

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

# 877

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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

12-10-2020

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members.

### Objection to the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project.

I am writing this as a local resident, who has lived in the area with my family for 19 years, we moved here for the very beautiful rolling hills and the country side and the peace and quiet that the area proved to have. If this Sand mine was to be allowed to go ahead these hills and the quiet lifestyle will no longer exist.

This project has been in the minds of local people now for over 6 years and is taking its toll on the local residents mental health "my families" included". The release of the EES during the Covid 19 restrictions in my opinion reflects the poor judgement that Kalbar has shown all through the process of those 6 years

This is illustrated in the contempt these people have for the local community. I believe the company is not now Australian owned but is Australian registered.

This mineral sand mine is to be located up on a plateau over looking the vegetable growing river flats and the Mitchell River. It is to have a large tailings dam up on the plateau overlooking these vegetable growing river flats and the Mitchell river. any failure or mishap up there and it all runs down to the river flats and the Gippsland lakes destroying the lakes system and the ecosystem in those lakes.

Although we are not classed by "Kalbar" as stakeholders we feel that this is not true as we are only a short distance up the Bairnsdale Dargo road from the mine and will have to pass through the mine footprint every time we travel to Bairnsdale, which prior to this Covid 19 pandemic we would do 3 or 4 times a week, and with a bit of luck we will do again.

The disruptions to the road with all the diversions and B double trucks and earthmoving machines going for 24 hours a day 7 days a week, the noise and dust produced by these machines would be unacceptable to us and to yourselves.

Our roof is our only source of water to our home and any dust or contaminates from this mine would mean our water supply would be unusable even for washing and definitely not for drinking.

The plan that I have seen of the mine area and surrounds does not show any houses at all and I know there are a lot in the mine area and there is a lot in the close surrounds including our own and our neighbours all missing from the plan, this is not right its all misleading and this seems to me that this is misdirection by "Kalbar".

Yours truly,  
Maureen