

# 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:** William Matthew Kirkey

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project and I strongly oppose the mine. My name is William Matthew Kirkey and although I am a resident of Richmond, Victoria, I have a connection to the Gippsland Region through friends who live there as well as being a frequent visitor as a tourist. I oppose this mine due to the significant health concerns this mine will introduce, as well as the economic destruction of the existing nearby wine, produce and tourism industries it will cause. Further, the enormous amount of water required for this mine is excessive and will only lead to further water pressure in the region. Finally, the economics of supporting this mine are not justified, given the loss of jobs in sectors such as agriculture, vinard and tourism. The fact that geochemical reports have indicated radioactive and cancer-causing particles will be released in the dust generated by the mine is enough to reject this proposal. We've seen the impacts that this type of mining has on a vast community - look no further than the horrific health outcomes in Latrobe Valley for a view of whats to come if this is approved. Please do not approve this mining proposal - I strongly oppose and condemn this project.