Submission Cover Sheet

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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 Kalbar mine is completely incompatible and inappropriate 500 metres close to

the Mitchell River. The river itself provides essential agricultural, ecological and

potable water needs. The Gippsland Lakes as a RAMSAR site

(https://www.environment.gov.au/water/wetlands/publications/gippsland-lakes-ramsar-site-ecd) are part of a broader strategy to make not only East Gippsland but Victoria and Australia climate-ready (https://egcma.com.au/what-we-do/) Restoring the Earth's natural carbon sponge to improve natural soil fertility and therefore water-holding capacity, reduced wildlife incidence and improved soil nutrition is also the over riding imperative that the mine would be completely at odds with and

therefore inappropriate.