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Mr Nick Wimbush
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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Wimbush,

Thank you for your letter to the department dated 23 December 2020 requesting our department's views about the radiation safety aspects of the proposed Fingerboards Mineral Sand Project.

Specifically, you requested advice on:

- the adequacy of the radiation assessment undertaken for the Environment Effects Statement (EES) for the mine site and for the transport of product
- the results obtained and where they sit within the regulatory environment for radiation
- the adequacy of the environmental management measures proposed for this issue.

You also advised the department about the commissioning of a separate review of the Radiation Assessment Report related to the project.

To assist the Committee, I enclose:

- Explanatory information about the Victorian *Radiation Act 2005*, the role of the department in relation to the regulation of radiation safety and the way in which the department approaches that task (**Attachment 1**).
- A response to your request is attached as **Attachment 2**.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Noel Cleaves, Manager, Environmental Health Regulation & Compliance at the Department of Health and Human Services on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Professor Euan M Wallace AM

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