

A better project for East Gippsland

How we listened and changed

We've made real changes in response to real conversations with the people who know the region best.

What changed	Old Project	New Project	Why it matters
Rate of mining	1,500 tonnes per hour	900 tonnes per hour (40% reduction)	Less dust and noise generation at any one location and time
Product storage	Open-air stockpiles	Enclosed storage sheds	Lower risk of wind-blown dust
Tailings management	Tailings centrifuged and stored in above ground dams	Tailings stored below ground (in-pit cells) with no centrifuges	No dams mean no dam break risk. No centrifuges mean less noise and vibration
Water use and sources	5GL per year, majority sourced from the Mitchell River	3 GL per year, diversified sourcing strategy including recycled water	Less reliance on any one water source
Proximity to Lindenow Valley Horticultural Area	600m	1.5 kilometres	Increased distance between mining activities and crops
Gullies	Mining or tailings storage in Perry, Simpson and Lucas gullies	No mining or tailings storage in the three gullies	Stronger protection for sensitive vegetation, wildlife and waterways
Mining footprint	1,297ha	955ha	Smaller pit means less impact on sensitive areas
Rehabilitation trials	No trials	Demonstration pit, early 2026	Proof of soils and water management and species establishment
Trucks on public roads	B-double trucks on public roads past local communities	GCM-owned private haul road and rail-first strategy	Fewer trucks on local roads
Road relocations	7.6km of road relocations	One 1.5 kilometre temporary road relocation	Less disruption to local roads and the mature trees along them
Fingerboards intersection	Removed and relocated	Preserved	A local landmark with cultural and historical value is protected
Processing location	No commitment to Australia; preference for China	Commitment to onshore processing	Boosts Australia's sovereign critical minerals supply chains
Post-mine land use	Combination of Grassy Woodland, native vegetation and agricultural land	Land returned to productive agricultural use	Restores the land for future farming

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