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Senator D.N. Cameron  
Chairman  
Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment  
(Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Cameron,

**RE: Submission 142 (S Cooper –*The Acoustic Group*)  
Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012**

With regard to the witness submissions made to the Committee on the above Bill, the Council of the Australian Acoustical Society (AAS) wishes it known that the Australian Acoustical Society neither supports nor endorses Mr Coopers statements made to the committee.

We further express our concern regarding statements made by one of our members, Mr Steven Cooper of The Acoustic Group and wish to clarify any possible misunderstanding in relation to Steven Cooper's evidence.

The Society wishes to clarify that the Technical Note in the Society's journal "Acoustics Australia" prepared by Steven Cooper was not peer reviewed by the journal's peer reviewing process. The article was published as a Technical Note. The following definition of a technical note appears on the front page of Steven Cooper's article: "Technical notes are aimed at promoting discussion. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the editor or the Australian Acoustical Society. Contributions are not formally peer-reviewed."

Mr Cooper in his evidence makes claims that the Ethics Article was peer reviewed by the Editor of Acoustics Australia, Dr Nicole Kessissoglou. She takes issue with this claim and points out "*Under no circumstance can Steven Cooper claim that his article in the August 2012 issue of the Acoustics Australia journal was peer-reviewed by the editor or for publication in the journal by the journal.*"

I hope the above clarification may assist the committee in its deliberations on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Booker  
GENERAL SECRETARY

