

Senate Standing Committees

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On Environment and Communication

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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Enquiry into Renewable Energy Amendment “Excessive Noise from Wind farms” Bill 2012
Amendment to my first submission**

I support these proposed amendments to the renewable energy act because.

There is already enough evidence to prove people are suffering from the effects of low frequency noise, infrasound and vibration from industrial wind turbines, these noise levels can affect people living up to and beyond 10KM from industrial wind turbines.

Industrial wind farm companies will not give you the raw data, which makes us all unaware of the correct noise levels these industrial wind turbines are omitting.

There should be transparency and industrial wind farm companies should be held accountable if they exceed the acceptable levels.

The lack of regulation and independent monitoring leaves the current guidelines open to abuse by unethical companies.

All people have the right to reside safely in their own homes.

I run a cat boarding facility on my property which is my only source of income. I am approximately 3.4KM from the proposed Mt Gellibrand industrial wind farm. I have made the company that is constructing this wind farm aware of the concerns I have that the wind farm will impact on my health and my business. The company offered to do background noise monitoring as per the requirements of the endorsed Mt Gellibrand Environmental Management Plan, I agreed to have the background noise monitoring done and requested:

- They agree in writing that I have access to all the unedited data
- They provide assurances in writing as to the completeness and authenticity of all data sets
- They provide in writing who the responsible authority for noise compliance is for the Mt Gellibrand wind farm.
- That both they and the associated monitoring consultant sign a form agreeing to the conditions requested

The company refused to agree to any of the conditions requested and withdrew their offer of the background noise monitoring.

I believe more needs to be done at a government level to make wind farm companies transparent and responsible.

Yours Faithfully

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