

Inquiry into the social and economic impacts of rural wind farms

31.3.2011

Thank you for inviting me here today to give evidence to this Committee

To summarise my views on Wind Farms Wind Farms should be in wide open landscapes with no houses anywhere nearby good locations would be on government owned land or National Parks

In such a location they would not interfere with any residents life style or their health.

They could be an interesting Tourist Attraction.

The government could receive an income from them and be seen to be doing something for climate change.

I am here today because I have put a submission in to the Kojonup Shire objecting to my neighbours application for a 74 Turbine Wind Farm. Well the word Farm has developed a whole new meaning.

Our family have had a 3200 acre farm in Kojonup since the early 1920s. It is a sheep farm producing wool and cross bred lambs in an ever zoned Rural.

Now we might have different farming neighbours. Wind farmers with income from wind turbines.

Their plant would be 74 wind turbines.

34 of those wind turbines will be very close to half of our 20 properties. In fact, no part of that half would be more than 2 kilometers from a wind turbine.

They would be constantly in our view moving around and around and around.

There would be a very different view to the beautiful landscape, with the Stirling Ranges in the distance, that we have enjoyed for nearly 90 years.

Neighbours. I worry to think how we would get on with wind farmers.

My accountant from Bud Cameron has informed me a wind farm as a neighbour would devalue our land.

Who would choose to live so close to wind turbines?

I have observed 1 wind turbine at Rottrest from 6 kilometers where it probably is going around and around and as close as you can get. Down wind there was a hissing noise. The annoying thing is a wind turbine.
2

does not stop and to have to live with 34 which would be close to our Properties will reduce dramatically the enjoyment of our beautiful Properties. The Turbines will be there always going around and around

Neighbours. I worry to think how we would get on with Wind Yarners.

There are worrying issues which are discussed in newspapers and on web sites. These concern me

If it was not for the quality and fertility of our farm land and our long association with it, my great-great-grandfather took up the first lease of Yarranup Pool in the 1860s. I guess we could even consider selling up because we don't want to become Wind Yarners.

Thank you for hearing my views