

My husband and I have owned a paddock in Botterils Lane Trawool for the last 3 years. We are apiarists particularly drawn to the area because of its rural clear-horizon bushland aspect, native flora and the Heritage Listed Trawool Valley. Our holding is not connected to the power grid. We choose to rely on alternate reduced-use energy options.

We are very concerned about the known noise impact from wind turbines and the effect the proposed Cherry Tree Range Wind Farm might impact on the local community and area

We are concerned by the negative effects of potential audible, low frequency and infrasound noise and vibration and wish to ensure that the Federal Senators on this committee understand what an impact unregulated noise pollution is having on too many people in Australia and internationally and urge the senators sitting on this committee to actively consider the amendments to the Bill have a better understanding of the magnitude of the problems of this form of noise pollution, and the devastation this is causing particularly in quiet rural areas.

With reference to Professor Alec Salt's recent work it is demonstrated why this is the case with his experiments on mammalian inner ears (see <http://www.wind-watch.org/documents/perception-based-protection-from-low-frequency-sounds-may-not-be-enough/>). We also importantly note that vibroacoustic disease (long term damage to tissues including collagen) has now been identified in Taiwanese aviation workers (<http://docs.wind-watch.org/chao.html>) in a noisy work environment. There appears to be multiple pathways for harm to health from vibration and noise in the frequencies below 200Hz from a variety of noise and vibration sources, which are being ignored.

We believe more effective regulation and transparency about noise pollution will help improve accountability and regulation with noise pollution from wind farms

We hope our submission to this inquiry will help lift the lid on this issue, by exposing the seriousness of the health problems ignored and uninvestigated for far too long by public health authorities around the world.

We object to the proposed Cherry Tree Wind Farm development on the following grounds. We believe,

1. All wind farms not yet approved or constructed, be held in abeyance until full tests on the acoustic hazards of wind turbines have been completed and analysed by independent and qualified persons,
2. The distance from any turbine to a residence be extended to at least 10 kilometres including wind farms currently under construction.
3. A multi-disciplined study needs to be urgently carried out with respect to turbine noise and health.
4. More emphasis needs to be placed on energy conservation rather than production.

Thank you for your attention. We look fwd to your support.

Yours sincerely