

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Anne and Ron Rees

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members,

We are writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project and strongly oppose the mine for the reasons outlined below.

My husband & I have lived in Glenaladale for over 30 years and we both moved here for the peacefulness, scenic landscape, it's local flora & fauna & the clean environment. This is our home & we love to share it with other's whom appreciate the same environment.

We decided to invest in a trail riding business, which was established in 1985, and sold it nearly 4 years ago to a young local couple who are still working the business & offering locals, families & tourists the opportunity to enjoy horse riding with views towards the lower flat country, the lakes and the mountains. This is a unique strongly supported local tourism business which gives their guests an experience they cannot get any where else in East Gippsland, and has an excellent reputation.

The open cut mine will destroy the scenic surrounding country side which the customers, locals & ourselves will have to view on the way here & back home and also create a concern for the health risk within our area, which will deter people from coming. The major concern being radioactive substances that can enter the environment in the form of dust particles from being blown around by strong winds across the open flat landscape that has no protection, or when driving past or behind the large trucks carting the materials.

We also have regular visitors & trail riding clubs who camp within the surrounding area and bring their own horses to ride throughout some of the surrounding properties. They & we also need to travel along the main roads which will be directly utilized by the heavy large traffic from the mine site. We are concerned for their safety & ours when towing floats transporting horses on what was once quiet country narrow roads.

We would like to thank the Panel members for giving us the opportunity to make a submission & can only hope that you can see through our eyes the devastation that this mine will bring to people who not only live within the area, but also to those who visit regularly to enjoy the qualities it brings to their lives!

ANNE & RON REES