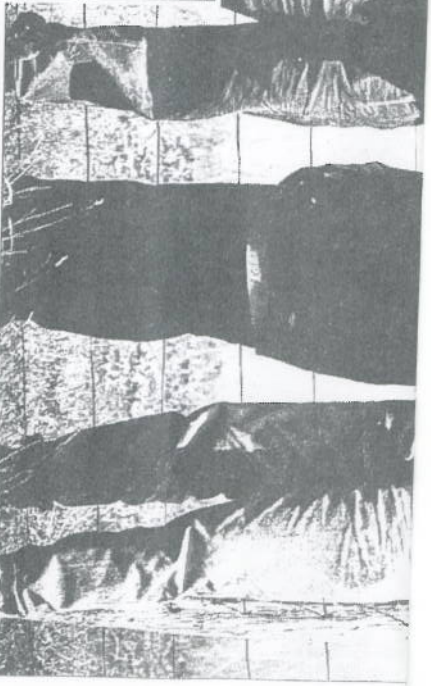
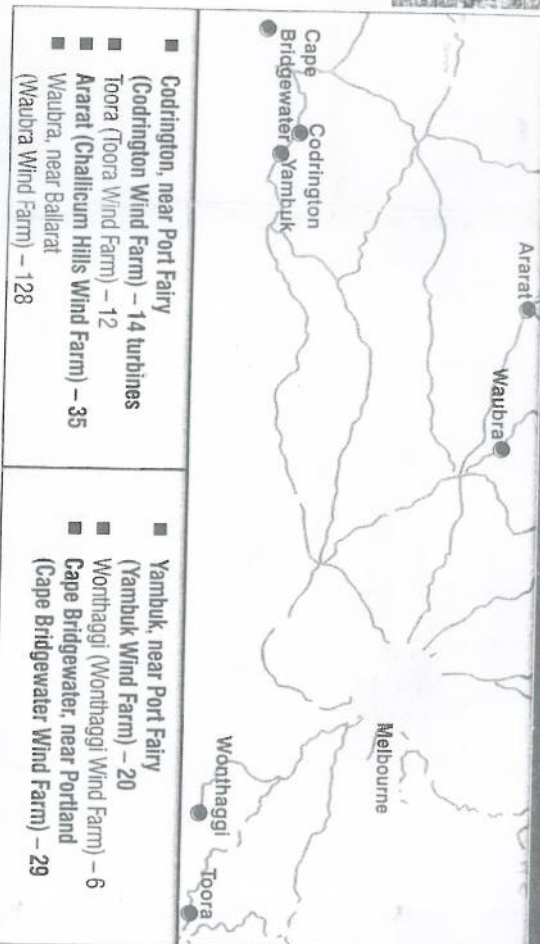


VICTORIA'S WIND-TURBINE BOOM



Suffering: Angry Waubra residents. Pictures: TONY GOUGH

feel sick." Mr Dean said. "If you're exposed to it outside it goes into your inner ear and affects your balance. It's put thimbles in my ears which stops me sleeping."

He has met the company to discuss his concerns, but said they would only take statements, not answer his questions.

"I said I don't want you to buy me out. I want you to fix the problem," he said. "It's hell on Earth living out there. That's what it is."

"And there's nothing we can do about it. It's a bloody terrible thing."

"It's knocked us around. We're in limbo. We've lost two years of our life and we

don't know where it will end. I've put nearly 40 years into that place. It's prime property that I was going to pass down to my son. What am I going to do? I can't work there without being ill."

Former National Trust chairman Randall Bell, now president of Victorian Landscape Guardians, said wind farm companies had a reputation for pulling out their chequebooks to make a problem go away.

"What they do is make people sign gag agreements which dictate that they can't speak about the sales or their health," he said.

"It's a way of shutting people up."

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and nausea that began when the turbines started turning, disagreed.

"They have bought a lot more houses than seven. There are empty houses all over the place," he said.

"We're all for green energy, but there have to be more conditions on what the wind companies can do."

Planning Minister Matthew Guy, who has the power to shut down the wind farm if it does not comply with its permit, said the Government was watching closely to ensure that wind farm operators played by the rules.

"If they are not complying with their planning permit, I would close it down," he said.

"Just as someone who doesn't comply with a building permit or doesn't pay a parking fine would be in trouble, so will they."

A Senate inquiry into the possible adverse impacts of wind farms will be held later this year.

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"They make you suffer so that you just want to get out of there. They know that it gets to you emotionally and physically."

Mr Deans refuses to sell

his property because he does not want future generations to suffer like his family. He only returns to the farm when he has to — about once a fortnight — and says every time he does he gets head pain within five

minutes that takes up to 10 days to go away.

Doctors' certificates seen by the *Sunday Herald Sun* back his claims.

"Once (the vibrations) get inside the house it bounces off the walls and makes you