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Department of the Senate  
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Canberra ACT 2600

Re: The Lal Lal Wind Farm Victoria

I am writing to register our concerns regarding the proposed wind farms that are to spread around our immediate district. I appeared before the Lal Lal Wind farm panel hearing in 2009. I like countless other residents listed our concerns in the effects as following:

- . The noise and wind disturbance which individual people have documented medical evidence to prove negative influences on their health, headaches, visual impairment, dizziness, nausea, and depression.
- . The proposed wind turbines are significantly bigger than the ones at Waubra.
- . The well being of eagles, owls and other birds of prey known to frequent and inhabit throughout this area, also bats.
- . The roads that would be used to transport equipment, plant and materials to build these massive structures could become unsafe for general people to use, as well as, cause significant interruptions to locals lives as they go about their business. There have been numerous fatalities on our local roads with out the presence of massive trucks.
- . The visual pollution, the wind farms propellers at Waubra look like a mass of tangled clothes hangers, the area from Meredith, Elaine to Lal Lal is a visually stunning area of country side, breath taking, in fact. Massive towers looming out or around the hills would be devastating to the naturally beautiful vitas. The massive size of these towers would be an extra issue.
- . The situation at Waubra is houses and land devaluing. The local real estate agents acknowledge that there is at least a five percent discount due to the wind farm that is if there is a buyer which some people have been unable to find, the real estate agents acknowledge that the wind farms are a negative influence on potential house and land buyers. In fact, they referred to Waubra as a district rather than a place to try to attract interest. It is proven that the majority of people do not want to buy in a wind farm area.

Before we became educated about exactly what a wind farm entailed we were supportive of them but now feel why should we be the lambs to the slaughter, our house is a major investment in our lives, a big part of our future superannuation.

How about all the people with in these companies and the government agencies that approve them come and buy our homes for the correct market value and live next to them. Then they can say with authority that all is well and dandy, if it is?

We are hard working citizens who deserve to be treated with decency and respect, we pay our taxes just like everyone else, how dare these bullies after fat wallets decide that we are going to financially suffer.

If this wind farm goes ahead, and we can prove financial loss, which we will, a class action will be implemented against all that contributed to our situation, that includes action against the government agencies and we will win. There is enough evidence from established wind farms to aid us in our endeavor. This is about our one and only life, how dare they.

Yours sincerely

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n.b I spoke to a representative of the senate regarding the late entry of this submission, a serious family situation prevented me from completing it on time. I was assured that I could still successfully submit this letter.