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Fingerboards Environment Effects Statement (EES)

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee Members

**Submission 830**

**Supplementary submission on Centrifuges**

I would sincerely like to thank all the powers that allow us ordinary people to communicate our real concerns (and sometime nightmares) about the effects from the Glenaladale Fingerboard Sand Mine. There are too many grey areas in the Environmental Effects Statements. It is important that I speak facts in this communication. In my previous letter I wrote that I am strongly opposed to the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project at Glenaladale. I am not alone in expressing this opposition, it is very much what I am hearing in the wider community. Many different people from all walks of life be it young people, working families, young business professionals as well as long-term residents and business and industry professionals are genuinely concerned about what could happen and the potential disasters.

I once again thank you for the opportunity to speak a about the potential impacts of the mine and the Centribuges for the following reasons:

Farming is the backbone and lifeline of this community. There are too many variables in the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine that can financially and socially impact on the many and varied small, medium and large businesses that sit within Farming. Farming is not one model. An impact statement would take many years to compile, and it is not something that a lay person like me can speak factually too with authority other than having living in the region for most of my life.

My question to this body is when accidents occur be it from the centrifuges that flow on to environmentally, humanely (death or injury), loss of crops and animal stock not to mention affecting the water qualities of our Heritage River, who will foot the bill if the mining company walks away from the project or it because too great form them to fully compensate. Rehabilitation of lives and land must be fully assessed by professional people who can speak with authority.

I understand that there are Government Departments that can be called upon once an environmental accident occurs however, that will be too late. If the mining company decides to walk away from the project, how will the environmental, humane and financial impacts costs, and the other community impacts be met?

I was fortunate to be on one recent bus tour of the mining site. I understand that some local businesses and community members will benefit financially from this project for around 20 years. Many of those businesses could benefit from ongoing enterprises if the water allocated for the mineral sands mine was invested by the Government into new innovated longer-term projects which provided jobs and skills for jobs training. Such a project would protect many of our farming industries especially horticultural and tourism. I have been involved with one such project in the past and I have offered to pass on all of the intelligence and training materials I have for that program free of charge. Could you please click on this link where I speak after around sixty seconds

[.https://www.facebook.com/PaynesvilleNeighbourhoodCentre/videos/1537979189557982/](https://www.facebook.com/PaynesvilleNeighbourhoodCentre/videos/1537979189557982/)

Following on from water impacts and innovation, I am sure that many letters like mine mention the impacts on horticulture industry from leaching from flocculants, the green house gas emissions, and the noise impact to those living within the boundaries of the mine.

Thank you once again for providing an avenue of communications.

Yours sincerely

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