

Wind Turbines

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To whom it may concern,

Wind turbines are effecting my health and daily life. Noise (whooshing sound) vibration and flickering from blades turning, the wind turbines that are situated approximately 800-1000 metres from house and 53m from boundary fence are causing negative health symptoms that became noticeable two weeks after turbines began operating.

Insomnia, high blood pressure, tinnitus, headaches, nausea, vertigo. Symptoms are relieved by moving away from turbines, when they are not operating, changes in wind direction and wind speed also either increases or decreases symptoms. Northerly and Southerly wind directions increase symptoms.

Income earning capacity and safety on farm and stock welfare are negatively affected. Depreciation in property values, as people don't want to live near turbines, Family and social relationships are negatively affected by people moving away for extended periods of time or permanently due to health problems. I have had to travel to Ballarat to sleep and stay for periods of time to alleviate symptoms.

Soon after construction of turbines the company arranged an interview asked questions but there has been no follow up. There has been no in home noise pollution monitoring. There has been no notification regarding noise level data or access to details.

General practitioner consultation resulted in advice to move away from area, suggested medication but this will only temporarily help with sleeping problems and could add further adverse symptoms.

Previous government did not listen to complaints, we have been ignored by the company, bureaucrats and government ministers.

The proposed amendments to the Bill will be a positive improvement.

Yours sincerely

Rosa Dawes