

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property: [REDACTED]

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I do not support the proposed mineral sand mine. It sits in stark contrast to the existing industry in place at the fingerboards. Allow some other town or country to destroy their fresh water supply in the name of mineral extraction. Why would we put our hand up to potentially devastate agriculture and horticulture industries across a region that relies on it so completely. The risk to the live blood of the area (the river and the lakes) is not worth whatever jobs may come from a mine. If it is just jobs that are justifying this risk then surely we could invest monies in drawing industry hear that is complimentary to our current tourist, and primary industries. Industry that is here for the long term and will not impact key infrastructure to the towns survival. No I cannot see any way that the mine makes sense at the fingerboards. Are governments willing to risk the Aquifer and the Gippsland Lakes health on the statements and promises made in a document created by a company desperate to get the approval through? Do we really think that the river is not at risk? Do we really believe that the additional draw on already (at times) struggling supply, will have no impact on other areas. Does Kalbar indicate what impact lowering the water table will have across the region? Will they compensate farmers who have to extend their water draw devices? What other environmental impacts does reduction of the water table by such a substantial amount have? Surely this warrants extensive investigation before any decision in their favor could proceed. Please stop the approval of a minerals sand mine at the fingerboards.