

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Geoff and Colleen Zoch

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee Members. We are writing this submission about the EES for Fingerboards Mineral Sands mine project. We write to support a friend (6th generation family farm in the area) and strongly oppose the mine for the reasons outlined below .- The Agriculture, Horticulture and Tourism industries of East Gippsland will be adversely affected. The compulsory acquisition of good farming land (already reduced by urban spread) will take away the livelihood of many families. The Lindenow Valley supplies fresh vegetables nationwide. The contamination from dust and the reduced irrigation from the Mitchell R will endanger health, decimate the industry and lead to further loss of jobs. Tourism in East Gippsland will suffer as the Mitchell R feeds the Gippsland Lakes. The dust, less irrigation water and increase in heavy traffic will all have a detrimental effect on local flora and fauna. Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission.