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Dear Mr Patarica

AUTHORISATION TO EXHIBIT FINGERBOARDS MINERAL SANDS EES

Thank you for submitting your draft Environment Effects Statement (EES) for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project for my consideration.

I am informed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) that the EES adequately covers the matters identified in the scoping requirements, which I issued for this EES in March 2018, and that you have sufficiently addressed matters raised by the project's technical reference group, with some specific exceptions. I therefore authorise the EES to be placed on exhibition to invite public comment, in accordance with my procedures and requirements under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*, as amended on 19 July 2020, subject to some final revisions to the EES main report and draft planning scheme amendment.

In consultation with DELWP, please amend the draft EES to:

- provide an estimate of the biodiversity values that are or could be present in the unsurveyed portion of the project area;
- set out and examine the approvals process and associated impacts of alternatives for road diversions, if land required cannot be acquired through landholder negotiations; and
- include maps showing the predicted extent of impacts in the EES impact assessment chapter (9).

As specified in the amended procedures and requirements, the EES is to be exhibited for public comment for a minimum period of 40 business days, commencing not less than two weeks after prior notice is given, inviting interested parties to request copies of the EES documents.

Please consult with DELWP about the final revisions required for exhibition of the EES to proceed by contacting Rob Piccinin, Senior Impact Assessor, on (03) 8683 0958 or email rob.piccinin@delwp.vic.gov.au. Once these matters have been addressed, please advise DELWP in writing via email to Dr Bruce Abernethy, Director Impact Assessment, at bruce.abernethy@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

HON RICHARD WYNNE MP
Minister for Planning

25 / 08 / 2020

August 27th, 2020

Bruce Abernethy
Planning Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
Level 8, 8 Nicholson Street
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Dear Bruce,

In regard to the three matters outlined in the Ministers letter of 25 August related to authorisation to exhibit the Fingerboards Minerals Sands EES, Kalbar Operations Pty Ltd (Kalbar) has completed the work to address them.

I am therefore writing to confirm whether Kalbar's responses to the three matters raised by the Minister have been adequately addressed.

Regards,



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Dear Mr Patarica

Thank you for your letter of 27 August 2020 advising of your updates to the Fingerboards Mine environment effects statement (EES). I confirm the department has reviewed Kalbar's amendments to the EES you submitted to the Minister for Planning on 13 August 2020.

I am satisfied the three matters raised by the Minister for Planning in his letter of 25 August 2020 have been addressed and advise that exhibition of the EES may proceed.

Please contact Rob Piccinin, Senior Impact Assessor, on (03) 8683 0958, if you have any questions about the EES process and logistics for public exhibition.

Yours sincerely

Dr Bruce Abernethy
Director, Impact Assessment Unit
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28/8/2020