

Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Attachment 3:

Comments: I was born and raised on a farm near Bairnsdale and returned to live here and raise my daughter here when she was 2, having spent nearly 20 years between studying, travelling and working as a nurse overseas and various places in Australia. I returned to East Gippsland to enable my daughter to grow up in an environment where she is surrounded by clean air, water and an abundance of opportunities to be part of a healthy, unspoilt environment. I also have learnt the benefits of living in a place where open space and opportunities to be amongst nature are easily accessible can make a difference to a communities health and wellbeing. I am strongly opposed to Kalbar's proposed mineral sands mine at Glenaladale. I feel that the risk to our waterways, the Mitchell and Perry river catchments and onwards to the Gippsland Lakes is to great. The Waterways are already under pressure from climatic changes and increased human demand. As well as the potential catastrophic effects of this mine on our precious waterways, I can't see how the allocation of water that they require for their activities can be well afforded. The risk of water contamination and competition for the vegetable farmers of the Lindenow area is also, I feel, too great to allow this mine to proceed. The risk from airborne particles will also effect the clean, green image the food grown from this area enjoys. The security of this precious food bowl should be considered far more important than that of those wishing to profit from digging up these products from the earth near The Fingerboards. The risk of airborne particles causing damage to people living in the area of the mine is not fair to them or our community. Why isn't the health of our community being regarded as of lesser import to the profits of Kalbar? My opinion is that East Gippsland is at a turning point, like all of the planet. We need to look long term at how we can sustain a healthy and prosperous community. Allowing this mine to proceed is a short term money raising exercise people mainly from outside of the community to benefit from. Kalbar and their mine isn't welcome in my community.