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Senate Committee Submissions
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Dear Senate Committee members,

RE: Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the inquiry: Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012.

I question why the Senate is spending time on the consideration of this amendment which involves only a particular aspect of a particular technology for which there is no credible evidence of any problem.

I suggest to the Senate that any noise legislation should cover ALL emitters of noise (be it noise from energy generation, industry, cars, farm equipment, barking dogs or bleating sheep. Any legislation specific to limiting “excessive noise from wind farms” would appear to be nothing but anti-wind farm campaigning by a small minority for political gain, and would not be in the interest of the Australian public.

It may be more pertinent for the Senate to consider passing legislation against excessive noise from Senators that is false, misleading and not in the public interest.

If you would like further information or should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me as per the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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