

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: Yes

Full Name: Marie Gibson

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee Members

I am writing my submission in opposition to the content of the EES for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands mine project. I oppose the mine due to the lack of clarity and honesty displayed by Kalbar Resources during this process. I believe the discrepancies and failure to follow correct procedures raise concerns around the validity of their (Kalbars') expertise in this field.

It is too risky to allow a mine of mineral sand to have the green light in this area of East Gippsland so close to the Mitchell River, our water supply.

I have chosen to live in East Gippsland for the past 30 years and have seen it develop into a wonderful tourism area, with the council, East Gippsland Shire Council, promoting the area widely as a "Naturally Magic" "Wilderness" "Be inspired by Nature" and "To Indulge your senses". Council has a dedicated programme to attract and establish new events to East Gippsland.

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I don't agree that the image of an air polluting, water polluting, soil polluting mine enhances this important aspect of tourism for Regional Victoria

I am concerned due to the full analysis of the ore body has not been disclosed. Could the panel please examine this information as the impact on animal raising, crop growing and human health is of utmost importance to the social, financial and environmental contributing factors to a robust Regional Area in which I am happy and proud to be living in at the moment. It would be irresponsible for the government to risk these on going valuable assets for a short term gain of a few people Glenoladale is a well established farming community, this mine would be a complete disruption.

There is currently a pre existing residential and agricultural land use for this area Councils 'Lindenow and District Community Plan'. A mine in that area was never in the plan. Government needs to recognise this as part of its review of the E.E.S.

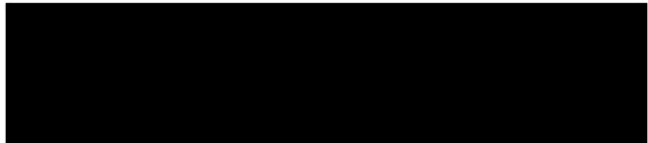
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A tailing dam 90 hectares in size, huge, there is a stated risk of leaching from the dam, which in turn would contaminate, ground water and adjacent river, the Mitchell River. As there are no details for the construction of the dam, indeed, as stated in the EEs, the risk is low. How can this be stated with no details?

Sincerely, there are apparent lack of information, and disclosure in the documents of which there are many, altho there a some omissions for example the number of houses in the area is less than the true number of houses in this area and the noise pollution will have some impact.

It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used for a mine infrastructure that is located outside the mining project bandaway for: water pipelines, bore pumps, bore field, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal. This is not part of the mine project area and is a matter for the EG. Shire Council to determine.

I would like to thank the Panel
for the opportunity to make this
submission.



MARIE GIBSON .