

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Kelly Williams

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee member

My name is Kelly Williams I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project of which I strongly oppose.

I live on the Lindenow/Meerlieu Rd west of Bairnsdale and approx 5 minutes from the proposed Kalbar Resources mineral sands mine sight. I have three children that commute into Bairnsdale by bus every school day.

Apart from the more well known concerns of the community, dangerous dust particles, water extraction, likely contamination of the Mitchell Rv. and the RAMSAR listed Gippsland Lakes System. My most troubling worries are the danger aspect and impact to the road on which we live.

I find it quite disturbing that the Company has been able to submit an Environmental Effects Statement (EES) without prior commitment to how the substance will be transported and to where, before shipment overseas.

As I understand it the so called slurry could be passing our door in large double d's two every hour for around 20 years. Considering the width of the existing rd, and all the people that live within the area. I believe it would be a very disturbing prospect.

There is also a very popular golf course that is on the same rd that has cars going in and out regularly as well as the Lindenow South Primary School. My children need to walk up the side of the rd in order to get to the bus stop. And I feel that these huge trucks will prove to be a danger. We already have a lot of Bonaccord vegetable trucks using the existing rd. And with the extra heavy traffic the state of the bitumen will deteriorate very quickly.

My husband is a very light sleeper and suffers [REDACTED] at the best of times, and holds down an important job in Lakes Entrance. He feels that any contamination could mean loss of employment not only in Lakes Entrance but also many of the tourist towns that rely on the waterways that feed into the system.

Lakes Entrance being one of Victorias most sought after tourist destinations will be badly impacted if there is any contamination that leaches into the Mitchell Rv. Which would there for affect the liveability of both the human residents and the complex ecosystems that depend on it, and could mean my husbands job security?

The Lakes System with its RAMSAR listing is of international value and if hurt in any way will see the decline of many migratory bird species that depend on it. The Kalbar mine holds a catastrophic risk that could rob future generations of their rightful inheritance of this pristine wetland complex,

As a local citizen it grieves me to think this beautiful valley that we call home could be ruined by a greedy mining company that has no social licence to do so.

Please find a list of questions that need to be answered below.

- (a) Did Kalbar have input into the new bridge over the Avon rv.
- (B) Does the rail line need to be upgraded to take the heavy Orr from the mine if going by rail.
- (C) If so who will pay for these upgrades.
- (D) If a siding is to be erected on the Train who will be paying for the construction.
- (E) If the Orr is to be taken by road, who will be in charge of the up keep.
- (F) Who will be paying for the up keep of the road namely,(Dargo Lindenow, Meerlieu Lindenow, Fernbank Rds.) if they will be used in transportation.

This mine will prove to be a backward step if it is passed in this particular area of the State.

Kind Regards Troy and Kelly Williams