

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No - but please email me a copy of the
Timetable and any Directions

Full Name: Kelsey Jane Stone

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: As someone who was born and raised in Bairnsdale and has returned to raise a family, I am opposed to this project. East Gippsland is renowned for its produce, wildlife, and pristine environments all of which are at risk if this proposed mine is to go ahead. As a health professional, I am concerned there is not enough consideration to the long-term health impacts on the residents that will only be felt long after Kalbar has made their money and left the area. I am disheartened by the lack of meaningful community consultation from Kalbar, who clearly have a predetermined view on what they want to do and are purely using community engagement as a PR exercise. The area has already faced the challenges of drought, fires, and the current pandemic. It is the state government's responsibility to protect this region from further destruction due to a small number of people seeing an opportunity for short-term profit while disregarding the long-term consequences. Therefore, I urge the state government to look past the money that Kalbar stands to make and protect the Gippsland Lakes, existing industries, and the health of the residents. Please do not approve this project.