

# 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:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** See attached submission

Dear Inquiry and Advisory committees,

I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine. I strongly oppose the mine and its inappropriate placement. KALBAR wants to build the mine on top of a hill which records high wind speeds, and turn gullies into tailings dams, with unstable soils and the chance for heavy rains like the East Coast Low to destroy the dams and spill the dangerous cocktail of chemicals and dangerous minerals into the Mitchell river and into the lakes. The dust will most likely not be suppressed because of the sheer amount of water they'll be needing, which is also taking it away from the multibillion dollar vegetable flats which lay next to (and downwind) from the mine.

I have lived in Wy Yung all my life and I am almost 16. The Mitchell river separates us from Bairnsdale and travels into the wider Gippsland lakes. With a Dad who works on the Gippsland lakes, I have grown up around them and their incredible beauty, the Mitchell river completely supports The Lindenow Flats down to the world's longest digitate delta. The lake system itself is home to many islands supporting our beautiful flora and fauna, as well as multiple tourist towns along its edges. This could all be compromised if the mine was to go ahead.

It could affect anything, down river and down wind. Causing people to have to get rid of their crops because the health regulations would not allow their sale. The pollutants would kill all the fish and aquatic life downstream and pollute the beautiful Gippsland lakes. It would affect tourism, fishing, and farming communities, crippling the local economy, and possibly causing the area to regress, and parts to be abandoned.

KALBAR can't be trusted to keep their word, as they've repeatedly provided false or insufficient data in their "research" they took information from other countries.

The thought of farmers having the government take their land off them for the mines pipelines and other infrastructure is just so wrong. Some of these farmers have been there for generations and have built up their businesses, stock and crops to a high quality. This mine doesn't warrant going ahead, let alone taking land from farmers.

For the sake of my generation, and generations to follow, you cannot allow this mine to proceed.

Natasha Steed