
Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Attachment 3:

Comments: I request that the Minister not issue a mining licence at Glenaladale due to the negative impacts on existing sustainable industries and businesses, and the potential negative impacts on waterways that will result if the proposed mine proceeds. The Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project EES is a very lengthy, lay person unfriendly, document that has been reportedly organized by the potential users of the land and so must come under some type of conflict of interest. I am not opposed to mining however this mine is in a built up area adjacent to our water supply and our vegetable farms. It will reportedly cause the loss of much aboriginal heritage. There are more long term jobs in the agricultural/food processing and tourism industries that already provide more economic and social benefit to our region than the relatively small number of short term jobs and huge profits for overseas mine investors. Existing infrastructure, including the proposed trucking route, is reportedly inadequate to support such a development. Informed Public discussion reports that the mine will not be able to control the dust which science says will be toxic, emitting carcinogens, as well as silica a cause of respiratory disease. Farmers hard won lifestyle will be under threat and they reportedly will not have control over their, what could be, worthless land. Mine, truck transportation noise, and toxic dust may force many Australian farmers to leave their homes. In times of drought our community have water restrictions imposed and now it is mooted to construct a mine that requires a large quantity of the Mitchell River water which will put our communities water availability under threat. The beautiful Lindenow Valley is a large Australian producer of vegetables that has numerous sheep and cattle properties. This is no place for a toxic dirty mine; we must give of our community a safe and sustainable future. This year fire has ravaged our drought affected community, and my house was burnt to the ground. My power and water was cut. Had I not evacuated I would not have had access to water to defend my property. And now the Fingerboard Mineral Sands Mine is proposing to further use our valuable water supply that is inadequate to accommodate mass water reliant industry area expansion. Toxic dust and mine affected ground water reportedly will contaminate our beautiful Gippsland Lakes. I request that East Gippsland remain untouched and beautiful free from activities that will threaten our area. I wholeheartedly support the heard working Stop Kalbar Group who are passionate to keep their family farms and community free from this unsustainable mine threat.

Yours sincerely, Helen Crosby