

Dear Madam, Sir,

On the Internet I found your request for more information and opinions about Industrial wind farms.

We, in the Vosges mountains in France, are in the middle of a major political struggle about the implantation of several farms in our wonderful and unique landscape.

We find that the windmill project developers completely overwhelm and even abuse the local politicians, mayors and their council members with their commercial story and financial promises.

Once the council agrees, often ignorant about any other point of view, not in the capacity to investigate or understand themselves and always blinded by the financial gain, there is no way out or back.

The projects don't do what is promised, are paid with the citizens' tax money and all the negative side effects in the backyard of the people living in the neighbourhood.

Industrial windmills are not efficient, have a very low very output, are very expensive and only payable with extra tax and have a lot of very negative side effects and even are a potential health risk.

Local politicians want a good image and money for their communities, project companies want to make a lot of money; it's sad but that's what it's all about.

The only thing "green" about industrial windmills are the dollars involved...

In the end it's a physical law, like the law of gravity or what have you, that shows that wind power is not a good idea in the way we try to do it (hooked to the grid) and is bound to be left behind in our struggle to find other energy resources: $\Rightarrow E_s = f \cdot M_{spec} \cdot V^3$

Wind fluctuates, and thus the power, and thus back up is needed: so not clean, not efficient and very expensive.

I'm Dutch, living in France and a physical geographer with my own business in tourism.

Unfortunately I don't have the time to translate all I've written in the meantime about this subject.

I hope you can understand this.

But we have started an association to inform the citizens about "a other point of view".

Please find this report, in French, on our website.

Also, you can find a ".gif" version of the PowerPoint presentation we use.

Just scanning the images will tell you just about everything why not to bother with wind power, and surely not to invest in wind farms.

If you're interested or have questions you can always contact me.

I have been very fortunate and travelled a lot.

Unfortunately I've not yet made it to Australia.

Please, come over to Europe and see the devastating effect of the windmills farms on our landscape.....

I beg you, please do not make the same mistake as our politicians here have done and save your wonderful and wild country for the future generations.

I do so very much hope, that when I come “down under”, I will find it as it has been intended.....

My kindest regards,
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