

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Catherine Winzer

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I am totally opposed to this planned mineral sands mine and the effect it could have on my local area, my home. Some of the huge trigger points are that it's 500 metres from Victoria's food bowl & organic food supplies, close enough for radio active dust to fall on crops the food you and I eat. After over 3 years of drought the thought of the mine wasting 3 billion litres of water a year staggers me, a lot of it spread on roads for dust suppression! The mine is 500 metres from my precious Mitchell River which flows through the thousands of years old Silt Jetties into the Ramsay Convention protected Gippsland Lakes system where I live, where we've been trying to protect the quality of the water & stopping commercial fishing for the health of the Lakes. What really makes me cry is the thought of 700 old growth trees and native grasslands being cut down when we've lost so much of our forests. Habitat for animals, birds & insects. The rich history of the local Gunnai-Kurnai people is under threat of being wiped out, the magical Den of Nargun on the Mitchell River, a site of Indigenous historical importance for the women over the centuries. Why are governments trying to destroy these precious places, nature, forests, waterways and Indigenous history and the very food we eat? I despair of what kind of country we're leaving for our children & grandchildren where nature is destroyed for greed and power. I don't believe this mine will create jobs in this area, I believe it would be better to create more jobs through tourism in our currently beautiful area. Please don't destroy our precious area by granting this 13sq kms mineral sands mine the go ahead. The thought of it is soul destroying. Please STOP KALBAR