

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Comments: See attached submission

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee Members

I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project because I hold grave concerns about the impact this mine will have on my local community. There has been no full disclosure about the findings of the EES, what laboratory tests were conducted and what risks are exposed to human and animal health.

Will the Panel fully disclose the results of the EES.

Contaminated dust travelling in our community is a real risk not only to human/animal health but to the agricultural land around the mine. The Panel has a duty of care not to add to the cancer burden in our community.

Water to irrigate crops in the Lindenow district comes from the Mitchell River. The Mine will impact the river system and a risk of contaminating the Lakes District river system. Tourism will suffer, many jobs will be lost, the aquatic life and eco system will be impacted.

It is unacceptable, with all the information of the damage mines cause to consider opening a mine so close to crops, river systems and flora and fauna species.

It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for water, pipelines, bore pumps, bore fields, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding and vegetation removal. Why wasn't that part of the project area? Why isn't this a matter for the EG Shire Council to determine?

Joanna McKean