

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee Members,

I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project. I have lived in this area for over 15 years and strongly oppose this mine because of the Dust contamination.

- Many others and I in this area rely on the collection of rainwater. The Dust would also contaminate the river and the vegetable industry in Lindenow. This is a Major food source for Victoria and would result in a massive financial loss for our region.

- The amount of water required by the mine for processing and to control the Dust would greatly impact on the Food industry in Lindenow and the whole of the Shire. The Woodglen Reservoir which is a water storage for the shire is 3.5 kms downwind from the mine and would be contaminated by the Dust plus the grazing areas for livestock would be also be impacted.

- The contaminated water will also flow into the Gippsland Lakes and therefore cause further damage to all aquatic species. The health of the rivers and lakes are essential for tourism as many people visit this area.

- The extra traffic of trucks etc travelling and damaging roads would affect tourism to the Dargo area and our local tourism attractions. eg Mitchell River National Park.

- The noise levels from a mine operating 24 hours per day, 7 days per week would be inexcusable and stressful to residents of the area. I do not accept that noise levels will not be a problem.

- Due to the massive excavation of the land there could be unknown Aboriginal cultural heritage sites which would be destroyed including our native flora and fauna. As a result of this the landscape of the area will never be replaced as full rehabilitation rarely happens. Technically studies have not thoroughly surveyed the area to know the full ramifications of what is at risk.

In closing my submission I would like to say it is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside of 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?

Thanks to the Panel members for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours sincerely,



Keryn Mounsey