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Request to be heard?: No

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**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on this matter. It is inconceivable that any authority would permit this proposal to go ahead. It would be more environmentally friendly and logical to place the mine in the middle of Melbourne, as then it couldn't risk negatively impacting the numerous, established, multi-million dollar farming enterprises in and around the proposed mine site that help us all live by supplying us with food. Nor it would risk affecting harmfully an adjacent (and mercifully unburned) national park that contains the last major, undammed river in the state. But all of that ignores a very salient point; the amount of water that the mine requires to operate. In a drying climate, in an area that's lucky to get it's yearly average rainfall of 625mm and seems to be increasingly prone to drought conditions, the idea that you would approve a mine requiring massive amounts of water is obscene and turns logic completely upside down. No one, I suspect, would care too much if this mine was in the middle of nowhere, like some desert out west. But it isn't. It is proposed for an area that is already settled, farmed, and cared for. Where real people live, and grow the food that we all depend on, next door to an amazing environmental asset (Mitchell River Nat Park) for all Victorians to enjoy. Why would anyone even contemplate putting all that in jeopardy, just to engorge the coffers of a foreign-owned business whose claim that all will be well and the site completely rehabilitated afterwards is another way of saying, "She'll be right, mate; you can trust us - honestly". I urge that this proposal of Kalbar is rejected. Thank you. Paul Harvey