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Request to be heard?: No

**Full Name:** Anna Mornane

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing in response to the EES conducted by Kalbar to express my concern in regard to the proposed open cut mineral sand mine in East Gippsland. As you all know, this mine will create a dangerous presence of cancer-causing substances, in the form of dust which will be able to freely travel and may affect the entire region, therefore families, schools, workplaces, local farms and communities will all be significantly impacted. I urge you to consider what you would do if it was your child attending school or your family living within the area of the mine, would you still allow it to go ahead even if it may risk your child, or any other family member getting cancer? This mine will not only impact the town of Lindenow, but also Bairnsdale and surrounding areas. I have two siblings who attend High School within the 20km radius of the mine and how this idea was even allowed to be proposed is simply appalling. How can the health and wellbeing of any individual be allowed to be put at risk? Especially as Kalbar Operations Pty Ltd are a company with zero experience in such mining operations. There are unknown Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites that could be destroyed by the mine, along with our rivers and the Gippsland Lakes. Fishing is a crucial part of East Gippsland that could potentially be wiped out. I have grown up on the Gippsland Lakes and am very proud of where I live and would hate to see the consequences of this mine. The Kalbar mine may potentially lead to job losses not only in the fishing industry, but also in tourism and agriculture. Therefore Kalbar's proposed creation of 200 jobs over 20 years could easily be counteracted by potential job losses for 200 people in other industries as a result of the mine going ahead. I urge you all to listen to the people of East Gippsland and encourage that this project be scrapped for the benefit of our region. I appreciate the opportunity to make this submission, Yours sincerely, Anna Mornane