

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

**Full Name:** Nicole Halford

**Organisation:**

**Affected property:**

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Dear Mr. Richard Wynne, I am a 23 year old who has grown up in Bairnsdale and am quite distraught reading about the impacts the Kalbar Mineral Sands Mine will have on my family's home and country. Mining mineral sands will bring billions of dollars into the East Gippsland economy, but what will it do to our delicate ecology? You cannot eat money Mr. Wynne, and this mine will negatively effect our vegetation, livestock and river ecosystems in East Gippsland. I was shocked when I learnt the mining site will be just a couple hundred metres from our beautiful Mitchell River. Do you really think toxic sand will not be blown into it? Or onto our farms and crops? Or into our people's lungs? Is the money worth the continued destruction of Australia's ecosystem? The East Gippsland Lakes and River Catchments are what drives tourism in this area. Tourism really helps our economy here. The mine will destroy the natural habitats and local business. The Fingerboards is evidently surrounded by our crops and livestock. We need healthy land to live and grow food on. Shouldnt this be more important than East Gippsland becoming rich with cash? We need to be rich in soil for our future generations to survive. In the 2019- 2020 bushfire season East Gippsland was devastated by rising climate temperatures. The annual water usage expected for your planned mining (equal to the whole of East Gippsland's current yearly consumption) is an extreme worry. Knowing our water will be drying up due to climate change, (and it already is drying up in rural communities where there are mining companies involved) do you think it should be best kept for saving us from more bushfires in the years to come. We need that water to survive and grow food. We cannot afford for it to run out. Please put your time and effort into planning something that will be environmentally positive. I am young and I cannot understand why the country that gives us the air we breathe is being plundered for wealth beyond repair. Many East Gippsland residents will be deeply saddened if the mining goes ahead, not to mention the Gunai/Kurnai community who are deeply connected to this area and have been continually dispossessed from it. Please show our people and our ecosystems some respect and stop the Kalbar Mine. You have the future of East Gippsland in your hands. The mine site will also chop down over 780 mature trees which are the homes of surviving wildlife who have already been affected by land clearing in the area, not to mention being burnt out in the recent fires. This area in East Gippsland - the wildlife, the trees, the rivers and the air we breathe needs your help. Please STOP KALBAR.