

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

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**Request to be heard?:** No

**Full Name:** Lorraine Joan Brimblecombe

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** I have many concerns about this mining project going ahead within the East Gippsland food bowl. There is a lot at stake. East Gippsland should be capitalising on its ability to grow green, clean, vegetables and fruit. The demand for such produce is growing daily. With environmental practice concerns in some countries, and a world pandemic happening, we need to ensure this reputation remains intact, and ability to produce fresh produce of the highest standard within Victoria is maintained. My concerns include 1. The use of limited water resources and the drawing of water from underground stores for use by the mining company. The climate is changing. We have just endured a prolonged drought. We need to protect these resources rather than committing large quantities for the use by one company. 2. The likelihood of run-off from the mine entering our local river system, and the impact this could have on the the Mitchell River Silt Jetties and Gippsland Lakes. 3. The likelihood of toxic dust being carried on the wind contaminating farms in the area and impacting the health of East Gippslanders. 4. The impact of mining operations on the farmers who live in the immediate vicinity of mining operations. 5. The damage to the reputation of "clean, green" farming production. 6. The level of sustained local community opposition to this project is alarming. Concerns of residents of East Gippsland and the local farming community of the effects of this proposal should be of a high importance when considering this application.