

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Thomas Johnston

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: I strongly oppose the opening of the mineral salt mine. The Gippsland lakes are fed by the Mitchel river and having the mining runoff will pollute and destroy what is a protected national park and haven for unique wildlife. Gippsland's natural beauty, wildlife and flora have already suffered so much at the hands of natural disasters, deforestation and plans to make a profit will very little concern or thought for environmental impacts. It is so saddening that in this time when we should be trying to bolster and restore our natural areas to prevent irreversible damage, that we are instead trying to take more from the land at the expense of one of the last (relatively) untouched natural areas in the region. I do not believe that thorough research into the short and long term environmental impacts of all aspects of the mine has been properly conducted. I do believe that the impacts this mine will have on the local environment as well as the lakes will be severe. We do not need this mine and I strongly oppose this proposition.