

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** Kate Noble

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** I grew up in East Gippsland and my parents and many members of my family are still resident there. I and many of my peers have a strong connection to this country that is grounded in its natural beauty, which is of course also a drawcard for visitors. We also grew up not far from an open cut mine at Hazelwood, that scars the land and despite no longer being operational, will do so for years to come. The proposed Fingerboards mine would inevitably do the same in East Gippsland. I object to the proposal on the grounds that it will damage the natural environment and impact negatively on local communities, potentially including damaging effects on local agriculture. These communities have and are enduring hardship related to bushfire recovery and drought. Strong voices from those communities are telling us that an open cut mine is exactly what they don't need.