

I support the proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy Act because.

1. What is the problem? Noise, vibration or other. What is the type of noise source?
How far away from the nearest noise source do you live?

I have a problem with noise from Turbines, nearest is 1.1km. away. Main problem
Is the fact that my family and friends are affected to differing degrees to the noise etc.

2. How often do you have problems, and what is the pattern ie: what makes you think
the problems are related to the noise source?

Mainly with north to southwest winds.

3. When did they first start? (eg. When the noise first started, or weeks, months or years
later)

Within weeks of turbines starting.

4. What have been the consequences? (effect on sleep, new symptoms and health
problems, and any changes to pre-existing conditions eg. Physical and mental
health.)

Wife has had sleep problems. I have had headaches.

5. What helps alleviate or improve the symptoms?

Wife has sleep apnea machine.

6. What happens with ongoing exposure to the noise?

More of the same.

7. Are the symptoms affected by wind and weather conditions? If so what wind and
weather conditions are worst for you?

Strong winds are worst from all directions.

8. Other effects (effect on income earning capacity, safety on farm and on the road eg
near misses effect on the family, extended family and community relationships)

I am retired so spend most of time working in garden.
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9. Have you ever had to leave your home, either temporarily or permanently in order to regain your health?

No.

10. Have you ever slept away from home because of these problems.?

Have slept away during holidays and problems stop.

11. What has the developer/noise polluter done about addressing your concerns?

The have helped with sleep apnea machine for wife and offered to double Glazed windows.

12. Is there currently full spectrum noise monitoring 24 hours a day transmitted to the internet for everyone to access the raw data to see exactly what the noise pollution levels are?

No.

13. If they have a complaint system, does it work? How have they addressed your reported complaints. (if you have made them)?

I have not made personal complaints but I haven't heard of anyone getting any Feedback.

14. Has the company ever organized noise monitoring at your home? Were the measurements conducted inside or outside your home, or both?

No not inside. Some were conducted outside but I haven't received any results.

15. Have you every been given the raw data from any noise monitoring done by the company's acousticians?

No.

16. Have you ever noticed that when the noise monitoring is done that the machinery does not operate at its usual rate? If so, how is it changed?

Can't say.

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17. What happens when the noise monitoring audit period finishes and the noise monitors are taken away.

18. Have you reported problems to the Noise regulatory authorities? What have the noise regulatory authorities done.?

No.
19. Have they conducted full spectrum acoustic monitoring? How long for?

Don't Know
20. Did they give you the raw data so an independent acoustician could check its accuracy for you?
21. Have you reported the problems to the Health Authorities? What have the health authorities done?

No.
22. Have you told your family doctor or other health care providers? Were they able to help you ?

Yes but only with headache tablets.
23. Does your family doctor know about the health problems that can result for vibration and infrasound and low frequency noise pollution?

Yes.
24. Have you noticed any behaviour by the companies which has resulted in a lack of trust in them?

25. Have you noticed any behaviour by the government employees (in planning noise regulation, health or renewable energy) which has resulted in a lack of trust in them?

26. How do you feel towards the company, the bureaucrats responsible, and the elected politicians, about what is happening?

The company never mentioned noise at anytime during planning. Some Elected politicians still think there is NO problems.

27. What do you think about the proposed amendments to the Bill, which are designed to ensure that noise pollution which is harmful to Health does not occur and that if it does it is detected and action is taken?

Proposed amendments are good. All people within 10 kms of proposed wind farms Should be informed of all problems.

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