agriculture or horticulture experts in technical or disaster management experts in aquatic life or tourism I have lived and worked in this area over a number of years & I keep returning with family & friends to visit and enjoy holidays, in this and surrounding areas. The market gardens of Lindenow are 500m away. The Woodglen Reservoir is 3.5m downwind from the mine & supplies the whole shire. It is not possible to prevent contamination from the tailing dam to waterways during flooding. There is no history in Australia of this type of mine being successfully rehabilitated, The contamination of silica dust & radioactive dust and the burden of disease on the whole community is totally unacceptable for respiratory impacts & cancer risks. Additionally there is a community living close by who will be adversely affected by the noise contamination of mining operations 24/7. The sacred & significant Aboriginal sites & creation story of the Den of Nargun near by will also be impacted. The economics are woefully short sighted. The horticulture alone over the life of the mine represent \$4 billion, yet the mine is estimated to generate \$1.4 billion in total at net Present value. The threat to local wildlife, biodiversity, loss of 700 trees, the very high likely hood of contamination of waterways from radioactive dust, during the crushing of minerals, transportation & leeching of tailings dam is unacceptable. The Perry river system beside the mine is connected to the Avon river, which drains into Lake Wellington & thus into the Gippsland Lakes. This unique wetlands, is prized as a breeding ground for birds, its' aquatic life, recreation & tourism. At a time when clean & healthy food production is ever more important & valued by consumers & export markets, it is beyond understanding that this mining proposal could be considered when it so clearly threatens significant & lasting contamination to these pre-existing industries! Principles of sustainability, regenerative farming and healthy waterways are not compatible with a mine of this nature adjacent to food production & other grazing near by. It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is outside the 13m square mining project boundary, for water pipelines, bore pumps, bore field, roadworks, new power lines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal. Why wasn't this part of the mine project area. How can this occur without consultation with the EG Shire Council? Does this comply with the legitimate Planning legislation ? Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission about such an important decision for your consideration.