

Submission Cover Sheet

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory
Committee - EES

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Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached submission

Dear Inquiry and Advisory Committee members

I am writing this submission because of the EES for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Mine Project I have lived in the East Gippsland region for over fifty years and do not believe that this mine is of any benefit to the East Gippsland region, due to the large volume of water that is required to operate this mine, at time when the horticultural and agricultural industries that are under strict water allocation. Now that clean and fresh water supply's are becoming more scarce, to allow the placement of this mine some 400 meters from the Mitchell river and upstream of prime land for vegetable growing industries on the Mitchell river flats and approximately three kilometres from the Woodglen reservoir that supply's the water for local townships. To place the Mitchell river at risk of contamination from toxic dust and water contaminated with heavy metals leeching from this mine into the Mitchell river makes no long term sense .

To allow a major water supply to be place at risk of irreversible contamination when the lack of availability of fresh water has become a world wide issue. The lost of the vegetable growing industries due to lack of water or water that is unfit for use. Will have a devastating impact on the long term economic future of the East Gippsland region. There will also be a long lasting financial loss to those agricultural and horticultural business that relay on the Perry river, if it were to became comaminated by placeing the tailing dams at the head of the river.

David Evans