

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Kath Hellings

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

Kath Hellings

To whom it may concern,

I wish to object to the proposed Kalbar opencut mine at Fernbank.

There are many reasons that have already been put forward and discussed extensively, such as dust, pollution, excessive water use etc. I am not an expert on these issues and do not feel my input would add anything to these arguments.

I would like to add though, that I originally moved to East Gippsland in the 1990's because it is such a beautiful place. We have pristine rivers native bush and temperate rainforests, fragile ecosystems and lakes that at the present time survive alongside a thriving agricultural community. We have great tourism and all in all it is a great place to live.

I have a number of friends and family members that have moved to this area for the same reasons but I think this mine will have such a negative impact on the area that we will instead see people leaving.

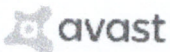
I do not believe that the proposed mine will supply local jobs and any jobs lost by local industry will far out weigh the jobs created.

I have at times worked down in the Latrobe Valley and believe me, there is a reason it is nicknamed "The Latrine Valley". It smells and is also a terrible eyesore. I understand that we have to have energy and toilet paper from somewhere and this is the sacrifice we make.

As far as rehabilitation goes for the disused mines though, I am yet to see any real efforts by the energy companies to live up to their promises in this regard. I fear that should Kalbar go ahead, we will also end up with a very ugly disused mine in our area when they finish taking all our water and sucking the mineral sands dry.

I hope this makes an impact on the decision making process and I thankyou for the time taken to read this submission.

Yours sincerely
Kath Hellings



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