



# Planning Panels Victoria

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

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Mr Andrew Helps

Via email.

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Dear Mr Helps

## **Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) – Request for further delay of Hearing**

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Thank you for your email of 14 March 2021 requesting a delay in Hearing of 12 weeks (email attached). As you are aware the Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) had previously agreed to an adjournment (Tabled Document 105) due to the additional material associated with the introduction of centrifuges to the Project.

At the Directions Hearing on 15 February 2021 after hearing submissions the IAC directed (Tabled Document 144) that the Hearing will commence on Monday 3 May 2021. This is an adjournment of 11 weeks from the proposed start date of Monday 15 February 2021 and many weeks longer than the original start dates.

On this basis the IAC considers that an adequate adjournment to consider the new material has already been granted and a further adjournment is not being considered at this time.

I am not entirely clear on what you mean by doing this 'the easy way or the hard way' but I ask that you keep your language to the IAC and the IAC's staff respectful and professional.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Selvaraj at Planning Panels Victoria at [Fingerboards.IAC@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:Fingerboards.IAC@delwp.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

**Nick Wimbush**

Chair, Inquiry and Advisory Committee

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## Amy Selvaraj (DELWP)

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**From:** Andrew Helps [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 14 March 2021 11:44 AM  
**To:** Amy Selvaraj (DELWP)  
**Subject:** Application for an extension of time to lodge responses.

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Good Morning Amy,

Due to the extent of new documents which have been and are continually being sent out by KALBAR, I wish to ask for a delay in proceedings of at least 12 weeks.

I discussed this issue with one of my QC friends on Friday and his view was:

1. Due to the enormous environmental implications of the project, the fact that the proposal is an internationally listed wetland, the vast quantities of documents involved, this delay would almost certainly be granted.
2. I have not yet seen the pre mine environmental baseline document and flow chart from KALBAR.
3. It is clear that KALBAR are not going to produce a toxicology report that addresses the issues with toxic metals and Radionuclides (RADNUCS) potential impacts on the Benthic communities in the Gippsland Lakes. This is a drop dead issue for KALBAR. I have taken the Liberty to make the RAMSAR Convention executive aware of this issue.
4. I have still not seen from KALBAR, an interlace flow sheet of the various reports and how the reports address the potential impacts on the Lindenow pre mine baseline.
5. Some of the documents that I have seen are basically incorrect e.g the Joyner Radiation report- a report on the wrong sort of radiation!

Do we do this the easy way or the hard way?  
Can you give me an answer by COB Monday please.

Regards

**Andrew Helps**

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**Waste Management Partnership - designated expert**  
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