

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

836

Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

Attention 

Dear Madam,

I'm writing this as a concerned citizen having retired to E. Gippsland approx. 9years ago.

The reason we chose this part of the world was because of the life style it offered, fresh air, fishing and boating on beautiful Lakes And Rivers, noise and air pollution free and a general calm environment.

I feel this could all be destroyed if the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project is allowed to continue.

Fresh air will be gone with dust and general fumes from machinery and especially trucks, the possibility of contamination to the river system and therefore Lakes will be permanently looming on the horizon.

Trucks will be working 24/ 7 and are bound to cause problems in and around Bairnsdale and on the Intersections to Melbourne which is used by many residents for recreation and employment.

Furthermore I can see no benefit, monetary or otherwise to E. Gippsland. Farming land will definitely be destroyed , as will any natural bushland. Common sense if nothing else can see this won't be replaced, it takes a lot more than 10 or 20 years to replace even one tree, and clear any land and every gardener knows exotic weeds take over well before any desired species.

Permanent jobs in agriculture will be gone, maybe a few positions will become available but not for local workers whereas if all the water that Kalbar requires was put to use by local farmers, who have been begging for it, farms could expand and be more certain of a drought resistant future and so create more permanent employment . The local fresh food industry would be more successful creating even ,more job opportunities . If Covid has taught us anything it's that we need to be more self-sufficient.

Please accept this submission as a vote against the proposed mine, given as an ordinary bloke.

Yours faithfully,

John D. Hinton. 