

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

844

Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

10 -10- 2020

Kalbar Operations Sty Ltd Proposed Mineral Sand Mine.

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee Members.

Firstly, Thank you for the opportunity to be able write this submission, and to let you know that I am totally against this Mineral sand mine going ahead and that I feel that the EES process is seriously flawed.

We as a family have lived in Glenaladale for the past 19 years and We moved here for the quiet and pleasant lifestyle that the area has, We feel that if this sand mine was to go ahead this lifestyle would be lost forever.

This Mineral sand mine is to be located on a plateau overlooking the beautiful Mitchell river, In very close proximity to the river, Also overlooking the river flats where the vegetable farmers grow huge amounts of crops that are transported all over the country, In fact you would probably be having some of these vegetables with your meal tonight.

I feel that the river itself and indeed the entire lake system will be put at risk from the contamination from this mine should there be a failure as any spills or contaminates will all run down hill to the river and ultimately the lakes system.

Although We are not classed by "Kalbar" as stakeholders , We consider ourselves as stakeholders in as much as We are only 3 kilometres uphill from the mine footprint and will have to travel through the mine to do our shopping and travel to meet with friends, Prior to Covid 19 We were going to Bairnsdale between 3 or 4 times a week and will be doing this post Covid 19 again.

We rely solely on water that we catch from our roof area for our tanks water supply and to have this contaminated by the dust and contaminates from this mine is unacceptable to us.

We will have to pass through this mine every time we travel to Bairnsdale , with all the disruptions and diversions to the roads and with all the machinery and trucks operating 24 hours a day 7 days a week The noise and dust produced by this mine would not be acceptable to us or yourselves, This mine is to operate 24 hours a day which means the noise goes all night how does anybody sleep with that going on.

I have seen the plan of the mine area and was surprised to note that there is no residences shown on the plan , I know that there are a lot of houses in and around the mine, I can't even see my place or any of my close neighbours places, I find that this is quite a bit misleading as there is a lot of residents in the mine footprint or in close proximity to the mine

Regards

Bob .