## **Submission Cover Sheet**

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Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee - EES

Request to be heard?: No

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**Organisation:** 

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

**Comments:** 

The older I get, the more I know that we must respect the natural world. We live on this planet at the mercy of Mother Nature and up until now, we have pretty much acted like vandals - raping and pillaging the land for our financial gain. IF the mineral sands project could be conducted without any impact on the surrounding land, or indeed to be beneficial to the land, I would have no objection to it ... but it WILL have a dreadful impact, which makes it entirely undesirable as a source of income to anyone. East Gippsland has a magnificent coastline and waterways which demand protection from any mining which will bring degradation to its pristine waters. The time has passed for us humans to view the planet as a source of revenue. live on it, add to it, cultivate it, enhance it, love it and nurture it but we must not extract from it, churn it up, explode it, exploit it. If we have learned anything from 2020, it's that 'nature' has a way of slapping us across the face and reminding us that we are upstarts when it comes to being 'controllers' of the planet. We are 'guests' here, not owners and as such we are required to be more respectful of our host - the planet. Please do not approve of this mining project. "The journey of a thousand miles, begins with one step." You have the power to be the entity to decide what direction that journey takes. May your 'best selves' guide you in your deliberations. Yours sincerely, Cheryl Long Lakes Entrance