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

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Organisation:

Affected property: Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: To the Ministers responsible for the Environment, Water and Planning, I have recently become informed about a proposed Kalbar Resources mine which will have disastrous effects on the local area and downstream into the Gippsland Lakes. The proposal would alter the flow of the Mitchell River, destroying the Fingerboards area to act as a gravel recharge area, change ground water levels and allow silt and contaminants into the river system. In addition, trees which provide shelter would be cut down, and add to the instability of the ground area. The lack of consultation with local Gunaikurnai Aboriginal people means destruction of history all of Australia is yet to discover. Destructive changes will sever important cultural links to the land, water and air for Aboriginal people, and damage the area for local residents and visitors. The lack of interest from miners in the local population is disturbing. In a community "meeting" in 2014, the mining company tried to make the area seem insignificant, with just a 'handful of sheep farmers, a few lettuce growers and a burnt out blue gum plantation.' The company disregarded the people, the original and ongoing inhabitants of the land and the effect of pollution on the rest of Victoria. Everyone in Australia is affected, as we are all part of this continent, and people in all parts of Victoria share water and are affected negatively by pollution from one area to another. You may think you can disregard all of the above if there is money to be made. But you must see helping a few people, at the expense of farming and tourism, is ludicrous. Above all, people say NO, including local people, and all that are affected. I say NO and I ask you to say NO too. Thank you for your time.