

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

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**Request to be heard?:** Yes

**Full Name:** Raymond Anderson

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** See attached submission

# Submission against Kalbar Sandmine at Fingerboards

25.10.2020

Ray N Anderson

I wish to Object to the proposed Sand Mine at the Fingerboards, Glenaladale. I will only make a brief comment on the sections of the Kalbar proposal and study. I have much more detail comment but dont feel that is useful at this time as Kalbars proposal is so obviously unsuitable.

Agriculture Food is the most important aspect of our lives and we must protect and increase food production from this Fertile area. Once the Public know that the Food and land are potentially impacted by this Mine they will not accept our products, Vegetables and Meat. Agriculture needs more water not less. The water from the Mitchell river and underground are already fully committed now and the huge requirement for water to this Mine cannot be justified if Australia wants more food for the future. Our livestock and vegies will be impacted by poison dust. Anyone who thinks or says that Dust can be controlled hasn't been near a Bulldozer working, the truth is that no amount of water or chemical can stop the dust from open ground, storage piles and Equipment operation. My Grandchildren 10 and 12 years have lived most of their lives in the Hunter Valley and will tell the truth about Dust unlike Adults with a vested interest.

Radiation Radioactive dust will be blown with the wind in the direction of the Vegetable Growing and Bairnsdale and the open water supply to the huge area of Linderow South to Nowa Nowa

## Radiation cont Bom. studies from 1940's to present. 2

Show predominant wind direction at the Site is from the West, but also Gale force winds come from the South West and the North West. Living in the area I can confirm this. People in the Lindenow, Bairnsdale and all Rural Properties will Cop this Dust, and all Hell will break loose when this happens, and it will. There is no onsite independent Police 24hrs a day and to expect Kalbar will solve this is a Joke. My experience 72 years of Industry and Engineering/Farming and my Son's work as a Mining Engineer studying the Dust issue it is practically impossible to stop the Dust and therefore the distribution of poisonous substances.

Rehabilitation There is no definition of Rehabilitation in Kalbars Studies and proposal. I asked a number of my friends what they understood by the word Rehabilitation and they all came up the same as the Dictionary that is return to what it was before. Apart from the hundreds of mature trees that will be destroyed, landholders would not be allowed to do this so why should Kalbar. Kalbar say that they will remove from the site 40 B double truck loads of concentrate per day for 20 years. I asked the Kalbar Geologist where they were going to get all the Dirt to replace the concentrate they take away and he said they were not. So the Plan is to leave the Mined areas much lower in elevation than it was before, this will have another number of impacts. Replacing mature trees with Tubestock is a Joke. Kalbar will be long gone and the Tubes they plant will take 30 to 40 years beyond the finish of Mining to be mature. If the history of Rehabilitation is looked at fairly Mining companies do not Rehabilitate.

Rehabilitation cont.

Kalbar have no intention of Rehabilitation to the standard that most people would expect. Miners never do, they cut & run.

Economic

A small number of people will benefit with a job, the profit will go overseas. And the benefit to the local population I believe has been overstated. There needs to be a Fair Dinkum Independent evaluation of what the local population will gain to offset the huge negative impact of this mine.

Biodiversity

the Noise, vibration, lights, with a 24 hr operation will negatively effect animals, insects, Fish, and Humans, its not acceptable to impact all of us for the profit of overseas people.

Surface Water

Bottom line, change in water directions and pollution in the water plus probability of Tailings Dam flailure will impact negatively, the Mitchel and the Perry rivers, the consequence of this is too serious to allow this to proceed.

Ground Water & Surface Water

Any spare water can be used to better value, Vegetable and other farming. Water taken out of the already over-committed Latrobe Aquifer will cause drawdown in the existing farming Bores. Food comes first. Mitchel water must be saved for food production and continued population growth in Bairnsdale & east Gippsland. TVs, paint, phones, computers cannot be eaten. over -> (F)

## Cultural Heritage.

Kalbar study shows high impact and severity on Aboriginal Heritage, nobody knows what is under the ground and working a Bulldozer at night no one will ever know. Not acceptable.

White Heritage. Kalbar intends to destroy the Fingerboards area and Roads. This was the selling centre for cattle and sheep since the start of white settlement its not acceptable to destroy our Heritage.

Landscape & visual, Road Transport, Safety Health  
Very beautiful area and main

Tourist Route to the Dargo High country. 40 B Doubles per day on narrow country Roads. Is this worth the life of 1 person. The project only has a negative effect on the Locals and visitors.

Safety, Health mental & physical, The loss to the Tourist Industry in itself to local Towns far outweighs the income from locals from the mine.

Mandura to Busseton West Australia has 17 active sand mines. Once 1 mine is approved at the Fingerboards many others will follow as the resource goes from Brigalong to Orbost just like WA. This was stated by Kalbar manager.

This is a Bad idea in the worst possible location.

I would have less objection to this project if it was underground Mining. Kalbar would say its too expensive and cant be done. Its all Dollars it can be done, and maybe economic in the future, till then its money in the Bank still in the Ground. No Fingerboard Mine. *John*