## Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee - EES

Request to be heard?: No - but please email me a copy of the

Timetable and any Directions

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

**Comments:** 

The health of Gippsland residents should come before ANY enterprise. Kalbar's geochemistry report lists a number of radioactive and cancer-causing substances that will be present in the dust generated. Dust can travel far so this potentially could effect the entire district. The mine is too close to where many families live, farm, work and go to school, it is a highly inappropriate area. The \$155M/year Mitchell River Valley vegetable industry that employs up to 2,000 people is as close as 500m downwind from the mine. Will any farmers be able to sell their crops, meat or live stock if their produce is contaminated and they are known to be in a toxic mining area? The answer is most likely a NO. I run an Organic food shop in the area and buy locally produced food. I will not be able to do so from this area if the mine goes ahead. Tourists to the area always request locally produced food and goods as a part of their experience to the area. If I can't supply that due to the mine and it's pollution, it will be another nail in the coffin of East Gippsland.