
Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project which I am strongly opposed to. I have lived in the area for more than 40 years and my husband more than 60 years. We have brought up 3 children here in the beautiful environment that has given us fresh, clean air and a relatively safe place to enjoy family experiences over the years. We also have operated a sheep and cattle farming business in that time, our livestock also having benefitted from fresh, clean air. This is now all being put at risk by the proposal to mine sands nearby. There are many reasons why the project should not proceed: 1. We have concerns that dust from the proposed mine which will travel, will potentially pose severe health risk to not only people who live nearby but also affect livestock. It will also potentially affect our drinking water as we rely on tank water. 2. The Lindenow Valley which is only a short distance away, is a substantial 'food bowl' producing high quality vegetables that are distributed to all parts of Australia. This produce will also be affected/contaminated by the dust produced by the mine. As well as health concerns, there is the possibility that many farmers in the valley will cease to operate due to contamination of their produce, affecting the jobs of many people. 3. The noise from operating a mine will be heard by all those who are close to the area, and on windy days will carry for several kilometres. 4. The iconic Mitchell River being nearby which is used to water the vegetable crops will also be contaminated, affecting the quality of the vegetables. 5. Much water (over 3 billion litres annually) will be required to operate the project. This will potentially impact bores and aquifers in the area, putting at risk the availability of water to neighbouring farmers, hence jeopardising their livelihoods. 6. Native fauna and flora will also be affected, as there will be much removal of trees nearby which provide habitat to many native fauna species. 7. Compulsory acquisition of private land for mine infrastructure is totally unacceptable. This should have been part of the proposed mine project. This should also be a matter for the East Gippsland shire to decide. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this proposal. Maria Beasley