

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

821

Request to be heard?: No

Full Name: Ian Robson

Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

DEAR INQUIRY + ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR 11 YEARS + STRONGLY OPPOSE THE MINE. I FEEL IT WILL DESTROY THE LIVABILITY + RURAL LIFESTYLE THAT MANY PEOPLE LIVE + VISIT THE AREA FOR. I ALSO HAVE MANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, AS WELL AS THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

- OVER EXTRACTION OF WATER. KALBAR WILL REQUIRE 3 BILLION LITRES OF WATER ANNUALLY FOR UP TO 15 YRS. THIS IS PROPOSED TO COME FROM A HUGE BORE FIELD OUTSIDE THE MINE BOUNDARY, AS WELL AS UNALLOCATED WINTER FILL LICENCES FROM THE MITCHELL RIVER. THIS IS AT A TIME WHEN ALL WATER CATCHMENTS AUSTRALIA WIDE ARE IN SEVERE DECLINE, ALSO TO USE THIS WATER FOR DUST SUPPRESSION AS WELL IS CRIMINAL. THE WATER SHOULD BE GOING TO HORTICULTURE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE MITCHELL RIVER, WHICH FEEDS THE STRESSED GIPPSLAND LAKES AND RAMSAR LISTED WETLANDS.

- DUST AND HOLDING DAM PROBLEMS: eg LEACHING AND OVERFLOWS ESPECIALLY IN SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS SUCH AS AN EAST COAST LOW. RIVER AND GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION WOULD IMPACT ON ALL LIFE AS WELL AS THE GIPPSLAND LAKES. ARE WE PREPARED TO RISK THE DAM FAILURES?

- WHY IS COMPULSORY ACQUISITION ALLOWED FOR MINE INFRASTRUCTURE? THIS MEANS MORE LOSS OF HABITAT + SHOULD BE PART OF THE MINE SITE, WITH THE EG. SHIRE COUNCIL TO DETERMINE.

- WILL WE HAVE A FULL AND INDEPENDANT ANALYSIS OF THE ORE BODY, AND WILL THIS BE MADE PUBLIC?

• NOISE AND TRAFFIC ISSUES 24/7

• THIS IS A GRAVE RISK TO THE VEGETATION INDUSTRY, IS THIS MINE WORTH THE RISK?

• WE KNOW FROM PREVIOUS MINE SITES FULL REHABILITATION IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. CAN WE RISK THIS?

• ALSO THE HEALTH RISKS TO THE ENVIRONMENT & HUMAN POPULATION, I THINK YOU HAVE A DUTY OF CARE AND MUST CONSIDER THIS.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS SUBMISSION.

IAN ROBSON.