

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project: Project Bulletin September 2017

Environmental Effects Statement Process Commences

The environmental assessment process for the proposed Fingerboards Mineral Sands project at Glenaladale has commenced, following the decision by the Minister for Planning to require an Environment Effects Statement (EES). The Environment Effects Statement will be prepared by Kalbar Resources and overseen by the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP) in accordance with the Environment Effects Act 1978.

Draft Scoping Requirements

Draft Scoping Requirements for the EES have been released by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning for public comment. The document is available on the DELWP and Fingerboards Project websites. Written comments may be made to DELWP until 3rd October.

Keeping You Informed

Kalbar continues to run well-attended information sessions and we welcome any questions about the project. Current news and the results of recent community consultation are available on our website, along with a contact form for enquiries. More information sessions will be held as the technical studies are undertaken.

Technical Reference Group

DELWP has formed a Technical Reference Group to advise Kalbar Resources and the department on the scope and adequacy of investigations. The Technical Reference Group includes representatives from all relevant government agencies and authorities, including:

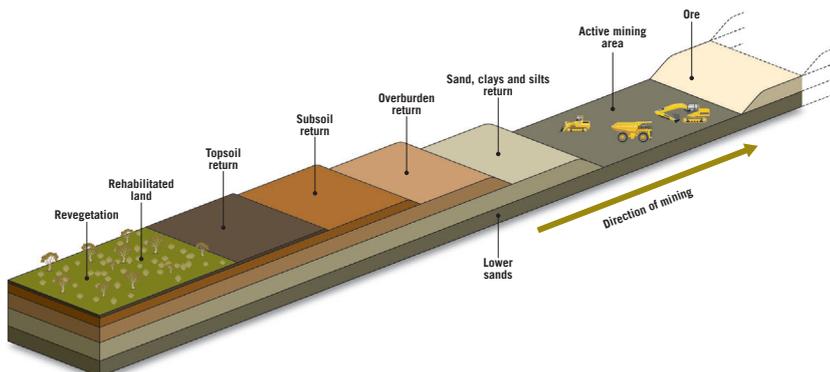
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
- Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Aboriginal Affairs Victoria
- Environment Protection Authority
- East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
- West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
- VicRoads
- Parks Victoria
- East Gippsland Water
- Southern Rural Water
- East Gippsland Shire Council
- Wellington Shire Council



“ Kalbar Resources is committed to ensuring that all potential impacts are thoroughly investigated and that the relevant government agencies and community members are involved in all key stages of the assessment process. ”

Neil O'Loughlin, Managing Director, Kalbar Resources

Above: Farmer fertilises his rehabilitated land while mineral sand mining continues in the background.
Below: Rehabilitation occurs continuously throughout the mining process as the land surface is reinstated and revegetated behind the advancing open cut.
Right: Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project site.



“ We would like to hear from all interested community members as to how they want to obtain information about the project and what information they require, so that all community views are considered in the assessment process. ”

Chris Cook, Regional Manager, Kalbar Resources

Technical Studies

Comprehensive technical studies are required to determine the potential impacts of the project and identify options for avoiding or minimising any adverse effects.

The technical studies include:

- Biodiversity
- Water (Groundwater/Surface Water)
- Radiation
- Traffic
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Socio-economic
- Land use and Planning
- Soils & Geology (Landforms)
- Visual
- Cultural Heritage
- Rehabilitation

Economic Value

The Fingerboards project has been extensively explored since 2004 and is now one of the largest and highest-grade mineral sands deposits in the world. It can provide 8% of the world's zircon requirement every year.

The project has been independently ranked as one of the most economically robust projects globally, and is estimated to employ up to 250 people during construction and provide 110 permanent jobs when fully operational.

More information?

More information about the project is available on the Fingerboards Project website, or by contacting us direct.



Above top: Kalbar's Community Information Session in June was well attended.
Above middle: Kalbar Resources personnel demonstrate the mineral content of the sandy soils.
Above: Core sample of high grade ore June 2017.
Below left: Rehabilitated dairy farm in south west WA.

Enquire, comment or join the mailing list by calling:

(03) 5152 3130
or **1800 791 396**

emailing: contactus@fingerboardsproject.com.au
or visiting: www.fingerboardsproject.com.au