## **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: Teandra Pratt

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

**Comments:** 

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing as a response to the EES conducted by Kalbar for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project. I am a young person who has lived in East Gippsland for 16 years and am very passionate about the environment and people's livelihoods in this area, I am also worried about the effects the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine will have on our beautiful region As reporting has shown us there are a numerous amounts of cancer-causing, radioactive substances that will be found in the dust generated . The mine is close to the Mitchell River Valley vegetable industry, the potential for contamination and exposure from the dust is extremely high. This would be devastating to the region and those who live and work within it. We are suffering a pandemic at the moment and the last thing we need is toxic effects on our community, it's going to be incredibly horrible, harmful and extremely inappropriate. It has high potential for damage and contamination of the Heritage listed Mitchell River and the worldrenowned Gippsland Lakes is also of concern. These beautiful rivers and lakes are a huge tourist attraction especially during summer seasons and once polluted the effects on tourism in East Gippsland would be devastating, especially for small business owners who would see no foot traffic and locals no longer having any stores. Please consider the consequences that the mine could have for my future, my parents future, my kids future and the futures of all those who live and work within our beautiful community. Thank you for allowing me to make this submission. Yours sincerely, Teandra Pratt