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**To:** Amy Selvaraj (DELWP)  
**Subject:** Fingerboards IAC

**Attention:** Nick Wimbush  
Inquiry and Advisory Committee Chair

Dear Mr Wimbush

I write to share further information with you for your committee's contextual reference.

The *Work Plan Guidelines for Mining Licences* published on our website provides guidance on the preparation of work plans for mining projects.

<https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/legislation-and-regulations/guidelines-and-codes-of-practice/work-plan-guidelines-for-mining-licences>

Please note that the guidelines make reference to excluding mining projects subject to an EES – these references are intended to refer to assessment/approval processes rather than work plan content.

We particularly expect to consider the following key factors in forming a view about any future application for a work plan for the Fingerboards project under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*, following the completion of the EES process.

#### *Rehabilitation and closure*

- The ability to achieve a safe, stable and sustainable landform after mining, including progressive rehabilitation.
- The risk of erosion causing land instability and sediment entering waterways during the revegetation and post-closure stages of the project, taking account of the local soil types and deeply incised landform.
- Contingency measures for addressing any land instability.

#### *Stability during operations*

- The stability of any tailings dams and terminal batters near roads and property boundaries.

#### *Air quality and noise*

- The ability to actively monitor and manage dust and noise emissions to comply with the relevant EPA standards.

#### *Surface and groundwater*

- Measures to protect or rehabilitate waterways and shallow aquifers.

I trust that this further information assists.

Yours sincerely

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