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

Full Name: Leonie Phelan

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments:

I strongly oppose the fingerboards mineral sands project because I am concerned that the EES has not sufficiently addressed the effects that this will have on Lindenow and its surrounds. Prior to purchasing a property in Lindenow, 2.5 years ago, I checked the Lindenow and District Community plan where I found no mention of a proposed mine. This is not the type of activity that sits well with our already well established vegetable and agricultural businesses. My grandchildren live and school in Lindenow and would be potentially effected by dust, containing airborne carcinogens, that could blow over them and their school. It is well documented that with the right conditions dust can travel hundreds of kilometres. This respirable silica dust would settle on the well established vegetables that are grown a short 500 metres from the mine. The committee members have a duty of care to us, the residents, to protect us from these air borne carcinogens. Why is the committee considering allowing compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine infrastructure? Surely, this should be at the discretion of the East Gippsland Shire. Landholders may not wish to support the mine by allowing portion of their farm to be taken over. I thank the panel for allowing me to make a submission. Leonie Phelan