



11 December 2020

As addressed

Dear Parties

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project: Inquiry and Advisory Committee Declarations

The Members of the Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) make the declarations below. These will be discussed in the Directions Hearing on Monday 14 December 2020.

Chair Mr Wimbush

I understand that the Proponent proposes to use Mr Adrian Finanzio SC as their lead advocate in the Hearing.

It is on the public record that Mr Finanzio is a Member of the Heritage Council of Victoria (HCV). In my role as a Senior Executive of DELWP, distinct from my role as Deputy Chief Panel Member, I manage the Executive Officer of the HCV. I do not have any role in the business of the HCV which is statutorily independent; including not having any working relationship with Mr Finanzio as a Member.

Deputy Chair Ms Reifschneider

I am currently contracted to AusNet Services as Lead Approvals Consultant for a new transmission line project in Western Victoria. AusNet services have engaged White and Case law firm as their legal counsel for this project.

Through my work with AusNet, I have had contact with two lawyers from White and Case, neither of who to my knowledge are involved in the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project.

I undertake not to communicate with anyone from White and Case involved in the Fingerboards Mineral Sands project.

Member Dr Gibbs

I am the Principal of Gibbs Advisory. Gibbs Advisory is currently contracted to Baker McKenzie to provide advice in relation to matters relating to: (1) potential NSW EPA enforcement action against a Baker McKenzie client; (2) compulsory acquisition by the Department of Transport of land owned by a Baker McKenzie client; and (3) the sale of a paper and packaging business by a Baker McKenzie client. These matters are unrelated to the proposed Fingerboards Project. Further, I was previously employed by Baker McKenzie from April 2018 to July 2020. At no time during my employment at Baker McKenzie did I advise or work on a matter related to the Fingerboards Project or for the Project proponent.

I have previously been a Partner at HWL Ebsworth and an employee at Ashurst. At no time during my partnership at HWL Ebsworth or my employment at Ashurst did I advise or work on a matter related to the Fingerboards Project or for the Project proponent.

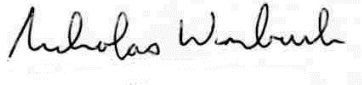
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I have agreed to act as an independent reviewer and expert on Victorian planning and environmental law for the CRC (Cooperative Research Centre) for Transformations in Mining Economies (CRC-TiME) project on Regulatory mapping of mine rehabilitation. This project will map the Australian regulatory framework for mine rehabilitation and review the experience in applying that framework to site rehabilitation, closure, and tenure relinquishment in the transition to post-mining land uses that benefit regional development. The project will run across 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Wimbush". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Nick Wimbush

Chair, Fingerboards Inquiry and Advisory Committee