

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

# 659

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Request to be heard?: No

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**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** See attached submission

# EES SUBMISSION

I LIVE AT GLENALADALE, APPROXIMATELY 4.5 KM FROM THE PROPOSED MINE SITE.

I HAVE STRONG CONCERNS THAT DUST DEPOSITION FROM MINE WORKS WILL IMPACT THE QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER COLLECTED ON OUR PROPERTY, AND NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES.

THE NOISE FROM CONTINUOUS 24/7 SCRAPING AND EARTH MOVING WILL BE INTOLERABLE CAUSING SLEEP DEPRIVATION, POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH AND PROBABLE MENTAL HEALTH IMPLICATIONS. THIS WILL AFFECT THE WHOLE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

REFLECTED LIGHT WILL DESTROY THE AMBIENCE OF COUNTRY LIVING. ROAD CLOSURES, ROAD WORKS, TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS, NEW RESTRICTED SPEED ZONES AND MINE TRAFFIC WILL MAKE THE COMMUTE TO BARNSDALE CONSIDERABLY LONGER EACH WAY, IN TERMS OF TIME; AND STRESS.

AS THE LIFE OF THE PROPOSED MINE IS EXPECTED TO BE BETWEEN 15 AND TWENTY YEARS ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED BECOME A SERIOUS THREAT TO LIVING IN THE AREA.

- THE FINGERBOARDS AREA IS HIGH WIND. DUST, PROBABLY CONTAINING RESPIRABLE SILICA AND RADIONUCLIDES, WILL BE BLOWN ACROSS THE MITCHELL RIVER FLATS SERIOUSLY IMPACTING THE LIVELIHOOD OF SEVERAL AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES. THIS WILL LEAD TO CLOSURES AND UNEMPLOYMENT.
- TOURISM IN THE AREA WILL SUFFER, PARTICULARLY CYCLING EVENTS.
- HABITAT LOSS, DUE TO THE HORRIFIC BUSHFIRES OF 2019/2020 IN N.S.W. AND EAST GIPPSLAND, HAS MADE THE GLENALADALE AREA MORE IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF BIODIVERSITY.
- THE PROPOSED 90Ha TAILINGS DAM, BUILT WITH A CLAY LINER, IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN. TAILINGS DAMS HAVE A WORLD WIDE HISTORY OF EITHER LEACHING OR COLLAPSING.

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