

# 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 Committee members

I am writing this submission to express my concerns in regard to the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project. During conversation with friends, I was made aware of the proposed mine and became alarmed by what I was informed of. This is due mainly to environmental considerations and the potential impacts it may have on the community especially due to the dubious benefits that are purported to flow onto the local community.

I moved to the region approximately 8 years ago, from Morwell, LaTrobe Valley seeking a more pleasant environment / community to live in, having experienced first hand the effects of the Hazelwood mine fire, and the pall that hung over the town for months. I moved to Paynesville, due to health reason, both psychological and physical, including respiratory issues, where I was made to feel welcomed and included.

I do not see where is the benefit to the people that live in the area that will detrimentally impacted, if this mine is allowed to proceed.

Thank you for attention

Simon Griffiths - Smith