

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: Yes

Full Name: Christine Power

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members

I wish to make the following submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project.

I strongly oppose this mine because of my concerns around the amount of water this project will require and the affects the site will have on the nearby Mitchell River, the Bairnsdale town water supply, the horticultural industry in the Lindenow valley and the health of the Gippsland Lakes.

I have lived in East Gippsland for the past forty-five years and I well remember the times enduring drought conditions and water restrictions, the last during 2018-2019. At that time our horticultural industry was on Stage 11 water restrictions which meant our farmers were not allowed to take any water from the Mitchell River to irrigate their crops and townsfolk on stringent water restrictions. The proposed mining project will require billions of litres of water annually for processing and dust suppression. Where is this water going to come from?

It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for: water pipelines, bore pumps, bore field, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal. Why wasn't this part of the mine project area? Why isn't this a matter for the EG Shire Council to determine?

I sincerely thank Panel members for the opportunity to have my say.

Yours



(Mrs) Chris Power