

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Organisation:

Affected property:

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Comments: See attached submission

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members,

I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project as I strongly oppose to the mine due to the reasons outlined below.

I grew up in Woodglen and this is something I will cherish for the rest of my life. Growing up here taught me valuable lessons of independence, hard work, resilience and a care for the land and animals. I attended Woodglen Primary School from 1998-2005, where each morning I would wake up at 6am to feed and raise potty calves, then from prep onwards would ride my horse to school – along with some of my 15 other classmates. This is something I took for granted all those years ago, but now I realise how special it was to live this life. I now live in Melbourne and those skills I acquired at 6 years old have led me to live a life that cares for the environment, is not afraid of hardwork and is an independent female in today's society.

I do everything I can to limit waste and care for the environment – recycle, reuse, buy second hand. Although it seems all my efforts will not make a dint in the environmental impact that this open cut mine will have. A mine which will require 3 billion litres of water annually for 15 years – in an area which is prone to drought? It baffles me. Not to mention the dust contamination to the Woodglen Reservoir where domestic and commercial water is stored only a short 3.5kms away and those who are on tank water will also at risk of contamination due to water coming from the Mitchell River. A mine that will turn the beautiful green farming land into one huge dust bowl – the contamination of our waterways from the dust will serve a serious health concern to the community, there is a duty of care not to add to the cancer burden. Not to mention the respiratory illnesses that the locals will acquire from being so close to this devastating mine. The agricultural farm land in the Lindenow Valley, which is predominately vegetable farming is 500m downwind from the mine. The thought of the contamination from the dust to the vegetables is concerning. Will there be financial losses for the region? When coming back to the local area from Melbourne, the things I look forward to the most are the freshness in the air, no pollution or smog, the fresh and clean drinking water and having access to the local produce – will all of this end if the proposed mine goes ahead?

It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for: water pipelines, bore pumps, bore field, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal. Why wasn't this part of the mine project area? Why isn't this a matter for the EG Shire Council to determine?

Thank you to the Panel members for the opportunity to write this submission.

Kind regards,

Rhiannon Pincott