

# Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory  
Committee - EES

# 903

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**Request to be heard?:** No - but please email me a copy of the  
Timetable and any Directions

**Full Name:** Aaron Murray

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** See attached submission

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Dear Mr Wynne,

I wish to make contact with you concerning this proposed project as I feel it needs some careful consideration.

Let me firstly state I have no direct interest in this matter, other than being a longtime resident of the Bairnsdale area. I have no farming interests, or mining interests for that matter, related to this project. I have observed over a considerable amount of time, this particular company or variations of it, attempting to get a sandmining project approved in this area. Another proposal was floated at Mossyface near Bruthen, that's one I can recall. There may be more.

The area where this particular mine is proposed, has many unique challenges. Being upwind from the very large Mitchell Valley/ Lindenow vegetable growing area, meaning as our prevailing wind is mostly a South Westerly and the mine is South West of the farms. The water required in the mining operation and dust suppression will be considerable and as I see the farms struggling at many times of the year with water supply, I can only see this situation becoming more dire.

As yet, I have not seen the much anticipated EES, but will have a look online. Being familiar with the area, I can see the watercourse that drains the higher ground to the valley goes through the site which must have an effect during heavy rains, and pretty much all winter.

No doubt there are many more issues that will be exposed in the reading of the EES.

Questions are being raised around town as to the ownership of Kalbar as it seems to have had several slight name changes over the time this proposal has progressed.

I understand you and your staff will be extremely busy with all that's going on in your portfolios at the moment, but trust you can look closely at this project. It would be great if you could visit the site, when Covid

restrictions permit also. As I've had anecdotal evidence of several of the Kalbar representatives at information meetings, telling locals their environmental concerns are unfounded, but when questioned admit they've not actually visited the site!

Mr Wynne I'm actually from your side of politics, I'm currently unemployed at the moment with this virus situation. And I'm always happy to see development in this area, but as with many locals I'm okay with mining, but, I've got a bad feeling about this Kalbar proposal on this particular site. And would appreciate it having close Government scrutiny.

Lastly can I apologise for any spelling, grammar, formatting issues with this letter, as I'm not much on the computer, and an unfinished draught may have even been accidentally sent to your inbox! Please disregard it.

Regards Aaron Murray

