

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

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Organisation:

Affected property:

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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 long time resident and farmer, our family started farming here in 1856, our precious land needs to be cared for and nurtured for the future of mankind, it supplies us with food for the nation, fresh clean fresh water to survive, let's face it without clean drinking water you have no life whether its Human or Animal. Allowing a harmful mine to sit on top of the rich River flats and the Mitchell & Perry River is just insane. We live under the 2kms zone from the proposed mine, all i can see is red flags flying everywhere with this project. contaminating us from airborne pollutants including Silica & other carcinogens, using huge amounts of valuable drinking water that thousands of people rely on pollution to the Mitchell & Perry Rivers, the gullies that feed these rivers, stock water, the vegetable, Livestock, Dairy industries, we promote a clean green food bowl, a dirty stinking mine & a 90 hectare tailings dam full of contaminates that is a risk of failing, with communities, families living in its path is a disaster waiting to happen. We already have a disastrous Dam failure at the Benambra mine. We collect our drinking water from our roofs, Kalbar cannot give us a definite that we won't have contaminated drinking water when i asked this question i was told to buy bottled water! The Woodglen Reservoir is only 3.5kms downwind of the mine, this is stored for the whole of the shire. Noise pollution 24/7 - 365 days a year air pollution 24/7 - 365 days a year light pollution 24/7 - 365 nights a year The risk of polluting the Vegetable Industry & putting thousands of jobs that will be lost at risk is another huge red flag. This mine is not sustainable & could go into caretaker mode for years...what then? very worrying Our Tourism is another major Industry for East Gippsland, the beautiful Gippsland Lakes that all our rivers feed into, Pollutants from this mine will have a disastrous outcome to this, not to mention the ugly outlook it will have on our beautiful landscape that is used extensively by Bike riders, horse riders, day trippers to the iconic Den of Nargun & National Parks, its a thoroughfare to Dargo or to Bairnsdale, to the highway that goes in either direction, the Old Red Gum trees that will be bulldozed, animal habitat, huge Culturally significant areas will also be bulldozed, this is carnage & for what gain? It is unacceptable to allow compulsory acquisition of private land to be used by the mine for infrastructure that is located outside the mining project boundary for: water pipelines, bore pumps, borefield, roadworks, new powerlines, easements, rail siding & vegetation removal. Why wasn't this part of the mine project area? Why isn't this a matter for the EG Shire Council to determine. Thanks for the opportunity to make a submission Sue Banks