

# 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:** Rebecca Roy

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** In 2020, I struggle to understand why such a project is even being considered. Have we learnt nothing from the past 100 or so years? We cannot continue to destroy our environment, we are actively harming the planet and our future. I grew up in Gippsland, and during my schooling, we camped and hiked along the Mitchell River. I still have incredibly strong memories of the area. The water was freezing cold, but so fresh and tasty. The bush was thick, and full of native species. The green hills, thick bush, and clear rivers are some of the most beautiful features of Gippsland. To approve this mine would be to willingly destroy the very essence of what makes Gippsland so beautiful and special. The devastation that construction will have on irreplaceable Gunnai Kurnai Aboriginal heritage is unacceptable. The removal of 700 large mature trees is unacceptable. The destruction this project will have on the Mitchell River, and the water bodies the river flows into is unacceptable. The harm this mine will cause to local flora and fauna is unacceptable. The obscene amount of water that is required by the mine to operate is unacceptable. Our water is a precious resource, and it should not be used for private companies to waste. The trauma this mine will have on the Mitchell River Valley foodbowl, as well as the local residents is unacceptable. What is the point of this mine other than to destroy the environment? No amount of money or jobs can justify this destruction.