Submission Cover Sheet

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
Full Name:	Gretta Anderson
Organisation:	
Affected property:	
Attachment 1:	
Attachment 2:	
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Comments:	To Whom it May Concern, PLEASE do not allow the creation of this open-cut mineral sands mine at the Fingerboards to go ahead! If you have spent any time in this beautiful area, you will understand that not only is it an ESSENTIAL food source for Victoria, but it is the home of not only human beings whose health and home will be detrimentally affected by the effects of this toxic, environmentally unsound mine but also one of the only safe breeding grounds for our Indigenous mammal, the platypus. As well as the above, the Mitchell river flats which will be pillaged beyond repair, despite Kalbar's promises of "rebuilding" (how can any human re-make nature???), the Mitchell river itself is in grave danger for, the on-site chemical treatment "settling ponds" have proven multiple times to be faulty and unreliable. Should these "ponds" leak into the river (as proven to have done many times before in many countries) or there be a flood (a common occurrence on the river flats) then this deadly and toxic chemical will be spilled into the Mitchell river, contaminating it and poisoning humans, animals and an essential life source (water! Which is in high demand in drought stricken Australia in case that has been forgotten). Would you want to be responsible for that? In this present day of the covid-19 pandemic and the knowledge we all have at our fingertips of our environment and the desperate steps WE ALL need to take to do everything we can to protect it, it is an absolute disgrace to think that an extremely important area in Australia is under threat for (to be blunt) the making of a quick dollar! And for what? To be exported no less! Countries around the world are using this time to move towards a cleaner and more sustainable world but this mine completely contradicts this action. Please, DO NOT allow this open-cut mine to go ahead. Everyone involved in allowing this to go ahead will be responsible for the devastation that it will create. Please, think of the local people, Victorias "food bowl", the essential life sust

