

We support these proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy Act,

our experience so far with a Spanish wind company falls very short of the standard that we expect of corporate behaviour.

We have listed just some of the problems we have had so far, bearing in mind this project hasn't begun yet.

This company is required to do background noise testing as part of their permit conditions. The noise standard they are using is a 14 year old standard from New Zealand, which doesn't recognise infra and low frequency sound. There is no assessment or measurement of noise, of any frequency inside people's homes.

We informed the company we would be doing side by side noise testing at the same time they were carrying out their testing. They deny being aware of our testing but fortunately we have an e-mail trail proving that they were fully informed.

At the end of our independent testing period of two weeks we received a call from the Spanish company Acciona to tell us that unfortunately there had been a breakdown of their equipment for the two weeks we did concurrent testing.

Acciona informed us that their met mast is monitored from their office in Melbourne. We find it incomprehensible that a company responsible for a multi million dollar project doesn't check its equipment when apparently so much is at stake. How dare they have such little regard for those of us who will be most impacted by such a development.

This all too convenient breakdown means that our \$3000 worth of independent testing is useless. The total lack of transparency means we cannot use their raw wind data to compare our results by independent peer review, even though we requested only two weeks worth of data. This story has been continually repeated across the country.

We have therefore come to the conclusion that this Spanish wind company will not be transparent and will continue to lie in order to get the final approval for this project and we will become the next Waubra.

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