
Request to be heard?: Yes

Full Name: Katie Wust

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1: Burrunan_Dolphin

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Thank you for accepting my submission. I strongly oppose the Kalbar mine for many reasons. The two most significant reasons however, are in relation to the intention of Kalbar to desecrate and destroy significant amounts of cultural heritage, sacred land belonging to the true, original owners of Australia, in addition to the impact of toxic particles entering the rivers and waterways of which endangered species such as the Burrunan Dolphins (protected under law) swim. I have attached a document containing screenshots with evidence of the protected Burrunan Dolphins swimming far up the river system. It is almost guaranteed that toxic dust pollutants will enter the waterways and cause great harm to the ecosystem. Kalbar cannot proceed with this project for this reason alone. Taken directly from the Marine Mammal Foundation website: "Working with VACL and the Boonwurrung elders, we searched through the historical record and found "Burrunan" was a named used to describe dolphins through Aboriginal narrative. Burrunan is the Aboriginal name given to dolphins meaning "name of a large sea fish of the porpoise kind" used in Boonwurrung, Woiwurrung & Taungurung languages*. One of the only two known Victorian resident populations of Burrunan is in Port Phillip Bay where the Boonwurrung people have documented their existence for over 1000 years." They are endangered and protected. This mine is proposed on Gunaikurnai country, and Kalbar have not sought permission from the Gunaikurnai people for this to proceed. Permission must be sought. Kalbar does not own this land. As Kalbar purchased this project from Rio Tinto, and knowing what this corrupt organization did with their ruthless destruction of the sacred Juukan Gorge cave, with absolutely no remorse or ramification- we simply cannot and will NOT let them continue to destroy sacred land. There are significant archaeological artefacts and irreplaceable cultural heritage values existing on this land. With around 788 mature hollow-bearing trees which provide critical habitat for an array of species including large forest owls, other birds, bats and gliders, to name a few- this project would lead to their deaths. I would be happy to speak at a hearing in relation to the Burrunan Dolphins and the hollow trees, of which I feel most protective. Thank you.

Sharon Dent The Conversation Jan 3, 2019

hello just wanted to share some info RE Kate Charlton-Robb, researchers from the Australian Marine Mammal Conservation Foundation and the Burrunan dolphin in East Gippsland. Tonight just before sunset we saw what we believe to be 3 of them swimming up the Mitchell River. While we have seen and known of dolphins coming up the river these ones went a long way up. It was beautiful and my son got photo's. We would like to notify the correct authorities to monitor them especially as it is holiday time with many boats on the river, We believe they may not be able to go much further up river than where we last saw them just past Picnic point due to an rock wall

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Kate Howard Love Our Dolphins Aug 23

Great sighting of a nice size pod of Burrunan dolphins in the Mitchell River

Robert Thomas Canoe Kayak Paddle Board - East Gippsland Aug 23

Just now' Dolphins in the Mitchell River



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Gippsland Lakes Burrunan Dolphins Aug 1, 2019

Gippsland Lakes Burrunan Dolphins up the Mitchell River at Bairnsdale this morning - most likely feeding on mullet. Great video courtesy of Peter Erwin

Peter Erwin Aug 1, 2019

Dolphins this morning in Bairnsdale



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Steve Beitzel Amazing!

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 **Gippsland Lakehouse is in Paynesville, Victoria.**
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If you visit the Gippsland Lakes you can tell that we are a tiny bit obsessed by the local pod of Burrunan #dolphins. This resident group can often be seen cruising around the lakes, the canals of Paynesville and even recently up the Mitchell River at Bairnsdale!

Swipe to see dolphin artworks in Paynesville from the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, and a stunning recent dolphin mural by a visiting artist. 🐬 @ Paynesville, Victoria





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Burrunan dolphin (Tursiops australis)

With only two known resident populations in Victoria (Port Phillip Bay and the Gippsland Lakes) we have been able to have the **Burrunan** listed as '**endangered**' under Victoria's Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act.

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The Burrunan dolphin has already been listed as 'Threatened' under the Victorian State Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act due to its small and isolated populations.

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