

**Request to be heard?:** Yes

**Full Name:** Geoff Banks

**Organisation:** no

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members, I am writing this submission about the EES for the Fingerboards mineral sands mine project and I strongly oppose the mine. As a fourth generation farmer with a Son and Grandson to follow on the farm(which we all live) which sits under the 2klm zone of the proposed mine site I have grave concerns for the impact of this mine will have on our quality of life and farming for a number of reasons which I'll state. silica dust and other carcinogenic's which have not been disclosed by Kalbar, The strong Sou-Wester winds that we get here will send dust directly over house and farm the impact on Health including lung disease from air particles, we also collect our drinking water from our roof's this is a huge concern. KALBAR will not guarantee that they can control the dust 365 day a year, 24/7 for 20 years The noise pollution 24/7 - 365 days a year, we're under 2kms from the proposed mine The lights that will operate through the night 24/7 - 365 day a year this will add a huge Mental impact on our lives day and night 24/7 365 days a year, this mine will be operating in our face every moment of our lives, when we walk outside, when we sit in our lounge room when we're working, this will be a constant blight on us and the environment. Environmental impact on the largest inland lake system (Gippsland Lakes) by pollution to the Mitchell River and Perry River which run into the whole of the Lake system, taking out 3 billion litres of water out of these River systems as stated by Kalbar which I consider is well under estimated, this will cause major algae bloom outbreaks which is already a big problem in the lake system now, this will have huge impacts on the Tourism industries with fish kills, polluted swimming water,boating and food sources The amount of water this proposed mine will use is also mind boggling As a farmer with a water licence we are constantly on water restrictions and this has happened since the 60's. The tailings dam estimated to be 90 hectares in size that is proposed is extremely worrying, the containment of contaminants on this site on top of the Mitchell and Perry Rivers with the events of an East Gippsland Low which has brought up to 500 milliliters of rain in my life time on numerous occasions. I cannot see this tailings dam being able to cope with this amount of water which will run directly into the Rivers below, this is a catastrophe waiting to happen. God help the people and towns below this dam, this will kill East Gippsland. It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside of mining project boundary for water pipelines, bore pumps, bore fields, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, etc, why wasn't this part of the mine project area? why wasn't this a matter for the EG Shire Council to determine? I would like to thank the Panel Members for this chance to make a submission . Geoff Banks